

# 2025 Los Angeles Invitational Wine Challenge

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## Best of the Best

Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Merlot	Sonoma County			96	Well structured, ripe, berry, cherry, roasted coffee, long finish.
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## Best Dessert Wine

Château d'Arche	2023 Chateau d'Arche Soleil d'Arche	Sauternes AOC	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Grand Cru Classe	97	Shines, balanced, candy lemon peel.
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## Best of Class

2 Towns Ciderhouse	NV 2 Towns Ciderhouse Spiced Cosmic Crisp	Willamette Valley			92	Baked apple, orange blossom, baked spices
ACTA Wine	2022 ACTA Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley			94	Salted caramel, canned peach and butterscotch.
<u>Blue Honey Winery</u>	NV Blue Honey Country Wines & Meads Co. Purple Reign (Blueberry Mead)	Ramona Valley			94	Spice, blueberry cobbler. Balanced.
Bottle Barn	2022 Barn Raiser Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			97	Showing good value. Uber complex notes.
Caliza Winery	2022 End Of The Day Wines Red Cuvée	Paso Robles			98	Forward fruit, pomegranate, prune, jammy plum.
Castle Rock Winery	2022 Castle Rock Zinfandel	Lodi			96	Black raspberry, warm spice. Rich and lush. Brooding.
Château d'Arche	2023 Chateau d'Arche Soleil d'Arche	Sauternes AOC	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Grand Cru Classe	97	Shines, balanced, candy lemon peel.
Colangelo & Partners	NV Riunite Lambrusco	Lambrusco Dell'Emilia IGT			93	Nicely done, blackberry, good mouth feel.
CRU Winery	2022 Cru Winery SLH Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands			98	Classic chard, tangy, Meyer lemon, long elegant finish. Lush & creamy.
CRU Winery	2023 Cru Winery Unoaked Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands	Unoaked		90	Great food wine with seafood, sophisticated.

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<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2021 Dutcher Crossing Proprietor's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Proprietor's Reserve	96	Smokey, leathery, plum sauce, dried chocolate. Satisfying wine.
Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2018 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Los Cuatro	Alexander Valley	Estate Grown	98	Complex, earthy, rich with spice. Blackberry, currant with oak. Cellar worthy.
En Garde Winery	2021 En Garde Touché	Napa Valley	Reserve	96	Super full mouth feel. Juicy.
Exprimere Wines	2022 Exprimere Persey	Sta. Rita Hills	Single Vineyard	98	Cherry cola, wild strawberry. Bright, great acidity, "lip smacking".
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rose	California		96	Well balanced, great effervescent, blueberry, fruit cocktail.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Spritzer Crisp White Spritzer Can	American		90	Refreshing, Kiwi, apple. Really nice fruit, good acid.
GALLO	NV Black Box Malbec	California		96	Black cherry and blackberry. Long finish, medium body and well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach Bubbly	California		92	Mango, peach, nectarine. Well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato	California		90	Nice raspberry jam. Fresh big strawberries Plush.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Sonoma County	Produced and Bottled By	99	Rich blackberry and spice. Well balanced throughout.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Barbera	Sonoma County	Produced and Bottled By	93	Elegant, bold, currant, blackberry, chocolate. Well balanced.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Sangiovese	Sonoma County	Produced and Bottled By	90	Beautiful color. Great Acid. Perfectly balanced.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 Rayson Riesling	North Carolina, Yadkin Valley		91	Beautiful minerality. Steely quality to the aroma. Lovely layers from mid-palate.

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JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 JOLO Vineyards Golden Hallows	North Carolina			94	Floral, herbal, bright, fresh, "zingy" yet dry.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards Crimson Creek	North Carolina			92	Juicy strawberries, layers of dark fruits and mountain herbs. Elegant!
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards JOLOTAGE	North Carolina			93	Elegant integrated herbal. Nice oak balanced.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	Yadkin Valley			94	Great acidity, nice balance. Black forest cake, cherries, chocolate, ginger.
Keuka Spring Vineyards	2023 Keuka Spring Vineyards Classic Riesling	Finger Lakes			95	Tropical fruit. Subtle spice. Very faint trace of limestone. Mango. Well balanced.
Keuka Spring Vineyards	2023 Keuka Spring Vineyards Late Harvest Cayuga White	Finger Lakes	Single Vineyard		97	Green apple, honeysuckle. Well made. Lovely wine.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			97	Delicate, Queen Anne Cherry fruit. Bruised apple notes.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Domaine Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Bright, lively, well balanced, apple, pear. Round mid-palate.
L&G Verde Vineyards	2022 L&G Verde Vineyards Sophie's Estate Blend	Santa Clara Valley	Estate Vineyards		93	Well balanced, vibrant. Blackberry and oak flavor. Full mid palate with a long finish.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Merlot	Sonoma County			96	Well structured, ripe, berry, cherry, roasted coffee, long finish.
Matrix Winery	2022 Matrix Winery Sonoma County Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			98	Ripe cherry, spice, earthy. Bold round palate. Long finish with lush fruit.
McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2024 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rose	Livermore Valley	Estate	Lucky 8 Vineyard	91	Bright, berries, strawberry, nice spice and nice finish.
Merry Cellars	2020 Merry Cellars Syrah	Royal Slope			98	Round in mouth, earthy, herbal, luscious.

