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Best of Show

Gracianna Winery	2018 Gracianna Reserve Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered		97	Bright elegant cranberry. Jammy and juicy

Best of Show Cider

Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Sorta Sweet, Hard Cider	Oregon/Washington		Hard Cider	98	Ginger,nice. Mostapple,nutmeg

Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Husch Vineyards	2016 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		100	Great nose, floral, finish is excellent.

Best of Show Fortified

Rosa-Lucca Estates	2016 Rosa-Lucca Estates Petite Sirah Dessert Wine, "Charles Marks"	El Dorado County, Sierra Foothills	Single Vineyard	Estate Grown	98	Purity, blackberry

Best of Show Red Wine

Gracianna Winery	2018 Gracianna Reserve Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered		97	Bright elegant cranberry. Jammy and juicy

Best of Show Rose

Winery Exchange	2019 Chronic Cellars Pink Pedals	Sonoma			100	Brilliant,complex,enjoyable mouth feel.

Best of Show Sparkling

Domaine Carneros	2015 Domaine Carneros by Taittinger Estate Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionnelle	Estate Grown, Bottled and Produced	98	Gorgeous,yummy happy women in a summer dress.

Best of Show White

Brecon Estate	2019 Brecon Estate Albarino	Central Coast			96	True to varietal, good acid/ fruit balance, floral, fruity, lingers.

Best of Class

Adair Family Wines	2018 Clos Pegase Winery Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Carneros		Mitsuko's Vineyard	100	Super creamy. Lemon zest.
Adair Family Wines	2018 Cigar Cab Cabernet Sauvignon	California		Bourbon Barrel Aged	96	Chocolatey component. Mocha. Well integrated oak
Adrice Wines	2017 Adrice Wines Petite Verdot	Wahluke Slope	Single Vineyard		95	Elegant, rich, savory, dark fruit, early herbal.

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Aratas Wine	2016 Aratas Wine Petite Sirah	Napa Valley	Single Vineyard		99	Rich wild broad shouldered, elect electrifying finish, has girth.
Banknote Wine Company	2018 Banknote Wine Company Revenue	Napa County, Atlas Peak			98	More of everything Cab, nice acid, youthful.
Beltane Ranch	2018 Beltane Ranch Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown	Heins Block	98	Big & beautiful, spicy layers, soft entry, round chocolatley.
Benziger Family Winery	2016 Benziger Family Winery Tribute	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown		96	Soft, cherry, vanilla, supple, long finish.
Berryessa Gap Vineyards	2017 Berryessa Gap Vineyards 2017 Petite Sirah	Yolo County			98	Blueberry pie, classic, appealing nose, great balance.
Boisset Collection	2018 DeLoach Vineyards Russian River Valley Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			95	Beautiful fruit and minerality. Perfectly balanced.
Boisset Collection	2018 Raymond Vineyards Napa Valley Reserve Chardonnay	Napa Valley			97	Rich balanced entry. Smooth with razor acidity.
Boisset Collection	2016 Wattle Creek Winery Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley			96	Brooding, lush, yummy, herbalicious
Boisset Collection	2016 Wattle Creek Winery Brut Blanc de Blancs	Napa Valley			98	Crowd pleaser, creamy, butterscotch.
Brecon Estate	2019 Brecon Estate Albarino	Central Coast			96	True to varietal, good acid/ fruit balance, floral, fruity, lingers.
Bronco Wine Co.	2019 Charles Shaw Winery Chardonnay	California			95	Citrus, Green apple and lemon. Nice weight, driving acidity. Minerality.
CaliPaso Winery	2019 CaliPaso Sauvignon Blanc	Paso Robles			96	Fruit salad, fruity, flinty, big lush.
Cartograph	2018 Cartograph 2018 Cartograph Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			95	Herbal. Medium body. Bayberry, Cherry, Black fruit.
Cinder	2018 Cinder Tinto Seco	Snipes Mountain		Upland	97	Yummy. Nice spicy dark fruit, Rose violet, lavender, milk chocolate. Refreshing acidity

