

2017 Harvest Challenge

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Best Late Harvest/ Dessert

Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Pacific Oasis Winery Riesling	Columbia Valley	Washington	95	Sweet, tarty, floral, golden delicious apple.
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Best of Alexander Valley AVA

Trentadue Winery	2016 La Storia Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Block 303	97	Ripe and jammy. Cleanly made. Nice, perfect balance.
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Best of Australia

Taylors Wines	2015 Wakefield/Taylors Wines St Andrews Shiraz	Australia, Clare Valley		92	Extracted. Cedar. Black cherry and blackberry.
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Best of Carneros AVA

Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee	Sonoma County, Carneros		98	Creamy mouth feel.hazelnut nice complexity,classic,yeasty.
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Best of Central Coast

J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2016 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines OCTOBER NIGHT Chardonnay	Arroyo Seco		96	Pretty,great length on the finish, nice juice, herbal floral,
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Best of Columbia Valley AVA

Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Pacific Oasis Winery Riesling	Columbia Valley	Washington	95	Sweet, tarty, floral, golden delicious apple.
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Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA

Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King Zinfandel Estate Reserve Estate Bottled	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled	Estate Reserve	Rich ripe berrys,nice spice,long finish,power,finesse.
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Best of France

Wine Insiders	2015 Les Fiefs De Cyrano Rouge	Bergerac AOC		91	no sweeps.
Wine Insiders	2016 Feudo Ducale Falaghina	Beneventano IGT		96	Dried cherry, chalk and dust.Fainted cassis, well structured.

Best of Georgia

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Farmer's Daughter Vineyards	2016 Farmer's Daughter Vineyards Heartbreaker	Georgia			94	Complexity,full body, deep color, beautiful nose,typical of le Noir, watermelon rind.
Best of Lake County AVA Six Sigma	2016 Six Sigma Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County	Estate Grown	Asbill Valley	93	Citrusy, beautiful floral quality. Tropical fruit.
Best of Lodi AVA Cline Cellars	2015 Cline Cellars Lodi Zinfandel	Lodi			92	Good spice, dehydrated strawberry, fruit leather, concentrated.
Best of Maryland AVA GREAT FROGS	2015 Great Frogs Red Wine	Maryland	Estate Produced and Bottled		94	well tune? chamborcin,cherry candy,sirah, added body. Petite verdot add nice mid palette.
Best of Mendocino County AVA Powicana Farm	2015 Powicana Farm Petite Sirah Port	Redwood Valley	Grown, Vinted and Bottled	Single Vineyard, No Sulfites Added	96	Perfect sweetness.blueberries and semi sweet chocolate,perfect fireside wine.
Best of Monterey County AVA J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2016 J. Lohr Estates Wildflower Valdiguie	Monterey			96	Juicy and delicious. Strawberry. Spice.
Best of Napa County AVA Fortunati Vineyards	2016 Fortunati Vineyards Rosé of Syrah	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	
Best of Paso Robles AVA J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2015 J. Lohr Estates South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles			90	Sweet oak,chocolate cupcakes.
Best of Russian River Valley AVA St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Bacchi Vineyard Zinfandel	Russian River			95	Spicy, big, ripe red with nice yogurt and fruit notes.
Best of Show						

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Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King Zinfandel Estate Reserve Estate Bottled	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled	Estate Reserve	Rich ripe berrys, nice spice, long finish, power, finesse.
Best of Sierra Foothills AVA					
Batia Vineyards	2015 Batia Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Old Vines	97	Darker fruit, good texture, leather, rose petals, alluring aromas.
Best of Sonoma County AVA					
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2014 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County		95	Really well made. Good mature fruit. Beautifully structured.
Best of Sonoma Valley AVA					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2016 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc	Sonoma Valley		94	Great nose, floral, fruity, beautiful acid, nice use of oak, pretty wine.
Best of Temecula					
Maurice Car'rie Winery	2014 Van Roekel Estate TEMPRANILLO	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Soky, leather, rustic, spanish style.
Best of Virginia AVA					
Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2015 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Petit Verdot	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA 93	To sweeps balance, black raspberry, nice body, firm tannin, display, nice complexity, finesse, eggplants color,
Best Red					
Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King Zinfandel Estate Reserve Estate Bottled	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled	Estate Reserve	Rich ripe berrys, nice spice, long finish, power, finesse.
Best Rose					
Fortunati Vineyards	2016 Fortunati Vineyards Rosé of Syrah	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	
Best Sparkling					