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Miletta Vista Winery	2022 Miletta Vista Winery Elephant Ear Red	Nebraska			98	Fresh baked Berry cobbler, Rich nose. Tart. Balance from rhubarb. Outstanding!
Miletta Vista Winery	2016 Miletta Vista Winery Legacy	Nebraska	Barrel Aged		93	Baked gingerbread pudding with chocolate.
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	Chevalier Vineyard	94	Pleasing quality, well balanced and super drinkable.
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Hitchcock Cabernet Sauvignon	Chalk Hill		Hitchcock Vineyard	92	Chocolate on the nose. Nice tannin's, good ripeness.
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Cuvée 128	Anderson Valley			98	Plush citrus, chocolate, tropical, little spritz, nice finish.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		96	Very dry, great zest and spice. Good acid, very floral.
Nike Communications, Inc	2023 Robert Mondavi Private Selection Chardonnay	California			96	Apple citrus flavor. Medium body, mid palate with long finish. Amazing value!
Nike Communications, Inc	2023 Robert Mondavi Private Selection Bourbon Barrel-Aged Cabernet Sauvignon	California			90	Vanilla mocha. Balanced. Black fruit.
Nike Communications, Inc	NV Woodbridge Moscato	California			97	Floral, perfumy good intensity and honey suckle.
Nike Communications, Inc	NV Woodbridge Merlot	California			97	Plum, coco, white pepper, stone fruit, rich dense black fruit, nutmeg.
Nike Communications, Inc.	NV Ruffino Prosecco	Prosecco DOC			97	Lemon peel, beautiful balance, gentle nuttiness, complex.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2024 Drylands Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			97	Boxwood bud. Intense fruit finish, citrus.
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2023 Oak Farm Vineyards Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	True to varietal, great paired with shellfish, bright fresh and flirty. Nice structure.

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Orsi Family Vineyards	2023 Orsi Family Vineyards Fiano	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Lovely, fresh, herbs, minerality and spice. White flower with great body.
Orsi Family Vineyards	2019 Orsi Family Vineyards Aglianico	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Peppery and spicy. Fun wine, hints of herbs that you find in sweet vermouth. Very engaging. Fantastic!
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Anyhow Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	96	Nice floral notes, crisp and bright, bold and adventurous.
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Almittey Brut	Anderson Valley	Reserve Brut	98	Gorgeous, rich, lemon peel, beautiful sweet finish, creamy.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Muscat Vin Doolsey	Anderson Valley	Vin Doolsey	98	Great varietals character, clean, persistent finish. Refreshing.
Penrose Hill	2023 Hawthorne Grove Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg		94	Tropical and citrus, pomelo, melon. Very bright and refreshing.
Quady Winery Quintessential	2023 Quady Winery Electra Black	California		91	Black muscat.
	2023 Obsession Symphony	Lodi		97	Juicy apricot, pear. Flowery aromatic with plumeria. Varietal correct.
Russian River Vineyards	2023 chester. Wines Pinot Noir	Monterey		98	Big, ripe, generous, sour cherry, herbal, juicy, great nose.
Seka Hills	2023 Seka Hills Viognier	Yolo County	Estate Grown and Produced	90	A nice lime, tropical with nice balance.
Sonocaia Estate Winery / Dysfunctional Family Winery	2017 Dysfunctional Family Winery Red Blend	Sonoma Valley	Gran Reserva	97	Black licorice, cocoa bean. Sensuous mouth feel. Classic.
Trentadue Winery	2022 La Storia La Storia Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	98	Cherries. Boysenberry. Jammy.
Turkovich Family Wines	2020 Turkovich Family Wines Barrel Select Tempranillo	Yolo County	Barrel Select	91	Elegant and well made

