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Best Boxed Wine

The Wine Group	NV Franzia Moscato	California	Vintner Select	95	Classic moscato; Creamy lush pleasing finish
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Best Canned Wine

Adair Family Wines	NV Alloy Wine Works Red Wine Blend	Central Coast		91	Black cherry with anise flavor, very balanced.
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Best International Sangria

The Wine Group	NV Beso Del Sol Sangria Red Sangria	Spain		92	Juicy, Spicy and punchy. A fruity party on the palate
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Best Mead

Medovinarství s.r.o.	2018 George Bee Celtic mead	Czech Republic	Traditional Method	91	
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Best of Show - Cider

Behling & Barron, Inc	NV Foxcraft Hard Cider Pear	California		96	Nicely balanced, has depth, attractive color, lingering finish.
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Best of Show - White

BellaGrace Vineyards	2018 Bella Grace Estate Vermentino	Amador County	Estate	93	Lemon,lime,floral,great acidity.
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Best of Show Dessert

Kiona Vineyards and Winery	2018 Kiona Vineyards Winery Chenin Blanc Ice Wine	Red Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Beautiful! Apricots, Spicy fun notes. White Peach Tangy; Wonderful balance with long exciting dry finish
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Best of Show Fortified

Rancho de Philo Winery	NV Rancho de Philo California Triple Cream Sherry	Cucamonga Valley (San Bernadino)	Estate Cellared and Bottled	95	Concentrated; caramelized fig.
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Best of Show International Red

Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits	2015 Bodegas Campillo Campillo Crianza	Rioja DOCa		98	Wet River Rock. Leather, Tapas, yum! Great power.
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Best of Show International Sparkling

Boisset Collection	NV Buena Vista Winery La Victoire Brut Rose	Champagne AOC		94	Sparkling,crisp,clean fruit. Tart & astringent.
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Best of Show International White

Stratus Wine & Spirits, LLC	2018 Duck Hunter Wines of New Zealand Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			94	Fantastic acidity, Balanced lime, coconut & tropical pineapple. Could age a touch. Star fruit, Elegant aromatics
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Best of Show Red Wine

Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, LLC	2017 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery Grenache	Ballard Canyon	Barrel Aged	Windmill Vineyard	97	Elegant, super balanced, fresh cherries, strawberries, nose acidity, chewy tannins, blood orange rind. A red Twizzler in a glass.
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Best of Show Rose

Apriori Cellar	2018 Apriori Rose	Anderson Valley	Single Vineyard	Wentzel Vineyard	93	Neutral nose; Nice balanced versatile wine.
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Best of Show Sparkling

Breathless Sparkling Wines	2012 Breathless Brut	Sonoma County			96	Persistent tiny beads. Brioche, Asian pear, Forever finish.
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Best Sangria

GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria	California			96	candy, violets, remarkably well balanced, plush
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Best of Class

Cinder	2018 Cinder Dry Viognier	Snake River Valley		Sawtooth, Emerald Slope, Williamson	98	Nice acidity; Stone fruit: delicate
Pennyroyal Farm	2018 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown		91	NICE BIG FRUIT. tropical, finishes well.
Scheid Family Wines	2018 Carys Sauvignon Blanc	Monterey County		Sustainably Grown	96	Lemon zest aromatic. Lively acidity. Forever finish!
Luna Vineyards	2016 Luna Vineyards Sangiovese	Napa Valley			95	Nice ripe fruit, smooth tannins, good quaffer.
Trotter 1/16 Wines	2018 Trotter 1/16 Winery Verdelho	Shenandoah Valley			97	Complex all the way around. Concentrated full body, honey dew.

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St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2018 St. Francis Dry Stack Sauvignon Blanc	Bennett Valley		Dry Stack Vineyard	94	White pepper; quince; celery; lemon lime; An interesting saline character. Bright acidity
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Scheid Family Wines	2018 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey		Sustainably Grown	91	Spicy, perfumy, mango, balanced
Breathless Sparkling Wines	2012 Breathless Brut	Sonoma County			96	Persistent tiny beads. Brioche, Asian pear, Forever finish.
Michael David Winery	2017 Petite Petit Petite Sirah	Lodi			96	Blueberry pie, vanilla, silky tannins, balanced, complex.
Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, LLC	2017 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery Grenache	Ballard Canyon	Barrel Aged	Windmill Vineyard	97	Elegant, super balanced, fresh cherries, strawberries, nose acidity, chewy tannins, blood orange rind. A red Twizzler in a glass.
Trinchero Family Estates	2017 SEAGLASS Pinot Noir	Santa Barbara County			95	Earthy characteristic. Toasty, Vibrant.
Lucia Highlands	2017 Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir	Monterey County	Estate Single Vineyard	Fogstone Vineyard	95	Lovely wine, herbal, red fruit.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Moscato	California			94	orange Blossom, Lime, Nectarine, Well Balanced
Bargetto Winery	2015 Bargetto Family Estate LA VITA	Santa Cruz County		Regan Estate Vineyards	96	Soft round tannins, spicy black cherry. Velvety tannins. Nice oak balance.