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Cinder	2019 Cinder Dry Viognier	Snake River Valley		Sawtooth, Emerald Slopes, Williamson	98	Floral. Pink grapefruit. Tropical. Apricot. Classic California Viognier. Dainty peach apricot. Sexy, goes with appetizers
CRU Winery	2017 Cru Winery Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands			97	It knows what it wants to be, and it is proud. Nice lingering finish, toasty oak, balanced.
CRU Winery	2017 Cru Winery Unoaked Chardonnay	Arroyo Seco	Unoaked		99	high toned fruit. Gorgeous balance with gracing acidity,lemon verbena. The finish never finishes. Wow! Minerally.
DeLille Cellars	2019 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Blanc	Columbia Valley			97	Classic citrus and green pineapple
Domaine Carneros	2015 Domaine Carneros by Taittinger Estate Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionnelle	Estate Grown, Bottled and Produced	98	Gorgeous,yummy happy women in a summer dress.
Dry Creek Vineyard	2017 Dry Creek Vineyard 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley			98	Real classy interpretation of what Cabernet Sauvignon can do, steady, layered.
Dutcher Crossing Winery	2015 Dutcher Crossing 2015 Cooney Reserve Cabernet	Alexander Valley			100	Bountiful rick and ripe fruit. Classic all the way around. A blockbuster!
Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2019 Eberle Muscat Canelli	Paso Robles	Estate Bottled		92	Well balanced,long finish.
Estate 1856	2016 Estate 1856 Petit Verdot	Sonoma County		Tzabaco Rancho Vineyards	96	Floral, earthy, dark chocolate. Fleshy & dense.
Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery	2016 Ferrari-Carano Tresor	Sonoma County			97	Lush, rich, elegant. Lingers
Francis Ford Coppola Winery	2018 Francis Coppola Director's Chardonnay	Sonoma County			96	Beautiful fruit. Creamy oak. Spiced.
Fritz Underground Winery	2017 Fritz Fritz Estate Reserve Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	Herbs, savory,good acid, garrigue.

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GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Spritzer Moscato Spritzer Bottle	California		Bottle	95	Refreshing. We love it!
GALLO	NV Barefoot Pinot Noir	California			95	Nice fruit and bright inviting aromatics
GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Hard Seltzer-Peach Nectarine	California		Canned	95	Nose of fresh peach & nectarine. Flavors carry through to the finish
GALLO	2017 Bear Flag Zinfandel	Sonoma County			93	Very berry, rich mouth feel, supple fruity, cherry, good with food.
GALLO	2017 Frei Brothers Winery Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Sonoma Reserve	98	Take your time to enjoy! It gets better! Blackberries, blueberries, lovely finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Apple	California			93	Classic apple. Great structure from beginning to end.
GALLO	2017 Alamos Red Blend	Mendoza			97	Blackberry current. Medium bodied. Easy drinking...a wine for the people
Goose Ridge Winery	2016 Goose Ridge Vineyards Vireo	Columbia Valley			96	Delicious, smooth, approachable, toasty coconut, well balanced.
Gracianna Winery	2018 Gracianna Reserve Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered		97	Bright elegant cranberry. Jammy and juicy
Gratus Vineyards	2017 Gratus Malbec	Napa Valley	Estate Grown		97	Great varietal character , broad palate, satisfying textbook Malbec.
Halter Ranch Vineyard	2016 Halter Ranch Libelle	Adelaida District	Estate Grown		97	Fun,perfect oyster wine,clean,yeasty,food & patio wine.wildflower.
Hat Ranch Winery	2019 Vale Wine Co Moscato	Snake River Valley	Estate Grown		93	Vibrant, grapefruit.
Hoopes Vineyard	2015 Hoopla Wine The Mutt	Napa Valley	Barrel Aged		97	Alluring,floral notes. spicy black currants. Earthy boysenberry. Forever finish.
Husch Vineyards	2016 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		100	Great nose, floral, finish is excellent.

