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Best of Class

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!
Adrice Wines	2018 Adrice Wines Notorious	Yakima Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Dry strawberry, delicious cranberry, dried plum, lingering finish, very age worthy.
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2018 Alexander Valley Vineyards Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			97	Bold varietal character. Blueberry, spicy luscious, Black pepper
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.
Alexandria Nicole Cellars	2020 Alexandria Nicole Cellars Shepherds Mark	Horse Heaven Hills			98	Powerful. Lemon grass, pineapple, honey dew. Silky smooth. Fun wine. Elegant.
Amador Cellars	2020 Amador Cellars Fiano	Amador County	Unfined	Breitmeyer Vineyard	98	Creamy full elegant; banana, butterscotch with good acid balance
Andrew Peller Limited	2019 Peller Estates Riesling	Niagara Peninsula VQA			97	Super star, yummy!! Alluring, classic, firm on the backend.
Aquilini Beverage Group	2020 Roaming Dog Cabernet Sauvignon Rose	Columbia Valley			98	Lovely strawberries, slightly sweet yet balanced. Beautiful sunset color
Aratas Wine	2018 Aratas Wine "Veneration" Red Blend	Napa Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered		97	Complex, dark stone fruit, licorice,, balanced, lingering finish.
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
Bernardus Winery	2018 Bernardus Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Single Vineyard	Rosella's Vineyard	96	Juicy, bright, linear, supple.
Berryessa Gap Vineyards	2020 Berryessa Gap Vineyards Gozar! White Wine	Yolo County			96	Lemon grass flowers. Brilliantly made.

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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.
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
Bunnell Family Cellar	2013 Newhouse Family Vineyards Vestige	Snipes Mountain	Single Vineyard	Upland Estates Vineyard	98	Seriously well constructed blend. Smooth, opulent. WOW!!!
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
Castle Rock Winery	2019 Castle Rock Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Reserve		92	Cherry, red fruit, cranberry.
Cinquain Cellars	2017 Cinquain Cellars Reserve Malbec	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Nagengast Estate Vineyard. Reserve.	97	Black olive. Lovely, tobacco. Elegant.
Delicato Family Wines	2019 Schmitt Söhne RELAX Riesling QbA	Mosel			97	Alliterated, salubrious, and sassy, pink grapefruit, spicy.
Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Estate Pinot Noir	Carneros	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Classic; complete package; perfectly pinot. Great wine
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
Dry Creek Vineyard	2019 Dry Creek Vineyard 2019 Block 10 Chardonnay	Russian River		Block 10	98	Apples & citrus, elegant! Persistent finish, focused.
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

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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
Ficklin Vineyards	NV Ficklin Vineyards Old Vine Tinta Port	California	Old Vine		100	Well crafted nutty character. Pralines, salted caramel; smooth finish. Impeccably balanced.
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.
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2018 Frank Family Vineyards Merlot	Napa	Barrel Aged		98	Classic; The model citizen of merlot. Very nice balance and pretty
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.
GALLO	2016 William Hill Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			98	juicy,ripe,balanced,bright acidity,hint of cassis.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Barefoot Spritzer Moscato Spritzer Bottle	California		Bottle	91	Watermelon and raspberry on the nose. Refreshing
GALLO	NV Barefoot Merlot	California			96	Lovely fruit, golden raspberries.
GALLO	2018 Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Reserve		97	Ripe,bing cherry,plum,balanced fruit,lingering finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Sangria				98	Classic.
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!
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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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
Hartlam Winery	2020 Hartlam Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Chalk Hill	Unfinied & Unfiltered		98	Really good acid, grassy, zesty, good concentration of fruit.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Baron Herzog Pinot Grigio	California			97	fresh green apple, friendly, crisp, bright, classic Pinot Gris
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California			98	Apple, floral; Lush fruit; Natural sweetness
Husch Vineyards	2020 Husch Vineyards Vin Gris	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainabl y Farmed	97	Subtle, Lean, Dry Even Texture, Pretty
Husch Vineyards	2017 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		98	Lovely dried apricot, essence pf peach, silky, stone fruit, pear.
Husch Vineyards	2020 Husch Vineyards Muscat Canelli	Mendocino		Sustainabl y Farmed	96	Candied orange peel, white flower, ripe white peach, nectarines, elegant.
Imagery Estate Winery	2018 Imagery Estate Winery Teroldego	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak			98	Blue fruit! Killer wine; Fresh, dense currents
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2018 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines Tower Road Petite Sirah	Paso Robles			99	Big velvety; deep dark; classic; Black pepper
King Estate Winery	2019 King Estate Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			98	Great minerality,clean,airy nose,round,red grapefruit,good structure,refreshing acid.
King Estate Winery	2019 King Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Oregon			98	Textbook sauvignon blanc, pineapple, guava, incredible acid w/ grapefruit, kiwi, creamy texture.
Kriselle Cellars	2020 Kriselle Cellars Albarino	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Bright, refreshing.
L&S Vintners	2018 Red Phoenix Red Phoenix Red Blend	California			95	Good acidity; Great balance; Chewy; Nice oak tannins