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Turkovich Family Wines	2023 Turkovich Family Wines Roussanne	Yolo County	Barrel Aged	92	Standouts for a Roussanne. Honey quality on the nose. Nice tropical fruit.
Val du Vino	2023 Val du Vino Winery White Dragon	Sierra Foothills		97	Floral, pear, vanilla, good viscosity and minerality.
Vino Voyage	2022 Kevin O'Leary Primitivo	Italy		92	Tart Cranberry, sour cherry. Vibrant.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2021 Wilson of Dry Creek Sydney Petite Verdot	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	92	Juicy plum, blackberry. Lovely tannins.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2022 Wilson of Dry Creek Three Dog	Dry Creek Valley		98	Nice oak. Nice handling. Elegant. Restrained.
Zina Hyde Cunningham	2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Veola	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Ripe fruit, Red and black fruit. Dehydrated raspberry. Yummy! Saline char. Seaside cliff.
Best Red					
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Merlot	Sonoma County		96	Well structured, ripe, berry, cherry, roasted coffee, long finish.
Best Rose					
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley		97	Delicate, Queen Anne Cherry fruit. Bruised apple notes.
Best Sparkling					
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Almittey Brut	Anderson Valley	Reserve Brut	98	Gorgeous, rich, lemon peel, beautiful sweet finish, creamy.
Best White					

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Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Cuvée 128	Anderson Valley			98	Plush citrus, chocolate, tropical, little spritz, nice finish.
Double Gold						
Benziger Family Winery	2022 Benziger Family Winery Merlot, Sunny Slope Vineyard	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Sunny Slope Vineyard	95	Black and blue fruit, cassis, big and broad, Cab lovers Merlot.
Benziger Family Winery	2022 Benziger Family Winery Bella Luna Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	Estate Grown, Produced, and Bottled By	97	Red cherry and spice. Complex blackberries. Well balanced with a pleasing finish.
Bottle Barn	2022 Barn Raiser Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			97	Showing good value. Uber complex notes.
Caliza Winery	2022 End Of The Day Wines Red Cuvée	Paso Robles			98	Forward fruit, pomegranate, prune, jammy plum.
Caliza Winery	2023 End Of The Day Wines Albariño	Paso Robles			96	Floral, tropical, nice weight, lingering finish, elegant and sexy.
Castle Rock Winery	2022 Castle Rock Zinfandel	Lodi			96	Black raspberry, warm spice. Rich and lush. Brooding.
Château d'Arche	2023 Chateau d'Arche Soleil d'Arche	Sauternes AOC	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Grand Cru Classe	97	Shines, balanced, candy lemon peel.
CRU Winery	2022 Cru Winery SLH Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands			98	Classic chard, tangy, Meyer lemon, long elegant finish. Lush & creamy.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2021 Dutcher Crossing Proprietor's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Proprietor's Reserve		96	Smokey, leathery, plum sauce, dried chocolate. Satisfying wine.
Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2023 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Cabernet Franc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			98	Black cherry and spice. Long tannic finish. Great addition to the wine cellar! Will age well.

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Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2018 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Los Cuatro	Alexander Valley	Estate Grown	98	Complex, earthy, rich with spice. Blackberry, currant with oak. Cellar worthy.
EHRET Winery	2023 EHRET Winery Zinfandel	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	97	French oak. Blackberries. A little bit of jam. Near perfect wine.
En Garde Winery	2021 En Garde Touché	Napa Valley	Reserve	96	Super full mouth feel. Juicy.
Exprimere Wines	2022 Exprimere Mia	Sta. Rita Hills	Single Vineyard	95	Crowd pleaser. Dark cherry, concentrated Bing cherry and ripe strawberry.
Exprimere Wines	2022 Exprimere Persey	Sta. Rita Hills	Single Vineyard	98	Cherry cola, wild strawberry. Bright, great acidity, "lip smacking".
Fallbrook Winery	2021 Fallbrook Winery 33°N GSM	South Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced	96	Oak spice, juicy blue fruit, clean spice.
Foley Family Wines	2023 Chalk Hill Sonoma Coast Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast		96	Complex, fragrant, wonderful body and texture, toasted almonds, citrus peel, nice integrated oak.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rose	California		96	Well balanced, great effervescent, blueberry, fruit cocktail.
GALLO	NV Black Box Malbec	California		96	Black cherry and blackberry. Long finish, medium body and well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Chardonnay	California		95	Citrus, medium to light body, well balanced.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Sonoma County	Produced and Bottled By	99	Rich blackberry and spice. Well balanced throughout.
Keuka Spring Vineyards	2023 Keuka Spring Vineyards Classic Riesling	Finger Lakes		95	Tropical fruit. Subtle spice. Very faint trace of limestone. Mango. Well balanced.



