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Best of Alexander Valley AVA

Delicato Family Wines	2018 Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley	Single Vineyard	Battle Family Vineyard	99	Deep, dark, dynamic, blackberry, great tannins, cellar worthy.
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Best of Anderson Valley AVA

Navarro Vineyards	2020 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Dry	100	Lychee, floral, nectarine, ruby grapefruit.
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Best of Argentina AVA

GALLO	2018 Alamos Malbec Selección	Mendoza			98	Licorice, Ripe full body, Fruit with a balanced structure
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Best of Australia

Taylors Wines	2019 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale			94	Blue fruit tones, blueberry, juicy.
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Best of Austria AVA

Wine Insiders	2017 Villa Haas Zweigelt	Niederösterreich			91	Light flavorful, liquid version of 'Sound of Music'.
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Best of California AVA

GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria	California			98	Full bodied style with nice ripe berry flavor, pepper and a lingering finish
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Best of Carneros AVA

Breathless Sparkling Wines	2016 Breathless Blanc de Noirs Pommard Clone	Los Carneros (Sonoma)			97	Floral, crisp, creamy, nice mouth feel.
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Best of Chile

Wine Insiders	2020 Flores Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley			98	Has all SB flavors. Green papaya, kiwi.
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Best of Clarksburg AVA

Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Herzog Lineage Rosé	Clarksburg			98	Complex, fresh.
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Best of Class

2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2020 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			90	Perfumy, leachy, peach, lime and white flower
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Barra of Mendocino	2020 Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc	Mendocino County	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	97	Good minerality. Great mouth feel and texture. Pear
Breathless Sparkling Wines	2016 Breathless Blanc de Noirs Pommard Clone	Los Carneros (Sonoma)			97	Floral, crisp, creamy, nice mouth feel.
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Disgorged Brut	Russian River Valley	Method de Champenoise		97	Brioche, yeasty, cherry, earth, good length on finish.
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2018 Cache Creek Vineyards Malbec	Lake County	Barrel Aged		95	Dark fruit, concentrated and rich
Claar Cellars	2019 Ridge Crest Merlot	Columbia Valley, White Bluffs		LIVE 3rd party sustainable, Salmon Safe	94	Green tea-olive character. Good oak integration. Strong tannins. For great longevity.
Delicato Family Wines	2018 Francis Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley	Single Vineyard	Battle Family Vineyard	99	Deep, dark, dynamic, blackberry, great tannins, cellar worthy.
Delicato Family Wines	2019 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Pavilion Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast		Appellation Series	97	CLASSIC CA style, peach, crisp, long luxurious finish.
Effingham Winery	2019 Effingham Viognier	Virginia	Barrel Aged		98	Lovely, Strong example of viognier. Strong informational nose to it
Fallbrook Winery	2017 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Syrah	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gracie Hill Vineyard	96	Great balance on the palate and senses.
Fortunati Vineyards	2018 Fortunati Vineyards Fortivo Proprietary Red Bordeaux Blend	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District			98	Earthy, toasty, dark fruit, concentrated, complex, smooth elegant finish.
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2019 Frank Family Vineyards Carneros Pinot Noir	Napa Valley	Barrel Aged		97	Herbal, plum, berry, concentrated, earthy, dark chocolate, cherries, long finish.
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2019 Frey Biodynamic Tempranillo	Mendocino	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	No Added Sulfites, Gluten Free	95	Juicy, fruity elderberry. Good varietal, Brooding and leathery

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GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Prosecco	Prosecco DOC		97	Ripe, creamy, touch of fennel and tree fruits, allspice, great finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria	California		98	Full bodied style with nice ripe berry flavor, pepper and a lingering finish
GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Spritzer Moscato Spritzer Bottle	California	Bottle	97	True to the fruit. Balanced and delicious
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach			94	Mango, well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Spritzer Rose Bottle	California	Bottle	97	Fruit forward, delicious, well balanced and fruit friendly
GALLO	2020 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		99	Herbaceous, Lime sorbet. Classic New Zealand
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	California		97	Mango. A trip to the tropics in a glass
GALLO	NV Barefoot Hard Seltzer Strawberry	California		96	magic strawberry in liquid form. Nice crisp finish
GALLO	2018 Alamos Malbec Selección	Mendoza		98	Licorice, Ripe full body, Fruit with a balanced structure
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2018 Garré Vineyard and Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	98	Sexy, pine, eucalyptus, chocolate mint, cocoa powder, dry cranberry and red current
Harney Lane Winery	2019 Harney Lane Old Vine Zinfandel	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Lizzy James Vineyard	94	Concentrated classic Big wine True Lodi appellation wine.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Herzog Lineage Rosé	Clarksburg		98	Complex, fresh.
Hoyt Family Vineyards	2018 Hoyt Family Vineyards Grenache	Willow Creek	Estate	96	Bright lively raspberry, taste of late summer, food wine.
Hoyt Family Vineyards	2016 Hoyt Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Central Coast, Paso Robles	Barrel Aged	97	Classic big baked berry pie,nicely managed tannins but well structured,lingering finish.

