

2020 Harvest Terroir Challenge

Sonoma County, CA November 10, 2020

Best of Show Red Wine

Sierra Starr Vineyards 2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera Sierra Foothills 95 Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.

Best of Alexander Valley AVA

Dutcher Crossing Winery 2018 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Alexander Valley 95
Vnyd Chardonnay
Lemon, white peach. Excellent representation of Alexander Valley

Best of Anderson Valley AVA

Navarro Vineyards 2019 Navarro Vineyards Riesling Anderson Valley 100
Late Harvest Cluster Select
Very complex. Honeysuckle, grassy, sweet nectar. Butterscotch, apricot, peach, acacia honey

Best of Argentina AVA

Wine Insiders 2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes Mendoza 97
Seleccion Especial
Beautiful tropical aromas

Best of Australia

Taylors Wines 2017 Wakefield Taylors Jaraman Clare 97
Cabernet Sauvignon Valley/Coonawarra
Shamrock shake, dark chocolate, quintessential Australian.

Best of California AVA

Herzog Wine Cellars NV Herzog Lineage Momentus California 94
sparkling
Yeasty marzipan nose; Nicely balanced. Makes them want to party all night

Best of Carneros AVA

PEJU Winery 2018 Calmére Pinot Noir, Carneros Carneros 96
Barrel Aged
Powerful Pinot. True to varietal.

Best of Central Coast AVA

Penrose Hill 2019 Linguist Estates Chardonnay Central Coast 98
Great example of Central Coast Burgundian style.

Best of Chile

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Wine Insiders	2020 El Vigia Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley	Reserva	93	Grassy, gooseberry, starfruit. Classical Chile.
Best of Clarksburg AVA					
Scribner Bend Vineyards	2019 Scribner Bend Vineyards Viognier	Clarksburg (Sacramento)	Estate Grown & Bottled	92	Delightful, ripe peaches, great boating wine.
Best of Columbia Valley AVA					
Adair Family Wines	2019 Kevin O'Leary Columbia Valley Chardonnay	Columbia Valley		95	Snow White of Chardonnay, lovely.
Dusty Cellars Winery, LLC	2018 Dusty Cellars Winery Leonidas Syrah	Columbia Valley		95	True to varietal and true to AVA.
Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA					
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2019 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	East Side Vineyards	98	Tropical guava, balance, jalapeno .
Best of Finger Lakes AVA					
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		92	Varietally correct. Classic Diamond with floral and foxy notes. Canned pears.
Best of France					
Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise	98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
Best of Illinois AVA					
Kite Hill Vineyards	2019 Kite Hill Vineyards Flyway Rosé	Shawnee Hills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	90	Rhubarb. Bone dry. Floral nose. Refreshing
Best of Italy					
Wine Insiders	NV Bocciamatta Sparkling Rose	Veneto		93	Very floral, lime zest, vibrant clarity.
Best of Knights Valley AVA					
Kenwood Vineyards	2017 Kenwood Vineyards Rugged Elements Bavarian Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Knights Valley	Single Vineyard	92	Gorgeous silky tannins. Knights Valley true from beginning to end. Classic terroir. Age worthy wine

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Best of Lake County AVA

Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2017 Cache Creek Vineyards Bugle Call Red Blend	Lake County			90	intriguing blend of fruit and savory spice
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Best of Livermore Valley AVA

Garre Vineyard and Winery	2017 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret Meritage	Livermore Valley	Estate		95	Lovely nose, varietal character true to bordeaux 5 varietal blend. delicious.
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Best of Lodi-Mokelumne River AVA

<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2017 Oak Farm Vineyards Petit Verdot	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Rich, lush, elegant, chocolate cola berry, lingering finish.
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Best of Mendocino County AVA

Barra of Mendocino	2018 Barra of Mendocino Petite Sirah	Mendocino	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	99	Very well done wine, impeccable.
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Best of Monterey County AVA

Penrose Hill	2019 FogBreak Pinot Blanc	Monterey County			98	Poached pear, perfectly plush, great mouth feel, delicious.
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Best of Napa County AVA

Sea Bird Wines	2015 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Single Vineyard Selection	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	Mocha, Dark covered chocolate, rustic component, forest floor
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Best of New Zealand AVA

Wine Insiders	2020 Goldridge Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			99	Big, exactly correct. Lean, brassy, oily and sweet
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Best of North Coast AVA

<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2019 Kwaya Cellars, Ltd. Merlot	North Coast	No Sulfites Added	Vegan and Gluten Free	97	Black Olives, tons of spice, roasted red bell pepper. Need a little time in the bottle then have with a big old rib eye steak.
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Best of Paso Robles AVA