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Keuka Spring Vineyards	2022 Keuka Spring Vineyards Winemakers Reserve Cuvee	Finger Lakes	Traditional Method	Single Vineyard	97	Beautiful, delicious, creamy mousse, harmony.
Keuka Spring Vineyards	2023 Keuka Spring Vineyards Late Harvest Cayuga White	Finger Lakes	Single Vineyard		97	Green apple, honeysuckle. Well made. Lovely wine.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			97	Delicate, Queen Anne Cherry fruit. Bruised apple notes.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Domaine Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Bright, lively, well balanced, apple, pear. Round mid-palate.
Ladera Vineyards	2022 Ladera Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Estate Vineyard		96	Lovely spices, medium body. Pleasing ripe black cherry.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2021 Ledson Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			97	Spice plum, blackberry, full-bodied. Balanced. Great mouth feel.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Merlot	Sonoma County			96	Well structured, ripe, berry, cherry, roasted coffee, long finish.
Matrix Winery	2022 Matrix Winery Sonoma County Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			98	Ripe cherry, spice, earthy. Bold round palate. Long finish with lush fruit.
Mazzocco Sonoma Winery	2022 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Serracino Reserve	Dry Creek Valley			96	Raspberry jam. Graceful, soft tannins. Ripe blueberry, blackberry. Allspice.
Merry Cellars	2020 Merry Cellars Syrah	Royal Slope			98	Round in mouth, earthy, herbal, luscious.
Miletta Vista Winery	2022 Miletta Vista Winery Elephant Ear Red	Nebraska			98	Fresh baked Berry cobbler, Rich nose. Tart. Balance from rhubarb. Outstanding!
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley			96	Vanilla. Mocha. Nicely integrated with oak. Blackberry.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay, Première Reserve	Anderson Valley			97	Stone fruit, tropical notes, roasted almonds, wonderful breath, nice finish.

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Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			95	Soft berries, porch wine. Beautiful color. Fun, crisp party wine.
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Cuvée 128	Anderson Valley			98	Plush citrus, chocolate, tropical, little spritz, nice finish.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		96	Very dry, great zest and spice. Good acid, very floral.
Nike Communications, Inc	2023 Robert Mondavi Private Selection Chardonnay	California			96	Apple citrus flavor. Medium body, mid palate with long finish. Amazing value!
Nike Communications, Inc	NV Woodbridge Merlot	California			97	Plum, coco, white pepper, stone fruit, rich dense black fruit, nutmeg.
Nike Communications, Inc	NV Woodbridge Moscato	California			97	Floral, perfumy good intensity and honey suckle.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2023 Ruffino Lumina Pinot Grigio	Delle Venezie DOC			97	Full body with bright citrus, crisp, lingering finish.
Nike Communications, Inc.	NV Ruffino Prosecco	Prosecco DOC			97	Lemon peel, beautiful balance, gentle nuttiness, complex.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2024 Drylands Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			97	Boxwood bud. Intense fruit finish, citrus.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2024 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			96	Tart Crisp passion fruit. Pleasantly intense!
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Notre Vue Estate Cab Franc	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	97	Delightful amount of fruit. Pleasing finish. Cranberry and pomegranate.
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2023 Oak Farm Vineyards Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	True to varietal, great paired with shellfish, bright fresh and flirty. Nice structure.

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Orsi Family Vineyards	2019 Orsi Family Vineyards Aglianico	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Peppery and spicy. Fun wine, hints of herbs that you find in sweet vermouth. Very engaging. Fantastic!
Orsi Family Vineyards	2023 Orsi Family Vineyards Fiano	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Lovely, fresh, herbs, minerality and spice. White flower with great body.
Padigan Wines	2022 Somar Family Syrah	Rogue Valley		96	Vanilla, blackberry, spice, juicy red fruit.
Pennyroyal Farm	2022 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	96	Well integrated soft finish. Elegant. Appropriate earthiness.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Fully barrel Fermented and aged sur lie 9 months 97	Well made, poached pear. Citrus, minerality, nice acidity, creamy. Wine that dances on the tongue.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Anyhow Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	96	Nice floral notes, crisp and bright, bold and adventurous.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Muscat Vin Doolsey	Anderson Valley		Vin Doolsey 98	Great varietals character, clean, persistent finish. Refreshing.
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Almittey Brut	Anderson Valley	Reserve Brut	98	Gorgeous, rich, lemon peel, beautiful sweet finish, creamy.
Penrose Hill	2022 First Principles Shiraz	Clare Valley		96	Olive, herbs, minty sage tapenade, blackberry.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2022 Pezzi King Petite Sirah Florence	Dry Creek Valley		96	Loganberries. Dark fruit. Chocolate cassis. A little vanilla.
Quintessential	2023 Obsession Symphony	Lodi		97	Juicy apricot, pear. Flowery aromatic with plumeria. Varietal correct.

