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Best of Show

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Best of Show - Mead

The Mead Werks at Wilderbee Farm	NV The Mead Werks Fallen Cyser - semi-sweet apple mead	Puget Sound		95	Apple cider,mulling spices,creamsicle,canned peaches,vanilla.
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Best of Show Cider

Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Sorta Sweet, Modern Cider	Oregon/Washington	Hard Cider	97	Exemplary in every way. Drinkable. Balanced. Crisp.
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Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Husch Vineyards	2017 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	98	Lovely dried apricot, essence pf peach, silky, stone fruit, pear.
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Best of Show Red Wine

Miro Cellars	2019 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino	Chevalier Vineyard	97	Aromas of lilies,rose garden. Tea leaves. Spring garden party.
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Best of Show Rosé Wine

Aquilini Beverage Group	2020 Roaming Dog Cabernet Sauvignon Rose	Columbia Valley		98	Lovely strawberries, slightly sweet yet balanced. Beautiful sunset color
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Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Maison jussiaume wines	2019 Maison Jussiaume Oeil de Perdrix Rosé	Rogue Valley		99	Cranberry/red cherry; Well balanced
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Best of Show White Wine

Goldschmidt Vineyards	2020 Forefathers Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand, Marlborough	Single Vineyard	Wax Eye	99	Juicy and mouthwatering; crisp pear, light grass. Well bodied with a great finish
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Best of Class

Dry Creek Vineyard	2018 Dry Creek Vineyard DCV7 Estate Zinfandel - Wallace Ranch	Dry Creek Valley	DCV7 Estate - Wallace Ranch	98	Multi-layered, dense fruit. Big smooth and integrated
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Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise	99	Toasty Oak. Butterscotch, Brioche
Port Townsend Vineyards	2018 Port Townsend Vineyards Dicioito	Columbia Valley		97	Very nice,super tuscan,well balanced,complexity.
Aquilini Beverage Group	2020 Roaming Dog Cabernet Sauvignon Rose	Columbia Valley		98	Lovely strawberries, slightly sweet yet balanced. Beautiful sunset color
The Mead Werks at Wilderbee Farm	NV The Mead Werks Fallen Cyser - semi-sweet apple mead	Puget Sound		95	Apple cider,mulling spices,creamsicle,canned peaches,vanilla.
Prohibido Wines	2016 Prohibido Wines Prohibido	Napa Valley		96	Full mid=palate, Leather. Lingering finish
Nike Communications	2019 Simi Winery Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma		95	lovely, creamy, layered, smooth. "You complete me"
Penrose Hill	2019 Penrose Hill Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		98	Tastes all the fruit, smooth tannins, well balanced, juicy red fruits.
Kriselle Cellars	2020 Kriselle Cellars Albarino	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Bright, refreshing.
Goldschmidt Vineyards	2020 Forefathers Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand, Marlborough	Single Vineyard	Wax Eye 99	Juicy and mouthwatering; crisp pear, light grass. Well bodied with a great finish
Thacher Winery	2018 Thacher Winery Oddly Natural	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Single Vineyard	Glenrose Vineyard 96	Berry notes, Spicy and peppery
GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Spritzer Moscato Spritzer Bottle	California		Bottle 91	Watermelon and raspberry on the nose. Refreshing
Bernardus Winery	2018 Bernardus Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Single Vineyard	Rosella's Vineyard 96	Juicy,bright,linear ,supple.
Trinchero Family Estates	2019 Menage a Trois Pinot Noir	California		97	Lots of juicy red fruit, great varietal character, classic, complete package.