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Halleck Vineyard	2018 Halleck Vineyard Little Sister Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River			96	Round texture; Key lime pie with a drizzle of meyer lemon zest; Commanding wine which makes you want more. Demands shell fish
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2016 Davis Bynum River West, Single Vineyard Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	River West	97	Bright, Balanced, Nice acid, Complex nose, Citrus nose, Nice oak
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2016 Frank Family Vineyards 2016 Napa Valley Zinfandel	Napa	Barrel Aged		94	Polished elegance, blackberries.
McManis Family Vineyards	2017 McManis Family Vineyards North Forty Red Wine	California			95	Big bold complex. smoky cedar, ripe.
Hedges Family Estate	2014 DLD DLD Syrah	Red Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Classic-layered tannins. Pie in the oven!
La Vie Dansante Wines	2015 La Vie Dansante Wines Nocturne	Santa Clara Valley			98	Smokey olive. Good balance. Very complex, concentrated fruit. Smokey finish & flavor all the way through. Harmonious blend of nose & palate.
St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery	2017 St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery Moscato	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	91	Concentrated intense character, Eating flowers, lime top.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2017 Bogle Family Vineyards Chardonnay	California	Barrel Fermented		93	Very floral, note of white flowers, creamy mouth feel with good acidity
Saini Vineyards	2017 Saini Vineyards Angelo's Paint Brush	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Vineyard		95	Sour red cherry, brilliantly balanced.
L'Ecole No 41	2016 L'Ecole N° 41 Perigee	Walla Walla Valley	Estate		98	Great concentration. Age worthy.
Truckee River Winery	2015 Truckee River Winery Malbec	Chalk Hill			98	Vanilla Oak; California style

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Trinchero Family Estates	NV Sutter Home Merlot	California			94	Great drink-ability, Black pepper, Red Plum, Cardamom, Star Anise, Citrus nose, Acid carries fruit
Ficklin Vineyards	NV Ficklin Vineyards Aged 10 Years Tawny Port	California			91	Traditional,fruit & toffee notes,lush.
J. Rickards Winery	2016 J. Rickards Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced	Five Sisters Blend	96	Juicy fruit, well intergrated tannins, earthy, long nice finish, good with dinner or five o'clock.
Kiona Vineyards and Winery	2018 Kiona Vineyards Winery Chenin Blanc Ice Wine	Red Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Beautiful! Apricots, Spicy fun notes. White Peach Tangy; Wonderful balance with long exciting dry finish
Hertelendy Vineyards	2015 Hertelendy Signature Mountain Blend	Napa Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Lush & seductive. Rich. Soft tannins. Black cherry.
Hoyt Family Vineyards	NV Hoyt Family Vineyards classic brut sparkling wine	Sonoma County	Methode Traditionne lle		96	Luxury in a bottle. Seamless!
Matchbook Wine Company	2018 Chasing Venus Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			97	Fruit & grass. Perfect acid, fennel,complex wine.
Flambeaux Wine	2015 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley			98	Pretty darn good.Gives elegant a good rep.,good acid;layered.
Boisset Collection	2016 Raymond Vineyards Generations Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			97	Creamy blackberry pie, luscious texture, complex layer finish.
LangeTwins Family Winery	2018 LangeTwins Family Winery Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg	Estate Bottled & Produced	Prince Vineyard	94	Very floral with notes of jasmine & oleander. Hint of baguette.
GALLO	2016 Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			94	Coffee, Blueberries, Structured tannins
Michael Pozzan Winery	2016 Giapoza Pinot Noir	California	Barrel Aged		92	Flinty nose. Varietal fruit, good acid structure, food compatibility.