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Husch Vineyards	2019 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino			99	Zippy vibrant with floral notes
Huston Vineyards	2019 Chicken Dinner Chicken Dinner Rose'	Washington State			95	True to varietal, nice spice, fresh, bright.
Huston Vineyards	2019 Chicken Dinner Chicken Dinner White	Snake River Valley			98	Roses, almonds. Wonderful balance. Juicy fruit
Imagery Estate Winery	2017 Imagery Estate Winery Barbera	Sonoma County			97	Rich, velvet, lingering, smooth, depth.
Imagery Estate Winery	2019 Imagery Estate Winery Riesling	Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak		Upper Ridge Vineyard	91	Refreshing lemon-lime notes
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2017 J. Lohr Estates South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles			96	Lingers, fruity, nice finish.
J. Rickards Winery	2017 J. Rickards Winery Merlot	Sonoma County, North Coast	Barrel Aged	Merlot	97	Real Elegance that shines. Cassis, wild berry. Fragrant
J. Rickards Winery	2017 J. Rickards Winery Serpentine Ridge Reserve Cabernet	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	2017 Serpentine Ridge Reserve Cabernet	96	Full of tea - lovely, well balanced and easy drinking.
Kukeri Wines	2018 Kukeri Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	Stags Leap District			100	Classic,soft,elegantly, layered.
LangeTwins Family Winery	2019 LangeTwins Family Winery Aglianico Rose - River Ranch Vineyard	Lodi (San Joaquin)	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Lodi Rules Certified Sustainable	98	Lovely aromatics-Perfumed exotic-very bala-Great Fruit to acid. Yacht wine. Winemakers Rose-well made.
Las Positas Vineyards	2019 Las Positas Vineyards Verdelho	Livermore Valley	Estate		98	Pretty,delicate,well managed. Chewy & balanced.
Lava Cap Winery	2016 Lava Cap Cabernet Franc	El Dorado, Sierra Foothills	Estate Bottled		95	Cocoa bitter chocolate black fruit. Good tannin structure.
Lewis Grace Winery	2018 Trevor Grace Touriga	El Dorado	Estate		93	Blackfruit. Clove, Dark baking spices
Lewis Grace Winery	2017 Trevor Grace Cabernet Sauvignon	El Dorado	Estate		96	Rich,dark red fruit. Well balanced,earth tones.

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Lula Cellars	2018 Lula Cellars Lula Vineyard Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			98	Great structure, black currant. Hints of espresso and bay laurel. Dark earthy tone. Juicy cherry fruit.
Lumos Wine Co.	2017 Lumos Temperance Hill Pinot Noir	Eola-Amity Hills	Reserve	Temperance Hill Vineyard	96	Cherry aroma. Classic iron fist in velvet gloves
Merisi Wines	2017 Sky Ranch Il Cocuzzolo	Solano County	Estate Grown	Single Vineyard, naturally fermented	96	Soft,rich,elegant. Plums,licorice,berries. Expressive aromas.Drives you into the glass.Spicy. Excellent balance.
Nike Communications	2017 The Dreaming Tree Red Blend	California			96	Well balanced with fruits and tannins. Jammy pomegranate. i needed another glass.
Oak Farm Vineyards	2019 Oak Farm Vineyards Fiano	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	99	Sparks conversation, dustiness with spicy finish, nice acidity, nice fruit.
Owl Ridge Wine Services	2018 Sebastopol Oaks Sebastopol Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon	California			95	Dusty cocoa/coffee notes, dark fruit, forward nose, solid tannins.
Paul O'Brien Winery	2016 Oregon Territory Pinot Noir	Oregon			91	Smoked cherries, smoky
Peachy Canyon	2018 Peachy Canyon Winery Petite Sirah	Paso Robles			98	Very bright lean structure but very forward in it's presentation, nice acidity to it.
Pearmund Cellars	2019 Pearmund Cameo Collection Rose	Virginia			91	Strawberries, spicy, lemon.
Pedroncelli Winery	2017 Pedroncelli Sonoma Classico	Dry Creek Valley		Barrel Select	97	Good supporting tannins, well integrated oak, good fruit balance.
Pennyroyal Farm	2019 Pennyroyal Farm Rose	Anderson Valley			97	Big, rich juicy with good acidity. Salmon and berries