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Vahali Vineyards	2018 Vahali Vineyards Petite Sirah	Paso Robles	Estate Reserve	Vineyard Select	93	Cinnamon, black cherry, beautifully spiced, cocoa, berry, nicely integrated tannins. warm climate terroir driven.
Best of Pennsylvania AVA						
Franklin Hill Vineyards	NV Franklin Hill Vineyards Blue Hen	Pennsylvania			91	Perfumed, Raspberry, floral, cassis, syrupy, semi-sweet. Would be great chilled.
Best of Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak AVA						
Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Miro Cabernet Sauvignon Pine Mountain Reserve	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Single Vineyard-Pine Mountain Vineyard	98	Tannin structure is perfect. Well balanced cassis. Earthy notes. Oak is well integrated
Best of Rockpile AVA						
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Petroglyph Reserve	Rockpile			98	Intense, concentrated zin varietal. Almost syrupy.
Best of Rogue Valley AVA						
2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2018 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			97	White pepper, peaches. Well balanced, acid driven (tension up the yin yang)
Best of Russian River Valley AVA						
Russian River Vineyards	2017 Russian River Vineyards Horseridge Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Single Vineyard		97	High toned fruits, Black raspberry and cherry pie. Wild mushroom. Wonderful balance and acidity
Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA						
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2017 Perrucci Family Vineyard Sangiovese	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Estate		96	Toffee, oaky caramel, balanced.
Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest						
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	Cluster Select	100	Very complex. Honeysuckle, grassy, sweet nectar. Butterscotch, apricot, peach, acacia honey

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Best of Show Rosé Wine

Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County		95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
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Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise	98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
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Best of Show White Wine

Wine Insiders	2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes	Mendoza	Seleccion Especial	97	Beautiful tropical aromas
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Best of Sierra Foothills AVA

Sierra Starr Vineyards	2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills		95	Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.
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Best of Sonoma County AVA

Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2016 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County		97	Mocha leather, dark chocolate. Red fruit, toasty
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Best of Sonoma Valley AVA

St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2017 St. Francis Reserve Merlot	Sonoma Valley	Reserve	91	Classic Sonoma fruit, ripe blackberries and currants.
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Best of South Africa AVA

Penrose Hill	2018 Posted Accord Pinotage	Western Cape		93	Balanced with nice red fruit, coffee aromas, delightful finish.
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Best of Spain

Wine Insiders	2015 Toro Loco Reserva Red Blend	Utiel-Requena DO	Reserva	96	Fresh linen, soft tannin's, dark leather, pepper.
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Best of Tehama County AVA

Aimee	2016 Aimee Petite Sirah	Tehama County	Region V	93	Juicy and briary Deep dark and delicious
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Best of Virginia AVA

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Pearmund Cellars	2019 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia		South River Vineyard	96	Explosive lemon lime flavors. Very long finish. Very well balanced. Good acidity. Goat milk cheese to go with.
Best of Washington State AVA						
Penrose Hill	2018 Saturn's Rings Malbec	Washington			96	Chocolate aromas, sweet spices. Black pepper. Very pretty wine, smores....
Best of Yolo County						
Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County			95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
Best of Class						
2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2018 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			97	White pepper, peaches. Well balanced, acid driven (tension up the yin yang)
Adair Family Wines	2019 Kevin O'Leary Columbia Valley Chardonnay	Columbia Valley			95	Snow White of Chardonnay, lovely.
Aimee	2016 Aimee Petite Sirah	Napa Valley		Region 111	97	Ripe fruit, Thyme. Excellent fruit and balance.
Barra of Mendocino	2018 Barra of Mendocino Petite Sirah	Mendocino	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	99	Very well done wine, impeccable.
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2017 Cache Creek Vineyards Bugle Call Red Blend	Lake County			90	intriguing blend of fruit and savory spice
Due Ruscelli	2017 Due Ruscelli Luna Primitivo	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Perfectly spicy, licorice, blackberries, make the judges want to cook something Italian.
Dusty Cellars Winery, LLC	2018 Dusty Cellars Winery Leonidas Syrah	Columbia Valley			95	True to varietal and true to AVA.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2018 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Vnyd Chardonnay	Alexander Valley			95	Lemon, white peach. Excellent representation of Alexander Valley