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JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2020 JOLO Winery & Vineyards JOLOTAGE Red Wine Blend	North Carolina	Barrel Aged		97	Wow! Juicy and balanced. Good oak integration. Complex and layered
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nssau Valley Vineyards Cape Rosé	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Raspberry, spicy, fresh watermelon, purity.
Navarro Vineyards	2020 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Dry	100	Lychee, floral, nectarine, ruby grapefruit.
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2019 Notre Vue Estate GSM Red Wine	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Graceful red fruit flavors. A very yummy wine
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green/Sust ainable under Lodi Rules	96	Bright ,citrus,lively.
Penrose Hill	2019 Mannaggia All'Alba Sangiovese	Emilia IGT		Rubicone IGT	99	Smoky, ripe fruit, crushed violets on the nose, great balance.
Penrose Hill	2019 Open Secret Pinotage	Western Cape			97	Smoky.earthy sweet tobacco,roasted plum cranberry tart pomegranate.
Penrose Hill	2020 5th Note Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Dunnigan Hills			96	Ripe melon, citrus, hints of white pepper.
Penrose Hill	2020 FogBreak Sauvignon Blanc	Monterey County			94	Floral, nice acid, great balance.
Penrose Hill	NV Bonfilia Sangiovese	Puglia IGT			96	Dark fruits, natural richness, long dry finish, very pasta friendly.
Penrose Hill	2020 Tulares Valley Pinot Grigio	Lodi			95	Tart,melon,crisp & fresh mouthfeel,nicely done.
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2018 Perrucci Family Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Barrel Aged		94	Cranberry, forest floor, baking spice, complex.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2019 Pezzi King MAPLE RESERVE ZINFANDEL	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard		96	Chocolate, floods palate, density, complex, concentration.

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R Vineyards	2018 R Vineyards Cabernet Franc	California		Russell Rocks	94	Toast, herbal, dark fruit, nice acid balance, true to varietal.
Rockpile Vineyards	2019 Rockpile Vineyards Petite Sirah + Zinfandel	Rockpile	Single Vineyard		96	2 big boys with perfect balance
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Rockpile Syrah	Rockpile	Estate Vineyard		98	Cool climate, high elevation syrah. Wild and spicy. Layers of blue fruits and blackberries
Rockpile Vineyards	2019 Rockpile Vineyards Carriage House Red	Rockpile			96	Deep dark and earthy
Rockpile Vineyards	2019 Rockpile Vineyards Petite Sirah, Buffalo Hollow	Rockpile	Single Vineyard		97	Blueberry cobbler with layers of spice and Chinese 5 spice
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2018 UPSHOT Wines Upshot, Red Blend	Sonoma County			96	Knocks your socks off! Black currant, layered supple tannins.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Le Pierres Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Stone fruit, ginger spice, herbs and chanterelle mushrooms.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Owsley Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Owsley Vineyard	96	Great balance; superb fruit
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards The Cutrer	Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		99	Great balance. Nice peach tones,lemon oil,lanolin. Touch of tartness.
St. Anne's Crossing	2019 St. Anne's Crossing Primitivo Shumahi	Sonoma Valley			98	Loaded with blue fruits, wild berries, notes of allspice and a long, smooth finish.
St. Anne's Crossing	2019 St. Anne's Crossing Ami Cheri Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley			96	Ripe, zesty and mouth filling.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2020 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc	Sonoma Valley		Wild Oak Vineyard	97	True aromatic gem, nice floral.
St. Julian Wine Company, Inc.	NV St. Julian Sweet Nancie	Lake Michigan Shore			98	Floral, citrus, orange blossom, candied lemon peel, acid balanced.
Taylors Wines	2019 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale			94	Blue fruit tones, blueberry, juicy.