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Roederer Estate	NV Roederer Estate Brut Multi-Vintage	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Method Traditionne lle	97	Lemon mousse, berry, nice mouthfeel on palate, Meringue pie.
Rooted Family Wines	2017 Elevage Lineage	Adelaida District		Glenrose Vineyard	97	Juicy blue fruit, pepper, stone fruit, round mouthfeel.
Russian River Vineyards	2023 chester. Wines Pinot Noir	Monterey			98	Big, ripe, generous, sour cherry, herbal, juicy, great nose.
Sonnet Wine Cellars	2022 Sonnet Wine Cellars Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Tondre's Grapefield	97	Delicious dark fruit. Nice frame with cola notes. High "yummy factor".
Sonocaia Estate Winery / Dysfunctional Family Winery	2017 Dysfunctional Family Winery Red Blend	Sonoma Valley	Gran Reserva		97	Black licorice, cocoa bean. Sensuous mouth feel. Classic.
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2022 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Pinot Noir	American			97	Pomegranate, tea, huckleberry, blueberry, fresh, ripe and full
Trentadue Winery	2022 La Storia La Storia Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		98	Cherries. Boysenberry. Jammy.
Val du Vino	2023 Val du Vino Winery White Dragon	Sierra Foothills			97	Floral, pear, vanilla, good viscosity and minerality.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2022 Wilson of Dry Creek Three Dog	Dry Creek Valley			98	Nice oak. Nice handling. Elegant. Restrained.
Zina Hyde Cunningham	2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Petite Sirah	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Varietally correct. Great aroma, roasted nuts. Full dense body. Bright tannins.
Zina Hyde Cunningham	2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Veola	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Ripe fruit, Red and black fruit. Dehydrated raspberry. Yummy! Saline char. Seaside cliff.
Gold						
2 Towns Ciderhouse	NV 2 Towns Ciderhouse Spiced Cosmic Crisp	Willamette Valley			92	Baked apple, orange blossom, baked spices

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ACTA Wine	2022 ACTA Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley		94	Pomegranate, black tea, Walnut shell tannin.	
ACTA Wine	2022 ACTA DEEDS	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley	Red Blend	91	Rich, subtle tannins, red currant, long balanced finish.	
ACTA Wine	2022 ACTA Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley		94	Salted caramel, canned peach and butterscotch.	
Benziger Family Winery	2023 Benziger Family Winery West Rows Chardonnay	Los Carneros (Sonoma)	Vinted & Bottled by	92	Good acidity. Chardonnay for oak lovers.	
<u>Blue Honey Winery</u>	NV Blue Honey Country Wines & Meads Co. Purple Reign (Blueberry Mead)	Ramona Valley		94	Spice, blueberry cobbler. Balanced.	
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise	93	Earthy, balanced fruit, bright and sultry.	
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Budgie Smuggler	Adelaida District		91	Dry leaves, rustic, inky.	
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Malbec	Adelaida District		92	Brightened round on palate. Pleasing soft tannins.	
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Cabernet Franc	Adelaida District		93	Dark ripe fruit. Tantalizing mid palate, long finish, approachable.	
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Reserve Cabernet Franc	Adelaida District	Reserve	94	Blackberry and chocolate, spice. Full body and rich.	
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Adelaida District	Reserve	Own- rooted; Dry farmed; Old Vine (oldest Cabernet Sauvignon Vines in Paso Robles planted 1972)	91	Coco mocha. Chocolate covered blueberry. Tannins understand control.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Rouge	Central Coast		92	Leather, heavy toast. Old school.	

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<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Chardonnay	Sonoma County			91	Mandarin, dry with nice acidity and weight.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Blanc	Paso Robles			91	Soft apple, pear, custard, full bodied, flora and good acid.
Castle Rock Winery	2024 Castle Rock Rosé of Pinot Noir	Monterey County			91	Rich, packed with flavor. Good viscosity.
Colangelo & Partners	NV Riunite Lambrusco	Lambrusco Dell'Emilia IGT			93	Nicely done, blackberry, good mouth feel.
CRU Winery	2022 Cru Winery SLH Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Single Vineyard		92	Bright, fresh with notes of plum, fig, forest floor. Savory at the finish.
CRU Winery	2023 Cru Winery Unoaked Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands	Unoaked		90	Great food wine with seafood, sophisticated.
Defiance Wine	2021 Defiance Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Paso Robles	Estate Grown Reserve	Creston District	91	Structured, good concentration of flavor, raisin notes.
Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Pinot Grigio	American			91	Pear, light body.
DNA Vineyards	2022 DNA Vineyards DNA Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate	Sustainably Farmed, Fish Friendly Farming Certified	93	Ruby grapefruit on nose. Great acidity. Juicy.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2021 Dutcher Crossing Taylor Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve		92	Really nice tannins, bacon fat, meaty.
EHRET Winery	2021 EHRET Winery Bella's Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	91	Restrained tannins. Plum. Chocolate.
En Garde Winery	2021 En Garde Le Bijou du Roi	Diamond Mountain District	Reserve		91	Hint of pine. Black cherry, blueberry. Juicy and full. Soft tannins. Nicely structured.
Fallbrook Winery	2021 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Malbec - Winemaker's Vineyard Collection	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		93	Elegant style and finesse. Good blend of oak and black fruit.
Fallendown Tree Winery and Cellars	2022 Fallendown Tree Querencia Malbec	Monterey County	Reserve		92	Spicy dark fruit. Integrated oak. Age worthy.