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Rancho de Philo Winery	NV Rancho de Philo California Triple Cream Sherry	Cucamonga Valley (San Bernadino)	Estate Cellared and Bottled		96	Stunner, complex, burnished, sophisticated.
Trecini Winery	NV Trecini SPUMANTE	Italy, Piedmonte	Method of Champenoise		99	Complex minerality, mouthwatering finish; citrus, pear
Lewis Grace Winery	2020 Lewis Grace Torrontes	Alta Mesa			95	Honeysuckle, white flower, Ocean breeze, floral, Meyer lemon curd
Maison Jussiaume Wines	2019 Maison Jussiaume Oeil de Perdrix Rosé	Rogue Valley			99	Cranberry/red cherry; Well balanced
Penrose Hill	2019 Iron Arrow White Blend	Columbia Valley			96	Lime zest - pineapple, lemon yogurt; refreshing. Medium bodied. Lime pith on finish
Bunnell Family Cellar	2013 Newhouse Family Vineyards Vestige	Snipes Mountain	Single Vineyard	Upland Estates Vineyard	98	Seriously well constructed blend. Smooth, opulent. WOW!!!
Warr-King Wines LLC	2017 Warr-King Wines Merlot	Wahluke Slope	Single Vineyard		96	Graphite, black olive, savory stones
GALLO	2016 William Hill Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			98	juicy, ripe, balanced, bright acidity, hint of cassis.
Husch Vineyards	2020 Husch Vineyards Vin Gris	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainably Farmed	97	Subtle, Lean, Dry Even Texture, Pretty
Adrice Wines	2018 Adrice Wines Notorious	Yakima Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Dry strawberry, delicious cranberry, dried plum, lingering finish, very age worthy.
Soda Rock Winery	2018 Soda Rock Zinfandel	Marshall Alexander Valley			98	Boysenberry, ripe plum, black pepper finish, loads of baking spices with a long finish.
Furthermore Wines	2017 Furthermore Wines Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap	Single Vineyard	Barrel Aged; Estate Bottled	97	Pretty, "all the bells and whistles", cherry cola, stunner.

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Ficklin Vineyards	NV Ficklin Vineyards Old Vine Tinta Port	California	Old Vine		100	Well crafted nutty character. Pralines, salted caramel; smooth finish. Impeccably balanced.
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2018 Alexander Valley Vineyards Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			97	Bold varietal character. Blueberry, spicy luscious, Black pepper
LangeTwins Family Winery	2020 LangeTwins Family Winery Aglianico Rose - River Ranch Vineyard	Jahant (San Joaquin)	Estate Bottled & Produced	Lodi Rules Certified Sustainable; vegan and vegetarian	97	Light Nose, Balanced, Cherry Jolly Rancher, Dry Finish
Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, LLC	2018 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles, El Pomar District	Barrel Aged		98	Cranberry/pomegranate . Mocha, sweet tobacco; Nice acidity, Crush cherries. Lush!
Goosecross Cellars	2018 Goosecross State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Yountville	Estate Bottled & Produced		99	Very stellar. Ripe fruit; Firm tannins. Spicy, dusty, cassis; Extremely luxurious
King Estate Winery	2019 King Estate Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			98	Great minerality, clean, airy nose, round, red grapefruit, good structure, refreshing acid.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California			98	Apple, floral; Lush fruit; Natural sweetness
Adair Family Wines	2019 Clos Pegase Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Carneros		Mitsuko's Vineyard	97	Applesauce! Butterscotch notes. Soft and creamy. Round palate with an impeccable finish!
Berryessa Gap Vineyards	2020 Berryessa Gap Vineyards Gozar! White Wine	Yolo County			96	Lemon grass flowers. Brilliantly made.
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2018 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines Tower Road Petite Sirah	Paso Robles			99	Big velvety; deep dark; classic; Black pepper
Castle Rock Winery	2019 Castle Rock Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Reserve		92	Cherry, red fruit, cranberry.
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery2	2020 Vina Robles Sauvignon Blanc	Paso Robles	Estate	Jardine Vineyard	98	N.Z. style, long finish, floral, balance, lime.

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<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Fiano	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green/Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Well balanced, citrus, lemongrass, bright, fresh, raw almond, mandarin.
Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Estate Pinot Noir	Carneros	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Classic; complete package; perfectly pinot. Great wine
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Sorta Sweet, Modern Cider	Oregon/Washington		Hard Cider	97	Exemplary in every way. Drinkable. Balanced. Crisp.
Mimosa Royale LLC	NV Mimosa Royale Berry	Sonoma County			91	Spot on fruity. Very perfumed
Rose Gold	2020 Rose Gold Rosé AOP Cotes De Provence	Côtes de Provence AOP			97	Tart strawberry/raspberry. Lingering finish - Yum!
Vinasse	2018 Les Charmes du Marquis Bordeaux Superieur Red Wine	Bordeaux Superieur AOC			91	Cherry, supple, refined, nice intro to French wines.
Four Feathers Wine Estates	2019 HUE Wine Company Riesling	Washington State	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Unoaked	96	Sexy, all the things, stone fruit, good acid, lime zest.
Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards	2019 Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards Syrah	Umpqua Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		99	Wonderful expression of white and black pepper. Lovely depth. Focused. Elegant and well managed tannins, Exemplary balance
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2017 Alexander Valley Vineyards Alexander School Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			98	Noble cab, varietally correct, Seamless package, Fig, complex.
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2018 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel / Cypress Ridge	Dry Creek Valley			99	Elegant, misty finish, plum.
Miro Cellars	2019 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino		Chevalier Vineyard	97	Aromas of lilies, rose garden. Tea leaves. Spring garden party.
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2018 Frank Family Vineyards Merlot	Napa	Barrel Aged		98	Classic; The model citizen of merlot. Very nice balance and pretty