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Penrose Hill	NV Shimmer Shimmer Rose	Mendocino County			96	Great outdoorzy, lovely summer picnic wine, well balanced.
Penrose Hill	2019 Lazy Breeze Sauvignon Blanc	Clements Hills			98	Pear creamy. Balanced
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Sorta Sweet, Hard Cider	Oregon/Washington		Hard Cider	98	Ginger,nice. Mostapple,nutmeg
Robert Hall Winery	2017 Robert Hall Zinfandel	Paso Robles		Cavern Select, Dusi Vineyard	95	Mocha jam. True to varietal. Integrated oak
Rosa-Lucca Estates	2016 Rosa-Lucca Estates Petite Sirah Dessert Wine, "Charles Marks"	El Dorado County, Sierra Foothills	Single Vineyard	Estate Grown	98	Purity, blackberry
Scribner Bend Vineyards	2016 Scribner Bend Vineyards Black Hat Tempranillo	Clarksburg (Sacramento)			98	Very robust and spicy. Cherries, blackberry and blueberries. Very balanced and clean
Sculpterra	2017 Sculpterra Winery Grenache	Paso Robles, El Pomar District	Barrel Aged	Hand Crafted, Small lot	97	Boysenberry pie, marionberry. Gorgeous and complex. Dazzles the palate
Shadybrook Estate Winery	2017 Shadybrook Estate Semillon - "Platine Blanc"	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		94	Very expressive of varietal character. Great mouth feel. Cooked Bartlett pear, lemongrass, pineapple, sage flavors.
Silvan Ridge Winery	2019 Silvan Ridge Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			96	Well made, notes of lemon, lively herbal notes. Well balanced.
Soquel Vineyards	2018 Soquel Vineyards Library Selection Estate Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains		Library Selection	99	Classic burgundy. Hillside,Deep mushroomed woods.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2017 St. Francis Dry Creek Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Artisan Collection	96	Blueberries; chocolate
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2019 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc	Sonoma Valley		Wild Oak Vineyard	97	Apricot cremesickle, honeysuckle
Stratus Wine & Spirits, LLC	2019 Duck Hunter Wines of New Zealand Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand, Marlborough			97	Very perfumey. Excellent in your face Sauvignon Blanc.
The Wine Group	NV Franzia Moscato	California		Vintner Select	91	Perfumed,tropical. Classic,muscat.

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Three Sticks Wines	2018 Three Sticks Wines Sonoma Mountain One Sky Chardonnay	Sonoma Mountain	Barrel Aged		98	Gorgeous fruit, lovely sexy layers,acid balance, seashell minerality.
Trinchero Family Estates	2018 Terra d'Oro Pinot Grigio	Clarksburg (Sacramento)			95	Lemon zest,pear,spicy,great finish,well balanced,nice concentration of fruit.
Trinitas Cellars	2015 Trinitas Cellars Mysteriama	California			97	Old world style wine. Rich fruit aromas. Rich fruit on a good foundation.
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery2	2019 Vina Robles Viognier	Paso Robles	Estate	Huerhuero Vineyard	98	Peach,elegant,lovely wine.
Vino Vargas	2017 Vargas Tres Bien	Paso Robles	Barrel Aged		97	Great representation. Great finish. Lingering finish. Wonderful beginning to end
Weibel Family Winery	2019 Weibel Family Winery Sparkling Pinot Noir Rose	California		Charmat Method	98	Love the complexity, personality.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2017 Wilson of Dry Creek McClain	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley	Single Vineyard Collection		97	Spicy, tastes like cinnamon rolls, chewy ripe fruit.
Winery Exchange	2019 Chronic Cellars Pink Pedals	Sonoma			100	Brilliant,complex,enjoyable mouth feel.
Wise Villa Winery	2018 Wise Villa Winery Sangiovese	Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Whiff of chocolate, classic in the light style. Expressive, smooth balanced.