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Foley Family Wines	2023 Ferrari-Carano Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County		92	Delicious, well balanced, golden delicious apple, pear.
Foley Family Wines	2023 The Four Graces Willamette Valley Pinot Noir Rose	Willamette Valley		93	Big berries. Full body, fruit, Strawberry.
Fortunati Vineyards	2022 Fortunati Vineyards Signature Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		93	Varietal character. Balanced fruit. Somewhat structured. Black cherry, full tannins.
Fortunati Vineyards	2022 Fortunati Vineyards Pinot Noir	Sta. Rita Hills	Single Vineyard	93	Light oak and spice. Nice complexity throughout. Soft lingering finish.
Fortunati Vineyards	2021 Fortunati Vineyards Fortivo Proprietary Red Bordeaux Blend	Oak Knoll District	Vintage Selection	92	Yummy, blueberry, good acid. Black currant, rich mocha, black olive.
Fortunati Vineyards	2022 Fortunati Vineyards Vinto	Oak Knoll District	Estate	90	Herb, savory, menthol, spice.
GALLO	NV Black Box Merlot	California		92	Earthy, textured, gentle chocolate notes, cigar box.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Barefoot Bubby Extra Dry	California		90	Fruity, nice finish, yellow apple and peach.
GALLO	NV Black Box Reb Blend Vibrant & Velvety	California		91	Pleasant juicy big berries.
GALLO	NV Viarae Prosecco DOC	Treviso DOC		90	Fresh whipped cream lemon curd. Good acid.
GALLO	2023 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		91	Zippy, jazzy, citrus lime peel.
GALLO	2022 Apothic Apothic "Big Red"	California		90	Wheat grass. Bold mixed ripe fruit. Finishes very well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Spritzer Crisp White Spritzer Can	American		90	Refreshing, Kiwi, apple. Really nice fruit, good acid.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Merlot	California		90	Savory red apple skin, spice tobacco.

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GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach Bubbly	California			92	Mango, peach, nectarine. Well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Pink Moscato	California			92	Wild strawberries, raspberries, notes of exotic melon.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato	California			90	Nice raspberry jam. Fresh big strawberries Plush.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Fruitscato Lemonade	California			90	Crisp clean and refreshing.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Zinfandel	California			91	Black cherry fruit. Well balanced. Sweet and simple - cherries and roses.
Identity Wine Co.	2022 Identity Wine Co. "Recherche" Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg			92	Lovely style, dry finish, melon, nose of peach, pear and grapefruit
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Tusca Brava	Sonoma County	Barrel Aged	Produced and Bottled By	91	Well constructed. Nice earthiness.
Imagery Estate Winery	2023 Imagery Estate Winery Noir Nouveau	Paicines		Produced and Bottled By	94	Lovely representation of the varietal. Well integrated oak, cherry fruit, bright acidity.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Barbera	Sonoma County		Produced and Bottled By	93	Elegant, bold, currant, blackberry, chocolate. Well balanced.
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Sangiovese	Sonoma County		Produced and Bottled By	90	Beautiful color. Great Acid. Perfectly balanced.
Ironstone Vineyards	2021 Devil's Fog Devil's Fog Pinot Noir	Lodi			91	Bright juicy red and blue fruit with hints of black tea
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 Rayson Riesling	North Carolina, Yadkin Valley			91	Beautiful minerality. Steely quality to the aroma. Lovely layers from mid-palate.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 JOLO Vineyards Golden Hallows	North Carolina			94	Floral, herbal, bright, fresh, "zingy" yet dry.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 Rayson Vidal Blanc	North Carolina			93	Bright, fresh, tangy, juicy watermelon, pear.