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Las Positas Vineyards	2018 Las Positas Vineyards Tempranillo	Livermore Valley	Estate	95	Chewy and long; Red cherry; Seamless finish; Dense tobacco and cedar
Emilio Guglielmo Winery	2017 Guglielmo Winery Sagrantino	Santa Clara Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Amazing execution of Sagrantino. Appealing, lovely, spicy, Fruit level
Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, LLC	2019 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery Ranch Red	Central Coast	Barrel Aged	97	Vanilla, Cinnamon, Black Olives, Balanced, Freshness Brite
Port Townsend Vineyards	2020 Port Townsend Vineyards Viognier	Rattlesnake Hills		96	White flowers, peach fuzz, lychee, great acidity, honeysuckle.
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2017 Garré Vineyard and Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley	Estate	98	Lovely cherry, soft and round with a solid core background and a fantastic finish, Good juice!
Red Thread Wines	2019 Red Thread Wines Red Wine Blend	Howell Mountain	Estate Bottled & Produced	99	Robust, ripe plums, huckleberry, big, dark, jammy, balanced tannins, pretty wine, well integrated.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Merlot	California		96	Lovely fruit, golden raspberries.
Shadybrook Estate Winery	2019 Shadybrook Estate Semillon - "Platine Blanc"	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Buttercream; Daffodils; honeysuckle; daisies; Creamy whipped honey. Hunter valley with oak
King Estate Winery	2019 King Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Oregon		98	Textbook sauvignon blanc, pineapple, guava, incredible acid w/ grapefruit, kiwi, creamy texture.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Baron Herzog Pinot Grigio	California		97	fresh green apple, friendly, crisp, bright, classic Pinot Gris
Aratas Wine	2018 Aratas Wine "Veneration" Red Blend	Napa Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered	97	Complex, dark stone fruit, licorice,, balanced, lingering finish.

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Poggi Wines	2017 Poggi Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)	Diamond Mountain District	Single Vineyard		98	Easy drinking, toasty oak on the nose, dark fruits, drink now.
Caliza Winery	2018 End Of The Day Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			97	Blackberry pie. Jammy; Firm palate; full body, long finish. Good structure. Marionberry
Amador Cellars	2020 Amador Cellars Fiano	Amador County	Unfined	Breitmeyer Vineyard	98	Creamy full elegant; banana, butterscotch with good acid balance
Trinchero Family Estates	2020 SEAGLASS Rose	Monterey County			95	Strawberry, rose petal, rhubarb, dry rosemary, fruit, lengthy finish, palate weight.
Delicato Family Wines	2019 Schmitt Söhne RELAX Riesling QbA	Mosel			97	Alliterated, salubrious, and sassy, pink grapefruit, spicy.
Trentadue Winery	2019 Trentadue Sangiovese	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		96	Floral, cranberry, cinnamon, Asian allspice, good intensity and balance
Balletto Vineyards, Inc.	2020 Balletto Vineyards Teresa's Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	unoaked	97	Great on the palate; Acidity; Toasted scones
Macchia	2019 Macchia Adventurous	Amador County	Barrel Aged	Linsteadt Vineyard	98	Ripe black plum, super spicy, juicy, acidity, balanced, boysenberry.
Imagery Estate Winery	2018 Imagery Estate Winery Teroldego	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak			98	Blue fruit! Killer wine; Fresh, dense currents
Husch Vineyards	2017 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		98	Lovely dried apricot, essence pf peach, silky, stone fruit, pear.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria				98	Classic.
Seka Hills	2019 Seka Hills Sauvignon Blanc	Capay Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Good acid, refreshing palate, refreshing taste.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2019 St. Francis Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			93	Buttered toast, tropical fruits, touch of pineapple.
Andrew Peller Limited	2019 Peller Estates Riesling	Niagara Peninsula VQA			97	Super star, yummy!! Alluring, classic, firm on the backend.