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Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee	Sonoma County, Carneros		98	Creamy mouth feel.hazelnut nice complexity,classic,yeast y.
Best White					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2016 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc	Sonoma Valley		94	Great nose, floral, fruity, beautiful acid, nice use of oak,pretty wine.
Best of Class					
Andrew Peller Limited	NV Panama Jacks Original Cream	Canada		91	to sweeps coconut wow!
Batia Vineyards	2015 Batia Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Old Vines	97	Darker fruit, good texture,leather, rose petals, alluring aromas.
Black Willow Winery LLC	NV Black Willow Winery Bare Cat Blush	New York	Estate Bottled & Produced	94	Rich pitch perfect,,expensive, bouquet, watermelon, prom pink.
Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Pacific Oasis Winery Riesling	Columbia Valley	Washington	95	Sweet, tarty, floral, golden delicious apple.
Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Forest Glen Pinot Grigio	California	Tehachapi Clone	92	Very Alsatian,rich apricots and orange blossoms, great texture.
Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2015 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Petit Verdot	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA 93	To sweeps balance , black raspberry,nice body, firm tannin, display. nice complexity, finesse, eggplants color,
Cline Cellars	2014 Jacuzzi Family Vineyards Arneis	California		95	TO SWEEPSTAKES Nice pear,stone fruit,great balance and very complex.
Cline Cellars	2015 Cline Cellars Lodi Zinfandel	Lodi		92	Good spice, dehydrated strawberry, fruit leather, concentrated.
Conclusion Wines	2015 Conclusion Wines Pinot Noir	Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	Sangiacomo Vineyard (Robert's Road) 94	Earth, wonderful nose. Nice acidity. Well blended.

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Danenberger Family Vineyards	2013 Danenberger Family Vineyards Desagace Rouge	American	Winemaker's Reserve Blend	92	Smoky apple wood find bacon, supreme depth, great (?) sp.
Dutcher Crossing Winery	2015 Dutcher Crossing Carignane	Mendocino County		94	Savory, fresh herbs, cherries, great balance and depth of flavor. "everything i expect from a Carignane.
Estate 1856	2015 Estate 1856 Malbec	Sonoma County		94	Flavorful. Big chewy. Classic Malbec variety compared to Cahors. Complex.
Farmer's Daughter Vineyards	2016 Farmer's Daughter Vineyards Heartbreaker	Georgia		94	Complexity, full body, deep color, beautiful nose, typical of le Noir, watermelon rind.
Fortunati Vineyards	2016 Fortunati Vineyards Rosé of Syrah	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	
GALLO	NV Barefoot Merlot	California		90	Notes of boysenberry, spice, cedar, dark cherry,
GALLO	NV Barefoot Sauvignon Blanc	California		98	Double gold! So pretty! A near perfect wine, light, spicy, chamomile and passion fruit.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California		96	Floral, pretty white flowers, clean.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Berry	California		90	Strawberry, cheesy, Kool Aid.
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee	Sonoma County, Carneros		98	Creamy mouth feel. hazelnut nice complexity, classic, yeasty.
GREAT FROGS	2015 Great Frogs Red Wine	Maryland	Estate Produced and Bottled	94	well tune? chamborcin, cherry candy, sirah, added body. Petite verdot add nice mid palette.