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Texas Heritage Vineyard	2018 Texas Heritage Vineyard Estate Malbec	Texas Hill Country	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Texas Heritage Vineyard	96	Perfectly ripe. Spiced, appropriate tannins.
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Riesling	Finger Lakes			99	Flower market on finish, lovely New York summer day in a bottle.
Tondre	2019 Tondre Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Tondre Grapefield	95	Herbal, balanced.
Westport Winery	NV Westport Winery Ancient Mariner Pear Riesling	Yakima Valley			96	Classic use of fruit & fresh grannysmith apple & pear.
Wine Insiders	2019 Ca' Gregorie Valpolicella Ripasso Italian Red Blend	Valpolicella Ripasso DOC			98	Smooth, fruit forward, youthfulness of Romeo and Juliette in a bottle.
Wine Insiders	2020 Reign Of Terroir White Blend	Swartland			95	Aromatic Floral bright fresh balanced.grapefruit spritz.
Wine Insiders	2020 Bernard Magrez Grenache Rose	Vin de Pays d'Oc			97	Clean soft and crisp. Minerality; dry; nectarine
Wine Insiders	2020 Flores Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley			98	Has all SB flavors. Green papaya, kiwi.
Wine Insiders	2020 Roche Mazet Sauvignon Blanc	Pays d'Oc			96	Fresh herb; mineral driver; hay; salinity
Wine Insiders	2020 Las Renas Monastrell	Spain			96	Big earthy, dark and deep.
Wine Insiders	2019 Chateau Leret Malbec	Cahors AOC			98	Inky, iron richness.
Wine Insiders	2020 Mar Azul Vinho Verde Branco White Blend	Vinho Verde DOC			97	Light, refreshing and spirited.
Wine Insiders	2020 Balbo Chardonnay	Mendoza	Estate		95	Tropical banana, Great acidity with a lingering finish
Wine Insiders	2020 Mar Azul Vinho Verde Rose	Vinho Verde DOC			95	Pink version of Vinho verde. Fresh , light on palette.
Wine Insiders	NV Chateau Cazeau Cremant de Bordeaux Brut Sparkling	Bordeaux AOC			98	Bright, crisp, citrusy Bordeaux.

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Best of Lake Michigan Shore AVA

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St. Julian Wine Company, Inc.	NV St. Julian Sweet Nancie	Lake Michigan Shore			98	Floral, citrus, orange blossom, candied lemon peel, acid balanced.
Best of Livermore Valley AVA						
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2018 Garré Vineyard and Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Sexy, pine, eucalyptus, chocolate mint, cocoa powder, dry cranberry and red current
Best of Lodi AVA						
Penrose Hill	2020 Tulares Valley Pinot Grigio	Lodi			95	Tart,melon,crisp & fresh mouthfeel,nicely done.
Best of Lodi-Mokelumne River AVA						
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green/Sustainable under Lodi Rules	96	Bright ,citrus,lively.
Best of Maryland AVA						
Heimbuch Estate Vineyards and Winery, LLC	2016 Thanksgiving Farm Farmhouse Red	Maryland	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Huckleberry, black currant, nice tannins, right bank style, highly aromatic.
Best of Mendocino County AVA						
Barra of Mendocino	2020 Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc	Mendocino County	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	97	Good minerality. Great mouth feel and texture. Pear
Best of Monterey County AVA						
Tondre	2019 Tondre Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Tondre Grapefield	95	Herbal, balanced.
Best of Napa Valley AVA						
Fortunati Vineyards	2018 Fortunati Vineyards Fortivo Proprietary Red Bordeaux Blend	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District			98	Earthy, toasty, dark fruit, concentrated, complex, smooth elegant finish.
Best of New Zealand AVA						
GALLO	2020 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			99	Herbaceous, Lime sorbet. Classic New Zealand

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Best of North Carolina AVA

JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2020 JOLO Winery & Vineyards JOLOTAGE Red Wine Blend	North Carolina	Barrel Aged	97	Wow! Juicy and balanced. Good oak integration. Complex and layered
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Best of Paso Robles AVA

Hoyt Family Vineyards	2016 Hoyt Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Central Coast, Paso Robles	Barrel Aged	97	Classic big baked berry pie,nicely managed tannins but well structured,lingering finish.
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Best of Petaluma Gap AVA

Sea Bird Wines	2018 Sea Bird Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard Series	Rodgers Creek Vineyard	91	Lemon citrus, Burgundian style, great use of oak, crisp finish.
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Best of Portugal AVA

Wine Insiders	2020 Mar Azul Vinho Verde Rose	Vinho Verde DOC			95	Pink version of Vinho verde. Fresh , light on palette.
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Best of Rockpile AVA

Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Rockpile Syrah	Rockpile	Estate Vineyard		98	Cool climate, high elevation syrah. Wild and spicy. Layers of blue fruits and blackberries
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Best of Rogue Valley AVA

2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2020 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			90	Perfumy, leachy, peach, lime and white flower
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Best of Russian River Valley AVA

Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards The Cutrer	Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		99	Great balance. Nice peach tones,lemon oil,lanolin. Touch of tartness.
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Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA

Perrucci Family Vineyard	2018 Perrucci Family Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Barrel Aged		94	Cranberry, forest floor, baking spice, complex.
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Best of Show

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St. Anne's Crossing	2019 St. Anne's Crossing Primitivo Shumahi	Sonoma Valley	98	Loaded with blue fruits, wild berries, notes of allspice and a long, smooth finish.	
Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest					
Westport Winery	NV Westport Winery Ancient Mariner Pear Riesling	Yakima Valley	96	Classic use of fruit & fresh grannysmith apple & pear.	
Best of Show Fruit					
GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria	California	98	Full bodied style with nice ripe berry flavor, pepper and a lingering finish	
Best of Show Red Wine					
St. Anne's Crossing	2019 St. Anne's Crossing Primitivo Shumahi	Sonoma Valley	98	Loaded with blue fruits, wild berries, notes of allspice and a long, smooth finish.	
Best of Show Rosé Wine					
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Herzog Lineage Rosé	Clarksburg	98	Complex, fresh.	
Best of Show Sparkling Wine					
Wine Insiders	NV Chateau Cazeau Cremant de Bordeaux Brut Sparkling	Bordeaux AOC	98	Bright, crisp, citrusy Bordeaux.	
Best of Show White Wine					
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Riesling	Finger Lakes	99	Flower market on finish, lovely New York summer day in a bottle.	
Best of Sierra Foothills AVA					
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2020 Starr Fume Blanc	Sierra Foothills	93	Apricots and grass tones. Good acidity. seamless finish	
Best of Sonoma Coast AVA					
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Le Pierres Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate Grown and Produced	98	Stone fruit, ginger spice, herbs and chanterelle mushrooms.
Best of Sonoma County AVA					
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2018 UPSHOT Wines Upshot, Red Blend	Sonoma County	96	Knocks your socks off! Black currant, layered supple tannins.	

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Best of Sonoma Valley AVA

St. Anne's Crossing	2019 St. Anne's Crossing Primitivo Shumahi	Sonoma Valley			98	Loaded with blue fruits, wild berries, notes of allspice and a long, smooth finish.
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Best of South Africa AVA

Penrose Hill	2019 Open Secret Pinotage	Western Cape			97	Smoky,earthy sweet tobacco,roasted plum cranberry tart pomegranate.
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Best of South Coast AVA

Fallbrook Winery	2017 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Syrah	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gracie Hill Vineyard	96	Great balance on the palate and senses.
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Best of Spain

Wine Insiders	2020 Las Renas Monastrell	Spain			96	Big earthy, dark and deep.
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Best of Tehama County AVA

New Clairvaux Vineyard	2020 New Clairvaux Vineyard Moschofilero	Tehama County			95	Stone fruit nose, spring flowers, hint of citrus, nice mouthfeel makes it a nice food friendly.
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Best of Texas AVA

Texas Heritage Vineyard	2018 Texas Heritage Vineyard Estate Malbec	Texas Hill Country	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Texas Heritage Vineyard	96	Perfectly ripe. Spiced,appropriate tannins.
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Best of Virginia

Effingham Winery	2019 Effingham Viognier	Virginia	Barrel Aged		98	Lovely, Strong example of viognier. Strong informational nose to it
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Best of Washington State AVA

Basalt Cellars	2018 Basalt Cellars Rim Rock Red	Washington	Barrel Aged		92	Cumin in the nose. Black pepper. Good balance with a long finish
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Best of Willow Creek AVA

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Hoyt Family Vineyards	2018 Hoyt Family Vineyards Grenache	Willow Creek	Estate	96	Bright lively raspberry, taste of late summer, food wine.
Best of Yakima Valley AVA					
Westport Winery	NV Westport Winery Ancient Mariner Pear Riesling	Yakima Valley		96	Classic use of fruit & fresh grannysmith apple & pear.
Best of Yolo County					
Penrose Hill	2020 5th Note Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Dunnigan Hills		96	Ripe melon, citrus, hints of white pepper.