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Macchia	2019 Macchia Delicious	Lodi	Barrel Aged		96	Rich,ripe nose,candy,brandy cherry,cherry characteristics.
Russian River Vineyards	2017 Russian River Vineyards Horseridge Vineyards	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Single Vineyard		97	Bursting with Cherry and cranberry tones. Roasted portabella mushrooms. Cardamom flavors.
Big Oak Ranch LLC dba Lightpost Winery	2019 Lightpost Winery Chardonnay Spanish Springs	San Luis Obispo County	Reserve	Spanish Springs Vineyard	98	Hazelnut, baking spices, pear, quince, good acidity.
Dry Creek Vineyard	2019 Dry Creek Vineyard 2019 Block 10 Chardonnay	Russian River		Block 10	98	Apples & citrus,elegant! Persistent finish,focused.
PALAZZO WINE	2016 PALAZZO WINE Reserve Proprietary Red Blend	Napa Valley, Carneros	Special Reserve		98	Hearty, gripping, engaging. Dark fruit; Great balance. Pretty
Tinte Cellars	2018 Tinte Cellars Malbec	Columbia Valley			96	Violets, black fruit, toasty oak, spice, well balanced, concentration of fruits, plum preserve.
GALLO	2018 Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Reserve		97	Ripe,bing cherry,plum,balanced fruit,lingering finish.
Schug Winery	2018 Schug Carneros Estate Winery Carneros Pinot Noir	Carneros, Sonoma			95	Elegant red cherry, strawberry, baking spice; Seamless finish. Exceptional balance
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2018 Wilson of Dry Creek Primitivo / McClain	Dry Creek Valley			93	Beautifully layered; Pretty fruit; Restrained tannins
L&S Vintners	2018 Red Phoenix Red Phoenix Red Blend	California			95	Good acidity; Great balance; Chewy; Nice oak tannins
Shadybrook Estate Winery	2017 Rapp Ranch Cutters Reserve	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		99	Amazing oak notes,right balance of vanilla,chocolate spice,ripe jammy fruit,blueberry pie.
Matrix Winery	2019 Matrix Winery Boschetti Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Nice texture, plum, cherry, black raspberry.

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Husch Vineyards	2020 Husch Vineyards Muscat Canelli	Mendocino		Sustainable Y Farmed	96	Candied orange peel, white flower, ripe white peach, nectarines, elegant.
Cinquain Cellars	2017 Cinquain Cellars Reserve Malbec	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Nagengast Estate Vineyard. Reserve.	97	Black olive. Lovely, tobacco. Elegant.
Young's Vineyard	2019 Young's Vineyard Syrah	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Big, Ripe, Syrah Characteristics
Blagden Wines	2016 Blagden Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Single Vineyard	Certified Sustainable - CSWA	97	Rich, creamy, nice viscosity; Nice mouthfeel; nice pomegranate fruit; nice integration of oak; tropical note; Well balanced
McFadden Farm	2020 Blue Quail Chardonnay	Potter Valley	Estate Vineyards		95	Peachy - lemon blossom nose. Very aromatic - Great value!!
Lewis Grace Winery	2019 Trevor Grace Petit Verdot	El Dorado	Estate		94	Dark chocolate and black forest cake
The Wine Group	2018 Stave & Steel Cabernet Sauvignon	California		Bourbon Barrel Aged	98	Chocolate mint, spicy, 'herby' fruit. Long, rich and complex finish.
Sonoma-Cutrer	2018 Sonoma-Cutrer Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			97	Full, soft, easy to drink.
Hartlam Winery	2020 Hartlam Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Chalk Hill	Unfinied & Unfiltered		98	Really good acid, grassy, zesty, good concentration of fruit.
Alexandria Nicole Cellars	2020 Alexandria Nicole Cellars Shepherds Mark	Horse Heaven Hills			98	Powerful. Lemon grass, pineapple, honey dew. Silky smooth. Fun wine. Elegant.
Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2018 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Cuvée Tierra	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		Red Blend	97	Elegant, dark cherry; Seamless; Spicy; Black fruit