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Greenwood Ridge Vineyards	2015 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards Zinfandel Mendocino	Mendocino County	Estate Bottled & Produced	95	Classic Ripe Zinfandel, good acid, perfect balance, long lingering finish.	
Houdini Vineyard Selections	2014 Brick Lane Syrah	Santa Ynez Valley		94	violets,potpouri, and meaty notes.good fruit,great acid.	
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2016 J. Lohr Estates Wildflower Valdiguie	Monterey		96	Juicy and delicious. Strawberry. Spice.	
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2016 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines OCTOBER NIGHT Chardonnay	Arroyo Seco		96	Pretty,great length on the finish, nice juice, herbal floral,	
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2015 J. Lohr Estates South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles		90	Sweet oak,chocolate cupcakes.	
Maurice Car'rie Winery	2014 Van Roekel Estate TEMPRANILLO	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Soky,leather,rustic. spanish style.	
Navarro Vineyards	2016 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay	Mendocino		95	Vanilla cake and lemon,elegant,nice acid,delicate but complex flavors,a little hazelnut	
Northern Sun Winery	2016 Northern Sun Marquette	Michigan	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	92	to sweeps smoky brochurst.	
Northern Sun Winery	2016 Northern Sun LaCrescent	Michigan	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	92	Anthony Vineyard	Floral note, it is intriguing. Got gewurztraminer.
Pegasus Estate Winery	2016 Pegasus Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Santa Ynez Valley		94	classic sauv blanc, great fruit, depth of flavor.	
Penrose Hill	2016 Lost Dog Lane Chardonnay	California	Reserve	92	Well balanced, oak nice, notes of lemon curd.	
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Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King Chardonnay Bacigalupi	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	93	Flower,mouth feel,balance complexity classic,biscuit& sweet cream.
Powicana Farm	2015 Powicana Farm Petite Sirah Port	Redwood Valley	Grown, Vinted and Bottled	Single Vineyard, No Sulfites Added	96	Perfect sweetness.blueberries and semi sweet chocolate,perfect fireside wine.
Ramona Ranch Winery	2014 Ramona Ranch Winery Tannat	Ramona Valley	Estate Bottled Reserve	36 months in neutral oak	97	Rustic, elegance, balanced and rich.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2014 Rodney Strong Vineyards Knotty Vines, Estate Zinfandel	Sonoma County, Northern Sonoma	Estate Vineyards	Knotty Vines, Estate Vineyards	93	Interesting. Fruitful. Super drinkable.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2014 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County			95	Really well made. Good mature fruit. Beautifully structured.
Saini Vineyards	2016 Saini Vineyards Angelo's Paint Brush	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Vineyard		98	Nice body,green olive,soft lush,luxuriously sexy wine.
Scheid Family Wines	2015 Ryder Estate Merlot	Central Coast			92	Juicy, nice fruit, mid palette,good balance.
Seal Beach Winery	2014 Seal Beach Winery Syrah	Ballard Canyon		Alban Clone	97	Lots going on.typical pepper, violet, coral,potpourri structure, earthy.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Rosa	Florida			92	Beautiful salmon color control foxiness, redcurrant
Six Sigma	2016 Six Sigma Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County	Estate Grown	Asbill Valley	93	Citrusy, beautiful floral quality. Tropical fruit.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Bacchi Vineyard Zinfandel	Russian River			95	Spicy, big, ripe red with nice yogurt and fruit notes.
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Tamber Bey Vineyards	2016 Tamber Bey Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley, Oakville	Single Vineyard	Lizzy's Vineyard	96	New Zealand charter. Citrus notes, lime. Classic textbook Sauv Blanc.
Taylors Wines	2015 Wakefield/Taylors Wines St Andrews Shiraz	Australia, Clare Valley			92	Extracted. Cedar. Black cherry and blackberry.
Trentadue Winery	2016 La Storia Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Block 303		97	Ripe and jammy. Cleanly made. Nice, perfect balance.
Trentadue Winery	2016 La Storia Chardonnay	Sonoma County			93	Well balanced start to finish, Lemon curd.
Viña Concha y Toro USA	NV Anthony's Hill Riesling	California			96	Fresh and pristine, racy acid peach .
Wine Insiders	NV Villa Amoroso Moscato	Italy			95	yummy, deliciousness, nice balance, very satisfying.
Wine Insiders	2015 Les Fiefs De Cyrano Rouge	Bergerac AOC			91	no sweeps.
Wine Insiders	2016 Feudo Ducale Falaghina	Beneventano IGT			96	Dried cherry, chalk and dust. Fainted cassis, well structured.
Wine Trees	2015 Cambridge Cellars Meritage	Napa			95	Purely deliciousness, patio pounder,great finish.
Wine Trees	2014 Adler Fels Pinot Noir	California	76% Santa Rita Hills 24% RRV		92	Hearty, grippy, good aging potential, dark fruit flavor, dark plum - blackberry.
						Cherry flavors. Baking spices. Rich finish.