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JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV Rayson Founders Reserve	North Carolina, Yadkin Valley	Founder's Reserve		92	Bright, fresh. Nicely made.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Vineyards Devil's Hill	North Carolina			91	Mixed berry pie.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2021 JOLO Vineyards Pilot Shadow	North Carolina			92	Plummy spice aroma.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards Crimson Creek	North Carolina			92	Juicy strawberries, layers of dark fruits and mountain herbs. Elegant!
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Jolotage Reserve	North Carolina			90	Fruit sweet flavor, great nose.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards JOLOTAGE	North Carolina			93	Elegant integrated herbal. Nice oak balanced.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	Yadkin Valley			94	Great acidity, nice balance. Black forest cake, cherries, chocolate, ginger.
Keuka Spring Vineyards	2023 Keuka Spring Vineyards Classic Chardonnay	Finger Lakes	Barrel Aged		90	Citrus flavor, medium body, lean but long finish.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Artisan Series Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		94	Citrus fruit, medium plus-long finish.
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			93	Very cherry. Notes of raspberry, plum. Young and vibrant. Red fruited wonder.
King Estate Winery	2022 King Estate Domaine Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Sour cherry tart. Medium body and lean, long crisp finish. Good food wine
L&G Verde Vineyards	2022 L&G Verde Vineyards Sophie's Estate Blend	Santa Clara Valley	Estate Vineyards		93	Well balanced, vibrant. Blackberry and oak flavor. Full mid palate with a long finish.
L&G Verde Vineyards	2021 L&G Verde Vineyards Bella's Estate Reserve Merlot	Santa Clara Valley	Barrel Reserve	Barrel Select	92	Dark cherry, dark chocolate, lingering finish.
L&G Verde Vineyards	2023 L&G Verde Vineyards Chardonnay	Monterey County	Barrel Aged	Barrel Fermented	93	Sandalwood, lemon custard, bright and savory, classy.

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Ladera Vineyards	2022 Ladera Chardonnay	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Estate Vineyard		90	Good complexity. Big, rich, oak forward style.
Langhart & Hill Wines	2023 Langhart & Hill Ka-Le	Dry Creek Valley			91	Honeysuckle, peach, tropical fruit.
Matrix Winery	2022 Matrix Winery Six Hands Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			92	Cherry and bright fruit. Well integrated. Crowd pleasing and approachable.
Matrix Winery	2022 Matrix Winery Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			94	Cherry with a hint of oak. Spicy finish soft, supple texture.
Mazzocco Sonoma Winery	2021 Mazzocco Sonoma Vino Rosso	Sonoma County			91	Herbaceous, plum, cocoa, chocolate.
McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2024 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rose	Livermore Valley	Estate	Lucky 8 Vineyard	91	Bright, berries, strawberry, nice spice and nice finish.
Miletta Vista Winery	2016 Miletta Vista Winery Legacy	Nebraska	Barrel Aged		93	Baked gingerbread pudding with chocolate.
Miletta Vista Winery	2024 Miletta Vista Winery Frosty	Nebraska			90	Baked apple, fresh green apple, Bartlet pear.
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Hitchcock Cabernet Sauvignon	Chalk Hill		Hitchcock Vineyard	92	Chocolate on the nose. Nice tannin's, good ripeness.
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	Chevalier Vineyard	94	Pleasing quality, well balanced and super drinkable.
Miro Cellars	2023 Miro Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Olivet Ranch Vineyard	91	Classic, great appeal, citrus and citrus peel, integrated oak, full bodied.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay, Mendocino	Mendocino			90	Cantaloupe, nutty, kiss of oak, nice finish.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Noir, Méthode à l'Ancienne	Anderson Valley			94	Concentrated, chewy. Well structured. Sour cherry, red apple, rain forest.
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Sangiovese, Mendocino	Mendocino			92	Mixed red fruit, liveness. Balanced, good acid. Good flavor.

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Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Noir, Deep End	Anderson Valley			92	Beautiful balance. Nice complexity between fruit and spice.
Nike Communications, Inc	2023 Robert Mondavi Private Selection Bourbon Barrel-Aged Cabernet Sauvignon	California			90	Vanilla mocha. Balanced. Black fruit.
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2023 Balverne Sauvignon Blanc	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	93	Good mouth feel, good minerality, stone fruit and citrus.
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2022 Oak Farm Vineyards Barbera	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified green and sustainable under Lodi Rules	92	Herbal, soft. Rich cranberry umami mouthfeel.
Orsi Family Vineyards	2022 Orsi Family Vineyards Barbera	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Meaty, savory tobacco.
Oso Libre Winery	2021 Oso Libre Carnal	Paso Robles	Barrel Aged		94	Rich rustic, bright fruit. High quality oak
Padigan Wines	2023 Somar Family Sauvignon Blanc	Rogue Valley			93	Well made, grapefruit citrus skin, clean.
Padigan Wines	2022 Padigan Wines Syrah	Rogue Valley			91	Meaty, soy, plum, pepper.
Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2022 Papapietro Perry Papapietro Perry Winery	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged	Campbell Ranch	94	Delightful and aromatic. Red cherry and cinnamon;. Well balanced, elegant finish.
Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2022 Papapietro Perry Papapietro Perry Winery	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Nunes Vineyard	91	Ripe cherry and spice. Medium body with crisp finish.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		92	Gorgeous, citrus notes, minerality, vanilla
Pennyroyal Farm	2022 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir, Monty	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Monty Vineyard	93	Ripe red cherry, spice on the nose. Tangy with a long balanced finish.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		91	Complex, engages entire palate. Great high tones, good acid.