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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
Las Positas Vineyards	2018 Las Positas Vineyards Tempranillo	Livermore Valley	Estate		95	Chewy and long; Red cherry; Seamless finish; Dense tobacco and cedar
Lewis Grace Winery	2020 Lewis Grace Torrontes	Alta Mesa			95	Honeysuckle, white flower, Ocean breeze, floral, meyer lemon curd
Lewis Grace Winery	2019 Trevor Grace Petit Verdot	El Dorado	Estate		94	Dark chocolate and black forest cake
Macchia	2019 Macchia Delicious	Lodi	Barrel Aged		96	Rich,ripe nose,candy,brandy cherry,cherry characteristics.
Macchia	2019 Macchia Adventurous	Amador County	Barrel Aged	Linsteadt Vineyard	98	Ripe black plum, super spicy, juicy, acidity, balanced, boysenberry.
Maison jussiaume wines	2019 Maison Jussiaume Oeil de Perdrix Rosé	Rogue Valley			99	Cranberry/red cherry; Well balanced
Matrix Winery	2019 Matrix Winery Boschetti Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Nice texture, plum, cherry, black raspberry.
McFadden Farm	2020 Blue Quail Chardonnay	Potter Valley	Estate Vineyards		95	Peachy - lemon blossom nose. Very aromatic - Great value!!
Mimosa Royale LLC	NV Mimosa Royale Berry	Sonoma County			91	Spot on fruity. Very perfumed
Miro Cellars	2019 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino		Chevalier Vineyard	97	Aromas of lilies,rose garden. Tea leaves. Spring garden party.
Nike Communications	2019 Simi Winery Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma			95	lovely, creamy, layered, smooth. "You complete me"
<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.

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PALAZZO WINE	2016 PALAZZO WINE Reserve Proprietary Red Blend	Napa Valley, Carneros	Special Reserve	98	Hearty, gripping, engaging. Dark fruit; Great balance. Pretty
Penrose Hill	2019 Penrose Hill Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		98	Tastes all the fruit, smooth tannins, well balanced, juicy red fruits.
Penrose Hill	2019 Iron Arrow White Blend	Columbia Valley		96	Lime zest - pineapple, lemon yogurt; refreshing. Medium bodied. Lime pith on finish
Poggi Wines	2017 Poggi Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)	Diamond Mountain District	Single Vineyard	98	Easy drinking, toasty oak on the nose, dark fruits, drink now.
Port Townsend Vineyards	2020 Port Townsend Vineyards Viognier	Rattlesnake Hills		96	White flowers, peach fuzz, lychee, great acidity, honeysuckle.
Port Townsend Vineyards	2018 Port Townsend Vineyards Dicioito	Columbia Valley		97	Very nice,super tuscan,well balanced,complexity.
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Sorta Sweet, Modern Cider	Oregon/Washington	Hard Cider	97	Exemplary in every way. Drinkable. Balanced. Crisp.
Prohibido Wines	2016 Prohibido Wines Prohibido	Napa Valley		96	Full mid=palate, Leather. Lingering finish
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.
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.
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
Rose Gold	2020 Rose Gold Rosé AOP Cotes De Provence	Côtes de Provence AOP		97	Tart strawberry/raspberry. Lingering finish - Yum!