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The Woodhouse Wine Estates	2018 Kennedy Shah Rose	Yakima Valley		95	Sext rose petals; gorgeous layer of flavor. Tantalizing finish; Great balance
Kiona Vineyards and Winery	2016 Kiona Vineyards Winery Lemberger	Red Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Icy, Lush, plush fruit; Sinfully good. Beautiful Structure and well balanced
Comstock Wines	2015 Comstock Wines Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Single Vineyard	96	A Bonanza of flavors. A Hoss of a wine...strong but then opens and you see that heart. Slate deep berry; wild strawberry. Soft texture. Brilliant wine.
Soquel Vineyards	2017 Soquel Vineyards Estate Grown Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	30th Anniversary	97	Sext, Swank, Blackberries, Lavender violets, Red and blue fruit. Blueberry custard
Herzog Wine Cellars	2018 Baron Herzog Chardonnay	California		92	red apple skin, nice fruit flavors, bright acidity
Flambeaux Wine	2017 Flambeaux Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast		96	Big voluptuous Chardonnay, Lemon brulee, Good acidity
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2016 St. Francis Merlot	Sonoma County		94	Fresh and expressive. Red plum, good acid, velvety texture.
Treasury Wine Estates	2016 Beringer Brothers Bourbon Barrel Aged Cabernet Sauvignon	California		93	Vanilla, oak, ripe fruit.
Adair Family Wines	2017 B.R. Cohn Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	North Coast	Silver Label	96	Sage.Bay,Wet adobe.firm 7 full tannins.
ArborBrook Vineyard	2015 ArborBrook Klipsun Vineyard Semillon ArborBrook Vineyards Klipsun Semillon	Columbia Valley	Late Harvest	97	Luscious fruit, super ripe apricot, peach honey notes, eminently drinkable.
Halter Ranch Vineyard	2017 Halter Ranch Grenache Blanc	Adelaida District	Estate Bottled & Produced	96	Complex,balanced,nice length;delicious with food!!!
Brecon Estate	2017 Brecon Estate Syrah	Adelaida District	Reserve	94	Floral, high toned blue fruit, nice palate weight.

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Salvestrin	2018 SALVESTRIN Vin Rose	Napa Valley, St. Helena	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Rhubarb,savory spice,thyme.Exciting!
Acquiesce Winery	2018 Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards Ingenue	Lodi, Mokelumne River		Lodi Rules	93	Complex wine with notes of exotic fruit. Fresh sage, mineral with a long sassy finish
D & L Carinalli Vineyards	2017 D & L Carinalli Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	95	Crowd pleaser, Nice Easy, lovely wine
Boisset Collection	2016 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			94	aga houtz.nice structure.
Milbrandt Family Wines	2018 Milbrandt Family Wines Milbrandt Riesling	Ancient Lakes			93	Spicy,dry,apple pit.Mineraly.
Pech Merle Winery	2017 Pech Merle Winery Zinfandel Reserve	Mendocino County			95	Great structure.Cherry & Raspberry. Bright!!
Adair Family Wines	NV Alloy Wine Works Red Wine Blend	Central Coast			91	Black cherry with anise flavor, very balanced.
Hawk and Horse Vineyards	2013 Hawk and Horse Vineyards Latigo Desssert Wine	Napa County/Lake County	Late Bottled Vintage	Red Hills AVA	95	Great vintage port. Chocolate dipped raspberries drizzled with a cream de cassis coolie
Ledge Vineyards	2016 LEDGE MCA Cuveé	Paso Robles			96	Great fruit complexity, plummy, cherry, nice structure, fruit dominant.
Apriori Cellar	2018 Apriori Rose	Anderson Valley	Single Vineyard	Wentzel Vineyard	93	Neutral nose; Nice balanced versatile wine.
Tolosa Winery	2017 Tolosa Poletti	Edna Valley	Single Vineyard		97	Soft floral nose, fulfilling, flowing feminine, lots of richness.
Tendril	2018 Child's Play Chardonnay	Willamette Valley			98	Peach ,mouth watering,stone fruit,fruit friendly,crowd pleasing,cobbler,creamy

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LangeTwins Family Winery	2016 Caricature Cabernet Sauvignon	Clarksburg	Grown, Produced and Bottled	Lodi Rules Certified Sustainable	93	Black raspberry, Vanilla; Blackberry pie with a hint of cedar on the finish. Generous round mouth with an exceptional length. A wine that keeps giving
Don Sebastiani & Sons	2018 Smoking Loon Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile, D.O. Valle Central		Anniversary Cabernet 20th	91	Black tea; toast; vanilla; cedar; cassis; Blackberry
Coyote Canyon Winery	2016 Coyote Canyon Merlot	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		94	So many ripe blackberries, dances in mouth.'Game of Thrones' for red meat pairing. The Ultimate Dances with Dragons, very complex.
Deerfield Ranch Winery	2014 Deerfield Ranch Winery Red Rex	Sonoma County			93	Nice structure, beautiful fruit, good tannins, floral & spice, awesome.
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County			94	delicious,Beautiful color.Delicious/Dry strawberry;honey suckle.Earth note.
Stoller Family Estate	2018 Stoller Family Estate Chardonnay	Willamette Valley, Dundee Hills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	Lively. Crisp apple. Good aromatics. Minerally.
Stave & Stone Winery	2018 Stave & Stone Winery Pinot Gris	Columbia Gorge	Estate		95	Bright varietal fruit, refreshing.
BellaGrace Vineyards	2018 Bella Grace Estate Vermentino	Amador County	Estate		93	Lemon,lime,floral,great acidity.
Balletto Vineyards, Inc.	2018 Balletto Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Light strawberry,raspberry,gr eat finish.
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2016 Gloria Ferrer Brut Rose	Sonoma County, Carneros			98	Classic fruit: dry finish.clean:flavor profile great.
Merriam Vineyards	2018 Merriam Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		93	Aromas of strawberry. Elegant nose, well balanced, long finish.