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Penrose Hill	2023 Hawthorne Grove Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg			94	Tropical and citrus, pomelo, melon. Very bright and refreshing.
Penrose Hill	2023 Michiamo Vino Bianco	Italy			92	Lime leaf, full mouth feel, beautiful acid.
Penrose Hill	2022 Avistelle Pinot Grigio	Columbia Valley			93	Nice acid, Kiwi, pleasing finish.
Penrose Hill	2023 Curioture Sauvignon Blanc	Cotes de Gascogne			90	Lovely. Good acidity, citrus skin, herbal.
Penrose Hill	2023 Roulotte Roulante Sauvignon Blanc	Cotes de Gascogne			94	Green herbs and tarragon. Pleasant acidity and minerality. Rich mouth feel.
Penrose Hill	2023 Roulotte Roulante Vin Blanc	Cotes de Gascogne			90	Steely, crisp, intriguing herbal notes. Roundness in finish.
Quady Winery	2023 Quady Winery Electra Black	California			91	Black muscat.
Roederer Estate	NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Rosé	Mendocino County	Methode Traditionne lle		94	White flowers, traditional, earthy mid-palate, pear, nutty.
Russian River Vineyards	2022 Russian River Vineyards Classic Cuvée	Russian River Valley			91	Earthy eucalyptus. Light complexity, crowd pleaser.
Seka Hills	2023 Seka Hills Viognier	Yolo County	Estate Grown and Produced		90	A nice lime, tropical with nice balance.
Seka Hills	2023 Seka Hills Rose	Yolo County	Estate Grown and Produced		90	Nice mouth feel. Great mid palate. Well made wine.
Silver Mountain Vineyards	2016 Silver Mountain Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Cruz Mountains		Bates Ranch	91	Good staying power, lots of herbs and spice, lavender, juniper, rosemary.
Silver Mountain Vineyards	2020 Silver Mountain Vineyards Chardonnay	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Bottled			Wild floral, aromatic, great balance, complex depth.
Sonocaia Estate Winery / Dysfunctional Family Winery	2021 Dysfunctional Family Winery Double Bufalo Red Blend	Sonoma Valley, Carneros	Proprietor Grown	produced and bottled by	90	Oak notes, pleasant, seamless.
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2023 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Avily	Ohio			90	Taffy, berry, joyful, grapy nose. Sweet tart finish.

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Tior Wines	2023 Tior Wines Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Barrel Aged		90	Dark fruits, bright cherry. Complexity as it opens up.
Trentadue Winery	2022 La Storia Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced	Block 303	94	Herbal, dried thyme. Blackberry. Nice finish. Nice balance.
Trotter 1/16 Wines	2022 Trotter 1/16 Winery Cabernet Franc	St. Helena	Barrel Aged	Carpenter Vineyard	92	Spicy red fruit. Herbaceous medium body with a full palate.
TruthTeller	2022 The Miscreant Project Pun Intended	Columbia Valley			92	Full bodied. Cellar worthy! Blackberry and currant.
Turkovich Family Wines	2020 Turkovich Family Wines Barrel Select Tempranillo	Yolo County	Barrel Select		91	Elegant and well made
Turkovich Family Wines	2023 Turkovich Family Wines Roussanne	Yolo County	Barrel Aged		92	Standouts for a Roussanne. Honey quality on the nose. Nice tropical fruit.
Turkovich Family Wines	2021 Turkovich Family Wines Tannat	Yolo County	Barrel Aged		92	Meaty but fruity. Great tannin management.
Vampire Vineyards	2023 Dracula's Daughter Prosecco Rose Prosecco Rose	Prosecco Rose DOC			94	Good mouth feel. Raspberry, dark cherry, lush mousse and creamy.
Vino Voyage	2022 Kevin O'Leary Primitivo	Italy			92	Tart Cranberry, sour cherry. Vibrant.
Vino Voyage	2022 Kevin O'Leary Moscato	California			91	Juicy, great varietal, nice character, very clean, martinelli apple flavor.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2022 Wilson of Dry Creek Dry Creek	Dry Creek Valley			93	Very stylish aroma of Bing cherry and boysenberries.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2021 Wilson of Dry Creek Sydney Petite Verdot	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Juicy plum, blackberry. Lovely tannins.
WOO GIRL! Cellars	2023 WOO GIRL! FAN Rosé Charbono	Mokelumne River	Estate Single Vineyard	Barrel fermented and aged	92	Lovely, complex flavor. Red Current, Sour plum. Clean and fresh. Dry herbs.
ZD Wines	2023 ZD Wines Pinot Noir	Carneros			93	Spicy cherry, mid palate. Balanced finish.

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ZD Wines

2023 ZD Wines Chardonnay

California

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Balanced, oak, juicy  
fruit gum.