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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.	
Schug Winery	2018 Schug Carneros Estate Winery Carneros Pinot Noir	Carneros, Sonoma		95	Elegant red cherry, strawberry, baking spice; Seamless finish. Exceptional balance	
Seka Hills	2019 Seka Hills Sauvignon Blanc	Capay Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	96	Good acid, refreshing palate, refreshing taste.	
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.	
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	
Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise	99	Toasty Oak. Butterscotch, Brioche	
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.	
Sonoma-Cutrer St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2018 Sonoma-Cutrer Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		97	Full, soft, easy to drink.	
	2019 St. Francis Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County		93	Buttered toast, tropical fruits, touch of pineapple.	
Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, LLC	2019 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery Ranch Red	Central Coast	Barrel Aged	97	Vanilla, Cinnamon, Black Olives, Balanced, Freshness Brite	
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!	
Thacher Winery	2018 Thacher Winery Oddly Natural	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Single Vineyard	Glenrose Vineyard	96	Berry notes, Spicy and peppery

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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.
The Wine Group	2018 Stave & Steel Cabernet Sauvignon	California		Bourbon Barrel Aged	98	Chocolate mint, spicy, 'herby' fruit. Long, rich and complex finish.
Tinte Cellars	2018 Tinte Cellars Malbec	Columbia Valley			96	Violets, black fruit, toasty oak, spice, well balanced, concentration of fruits, plum preserve.
Trecini Winery	NV Trecini SPUMANTE	Italy, Piedmonte	Methode Champenoise		99	Complex minerality, mouthwatering finish; citrus, pear
Trentadue Winery	2019 Trentadue Sangiovese	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		96	Floral, cranberry, cinnamon, Asian allspice, good intensity and balance
Trinchero Family Estates	2020 SEAGLASS Rose	Monterey County			95	Strawberry, rose petal, rubarb, dry rosemary, fruit, lengthy finish, palate weight.
Trinchero Family Estates	2019 Menage a Trois Pinot Noir	California			97	Lots of juicy red fruit, great varietal character, classic, complete package.
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery2	2020 Vina Robles Sauvignon Blanc	Paso Robles	Estate	Jardine Vineyard	98	N.Z. style, long finish, floral, balance, lime.
Vinesse	2018 Les Charmes du Marquis Bordeaux Superieur Red Wine	Bordeaux Superieur AOC			91	Cherry, supple, refined, nice intro to French wines.
Warr-king Wines LLC	2017 Warr-King Wines Merlot	Wahluke Slope	Single Vineyard		96	Graphite,black olive,savory stones
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2018 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel / Cypress Ridge	Dry Creek Valley			99	Elegant,misty finish,plum.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2018 Wilson of Dry Creek Primitivo / McClain	Dry Creek Valley			93	Beautifully layered; Pretty fruit; Restrained tannins
Young's Vineyard	2019 Young's Vineyard Syrah	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Big, Ripe, Syrah Characteristics

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Miro Cellars	2019 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino		Chevalier Vineyard	97	Aromas of lilies,rose garden. Tea leaves. Spring garden party.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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
Best of Show Sparkling Wine						
Maison jussiaume wines	2019 Maison Jussiaume Oeil de Perdrix Rosé	Rogue Valley			99	Cranberry/red cherry; Well balanced
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