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<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2019 Kwaya Cellars, Ltd. Merlot	North Coast	No Sulfites Added	Vegan and Gluten Free	97	Black Olives, tons of spice, roasted red bell pepper. Need a little time in the bottle then have with a big old rib eye steak.
GALLO	NV Familia Camarena Tequila Silver	Mexico			96	Clean, crisp, light fruit, subtle!
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2017 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret Meritage	Livermore Valley	Estate		95	Lovely nose, varietal character true to bordeaux 5 varietal blend. delicious.
Grape Ventures Wine Company	2014 Grape Ventures Sparkling Wine	Mendocino County, Potter Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Fresh, sweet apple, floral.
Gray Ghost Vineyards	2018 Gray Ghost Petit Verdot	Virginia			97	Crowd pleaser. Very approachable. Complex. Violets, berries. Very ripe. Black plum.
Herzog Wine Cellars	NV Herzog Lineage Momentus sparkling	California			94	Yeasty marzipan nose; Nicely balanced. Makes them want to party all night
Husch Vineyards	2019 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Floral perfuminess to it. White jasmine, apricot. Nice dry finish
Jaxon Keys Winery & Distillery	2018 Jaxon Keys Winery Syrah	Mendocino	Estate Produced and Bottled	Anna Mac	97	Big mouth, smokey, meaty, spice.
Kenwood Vineyards	2017 Kenwood Vineyards Rugged Elements Bavarian Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Knights Valley	Single Vineyard		92	Gorgeous silky tannins. Knights Valley true from beginning to end. Classic terroir. Age worthy wine
Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Miro Cabernet Sauvignon Pine Mountain Reserve	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Single Vineyard- Pine Mountain Vineyard	98	Tannin structure is perfect. Well balanced cassis. Earthy notes. Oak is well integrated
Mystic Hills Vineyard	2015 Mystic Hills Vineyard Unforgiven Meritage	Monterey County/San Luis Obispo County			97	Well balanced, integrated, ripe fruit.

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Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Gris	Anderson Valley			96	Fresh smell Honeysuckle character. Light and elegant silkiness
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Muscat Blanc	Anderson Valley		Dry	97	Honeysuckle. White flowery. Juicy acidity. Nice minerality. Yum!
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2017 Oak Farm Vineyards Petit Verdot	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Rich, lush, elegant, chocolate cola berry, lingering finish.
Pearmund Cellars	2019 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia		South River Vineyard	96	Explosive lemon lime flavors. Very long finish. Very well balanced. Good acidity. Goat milk cheese to go with.
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2019 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley		East Side Vineyards	98	Tropical guava, balance, jalapeno
PEJU Winery	2018 Calmére Pinot Noir, Carneros	Carneros	Barrel Aged		96	Powerful Pinot. True to varietal.
Pennyroyal Farm	2017 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Nice long finish. Maple bacon. Complex Silky texture
Penrose Hill	2019 Linguist Estates Chardonnay	Central Coast			98	Great example of Central Coast Burgundian style.
Penrose Hill	2018 Saturn's Rings Malbec	Washington			96	Chocolate aromas, sweet spices. Black pepper. Very pretty wine, smores....
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Rockpile Vineyards	2016 Rockpile Vineyards Petit Verdot, Carriage House	Rockpile	Single Vineyard		95	Concentrated blackberry. Big oak,leathery. Great tannin structure.
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards 50/50 Petite Sirah / Zinfandel Blend	Rockpile			96	Inky blackberries. Black plum. Rich ripe fruit. Big hairy tannins.
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Petroglyph Reserve	Rockpile			98	Intense,concentrated zin varietal. Almost syrupy.
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Sea Bird Wines	2015 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Single Vineyard Selection	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	Mocha, Dark covered chocolate, rustic component,forest floor
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Pinot Grigio	NONE			91	Peach and almond tones, neutral and creamy. Nice food wine.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills			95	Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.
Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise		98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Sonoma Coast Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			97	Vanilla ice cream and lily. Great acid with a very clean finish.

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St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2017 St. Francis Reserve Merlot	Sonoma Valley		Reserve	91	Classic Sonoma fruit, ripe blackberries and currants.
Taylor's Wines	2017 Wakefield Taylor's Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon	Clare Valley/Coonawarra			97	Shamrock shake, dark chocolate, quintessential Australian.
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			92	Varietally correct. Classic Diamond with floral and foxy notes. Canned pears.
Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County			95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
Vahali Vineyards	2018 Vahali Vineyards Petite Sirah	Paso Robles	Estate Reserve	Vineyard Select	93	Cinnamon, black cherry, beautifully spiced, cocoa, berry, nicely integrated tannins. warm climate terroir driven.
Vahali Vineyards	2019 Vahali Vineyards Viognier	Creston District	Estate Grown	Vineyard Select	93	Pineapple, very tropical, balanced, juicy. Screams varietal correct.
Wine Insiders	2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes	Mendoza		Seleccion Especial	97	Beautiful tropical aromas
Wine Insiders	2019 Le Pied Marin Picpoul de Pinet	Picpoul de Pinet AOP			98	Great texture, floral, balanced.
Wine Insiders	2020 El Vigia Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley	Reserva		93	Grassy, gooseberry, starfruit. Classical Chile.
Wine Insiders	2020 Goldridge Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			99	Big, exactly correct. Lean, brassy, oily and sweet
Wine Insiders	2015 Toro Loco Reserva Red Blend	Utiel-Requena DO	Reserva		96	Fresh linen, soft tannin's, dark leather, pepper.
Wine Insiders	2019 Cuvee Joelle Red Blend	Comte Tolosan IGP			97	Blueberry and figs. Chocolate and graphite. Anise. Would love to consume the whole bottle!