

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.
Best of Alexander Valley AVA					
Trentadue Winery	2016 La Stora Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Block 303	97	Ripe and jammy. Cleanly made. Nice, perfect balance.
Best of Australia					
Taylors Wines	2015 Wakefield/Taylors Wines St Andrews Shiraz	Australia, Clare Valley		92	Extracted. Cedar. Black cherry and blackberry.
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.
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,
Best of Columbia Valley AVA					
Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Pacific Oasis Winery Riesling	Columbia Valley	Washington	95	Sweet, tarty, floral, golden delicious apple.
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.
Best of France					
Wine Insiders	2016 Feudo Ducale Falaghina	Beneventano IGT		96	Purely deliciousness, patio pounder,great finish.
Wine Insiders	2015 Les Fiefs De Cyrano Rouge	Bergerac AOC		91	no sweeps. 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					
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.
Trentadue Winery	2016 La Storia Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Block 303	97	Ripe and jammy. Cleanly made. Nice, perfect balance.
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,
Maurice Car'rie Winery	2014 Van Roekel Estate TEMPRANILLO	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Soky,leather,rustic. spanish style.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2014 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County		95	Really well made. Good mature fruit. Beautifully structured.
Cline Cellars	2014 Jacuzzi Family Vineyards Arneis	California		95	TO SWEEPSTAKES Nice pear,stone fruit,great balance and very complex.
Batia Vineyards	2015 Batia Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Old Vines	97	Darker fruit, good texture,leather, rose petals, alluring aromas.
Penrose Hill	2016 Lost Dog Lane Chardonnay	California	Reserve	92	Well balanced, oak nice, notes of lemon curd.
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2016 J. Lohr Estates Wildflower Valdiguie	Monterey		96	Juicy and delicious. Strawberry. Spice.
Andrew Peller Limited	NV Panama Jacks Original Cream	Canada		91	to sweeps coconut wow!

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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.
Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Pacific Oasis Winery Riesling	Columbia Valley		Washington	95	Sweet, tart, floral, golden delicious apple.
Navarro Vineyards	2016 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay	Mendocino			95	Vanilla cake and lemon, elegant, nice acid, delicate but complex flavors, a little hazelnut
Wine Trees	2015 Cambridge Cellars Meritage	Napa			95	Hearty, grippy, good aging potential, dark fruit flavor, dark plum - blackberry.
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee	Sonoma County, Carneros			98	Creamy mouth feel. hazelnut nice complexity, classic, yeast y.
Houdini Vineyard Selections	2014 Brick Lane Syrah	Santa Ynez Valley			94	violets, potpourri, and meaty notes. good fruit, great acid.
Northern Sun Winery	2016 Northern Sun Marquette	Michigan	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	to sweeps smoky brochwurst.
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.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California			96	Floral, pretty white flowers, clean.
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,
Pegasus Estate Winery	2016 Pegasus Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Santa Ynez Valley			94	classic sauv blanc, great fruit, depth of flavor.

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<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	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.
Ramona Ranch Winery	2014 Ramona Ranch Winery Tannat	Ramona Valley	Estate Bottled Reserve	36 months in neutral oak	97	Rustic, elegancy, balanced and rich.
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.
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.
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.
Wine Insiders	2015 Les Fiefs De Cyrano Rouge	Bergerac AOC			91	no sweeps.
Wine Insiders	NV Villa Amoroso Moscato	Italy			95	Dried cherry, chalk and dust.Fainted cassis, well structured.
Wine Trees	2014 Adler Fels Pinot Noir	California		76% Santa Rita Hills 24% RRV	92	yummy, deliciousness, nice balance, very satisfying.
<u>Danenberger Family Vineyards</u>	2013 Danenberger Family Vineyards Desagace Rouge	American	Winemaker 's Reserve Blend		92	Cherry flavors. Baking spices. Rich finish.
						Smoky apple wood find bacon,supreme depth, great (?) sp.

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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.
Wine Insiders	2016 Feudo Ducale Falaghina	Beneventano IGT			96	Purely deliciousness, patio pounder, great finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Berry	California			90	Strawberry, cheesy, Kool Aid.
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.
Northern Sun Winery	2016 Northern Sun LaCrescent	Michigan	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Anthony Vineyard	92	Floral note, it is intriguing. Got gewurztraminer.
Bronco Wine Co.	2016 Forest Glen Pinot Grigio	California		Tehachapi Clone	92	Very Alsatian, rich apricots and orange blossoms, great texture.
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, chamomille and passion fruit.
Cline Cellars	2015 Cline Cellars Lodi Zinfandel	Lodi			92	Good spice, dehydrated strawberry, fruit leather, concentrated.
Six Sigma	2016 Six Sigma Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County	Estate Grown	Asbill Valley	93	Citrusy, beautiful floral quality. Tropical fruit.
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.
Conclusion Wines	2015 Conclusion Wines Pinot Noir	Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	Sangiacomo Vineyard (Robert's Road)	94	Earth, wonderful nose. Nice acidity. Well blended.
Trentadue Winery	2016 La Storia Chardonnay	Sonoma County			93	Well balanced start to finish, Lemon curd.

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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.
Viña Concha y Toro USA	NV Anthony's Hill Riesling	California			96	Fresh and pristine, racy acid peach .
Saini Vineyards	2016 Saini Vineyards Angelo's Paint Brush	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Vineyard		98	Nice body,green olive,soft lush,luxuriously sexy wine.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Rosa	Florida			92	Beautiful salmon color control foxiness, redcurrant
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Bacchi Vineyard Zinfandel	Russian River			95	Spicy, big, ripe red with nice yogurt and fruit notes.
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.