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The Wine Group	NV Beso Del Sol Sangria Red Sangria	Spain			92	Juicy, Spicy and punchy. A fruity party on the palate
Miner Family Winery	2014 Miner Family Winery The Oracle, Napa Valley Red Wine	Napa Valley			98	Anise, chocolate, camphor, raspberry, minerality, velvety soft on the palate.
Handley Cellars	2018 Handley Cellars Pinot Noir Rose	Anderson Valley		Estate Vineyard	92	Spritzzy; Aromatic; Stylish, complex. Good with food
Furthermore Wines	2015 Furthermore Wines Starbridge Vineyard Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard		91	Burgundian style correct for cold region
Herzog Wine Cellars	2018 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California			92	Nicely balanced.Good aging potential.
Storrs Winery & Vineyards, LTD.	2017 Storrs Wildcat Ridge	Santa Cruz Mountains	Barrel Fermented Reserve	WILDCAT RIDGE	95	Rich. Very Concentrated. Consistant long finish. Elegant & balanced
DANCIN Vineyards	2017 DANCIN Tribute	Rogue Valley	Barrel Aged		91	Liquid milk chocolate with ripe raspberries in nose.
Rancho de Philo Winery	NV Rancho de Philo California Triple Cream Sherry	Cucamonga Valley (San Bernadino)	Estate Cellared and Bottled		95	Concentrated; caramelized fig.
Hoyt Family Vineyards	NV Hoyt Family Vineyards Grenache	Willow Creek	Estate		97	Exotic, fully loaded with ripe red fruit, tart currents, cranberries, wild strawberries, rose petals and roasted hazelnuts.
Boeger Winery, Inc.	NV Boeger Hangtown Gold Lot #19	El Dorado			91	Lemon oil,citrus,sharp,lean, light,floral.
Behling & Barron, Inc	NV Foxcraft Hard Cider Pear	California			96	Nicely balanced, has depth, attractive color, lingering finish.
Trinchero Family Estates	2017 Montevina Pinot Grigio	California			95	Smooth & pretty perfume, silky, lovely, long lingering finish.
DANCIN Vineyards	2017 DANCIN Brise	Oregon	Barrel Aged		93	Delicate, Nice oak, Lighter concentrated, Ripe

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TORCH CELLARS	2018 Torch Cellars Chardonnay	Paso Robles Willowcreek District	Barrel Aged	Sur Lie	95	Young Needs development, Long finish, Wild spice, Muscaty, Oak
New Clairvaux Vineyard	NV New Clairvaux Vineyard Red Table Wine Lot 12	Tehama County		Vina Ranch	93	Fresh, fruity, lean, red berry, cola.
Matrix Winery	2016 Matrix Winery Zinfandel, Forchini Vineyards	Russian River Valley			98	Blue wild berry, ulong tea, exotic spices.
[ess-eff] wines	2017 [ess-eff] wines Keller Estate Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			97	Classy, etherial Pinot, bright, chewy, cigar box, strawberry jam.
Ancien Wines	2016 ANCIEN Pinot Noir	Carneros			97	Exotic hoisin & Duck. Great food wine.
LangeTwins Family Winery	2018 LangeTwins Family Winery Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Lodi, Jahant	Estate Bottled & Produced	Lodi Rules Certified Sustainable	95	Beautiful Meyer lemon, Freshness, Tropical stone fruit, Good varietal tepicity, Lean, lime zest
Tolosa Winery	2017 Tolosa Solomon Hills	Santa Maria Valley	Single Vineyard	Solomon Hills Vineyard	95	Burst of flavor, silky, lingering.
Nimble Vineyards	2014 Nimble Vineyards Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown Reserve		99	Gorgeous structure, fruitcake, chewy tannins, precisely crafted.
Furthermore Wines	2015 Furthermore Wines Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Single Vineyard		95	Dark cherry,sweet spice,elegant,long finish.wild strawberry.
Cinder	2018 Cinder Off-Dry Riesling	Snake River Valley		Bankhead	94	wild blossom,rose petal weight,composition,apple pear
Goldschmidt Vineyards	2017 Singing Tree Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			92	Fresh and fruity, pretty.