

# 2022 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

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## Best of the Best

Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Heritage Red	Sonoma County	99	Brilliant blends. Rugged yet handsome. Deep, dense, pleasurable. Male movie star with a chiseled chin
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## Best of Lake County

Brassfield Estate Winery	2021 Brassfield Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc	High Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Lemon curd, grapefruit, great nose, complex and floral.
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## Best of Mendocino County

Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	98	Beautiful color and balance.
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## Best of Napa County

Boisset Collection	2019 Raymond Vineyards Generations Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	98	Juicy and black fruits. Supple tannins. Silky.
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## Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Late Harvest Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	98	Roasted nuts, lemon peel and orange.
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## Best of Show Red Wine

Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Heritage Red	Sonoma County	99	Brilliant blends. Rugged yet handsome. Deep, dense, pleasurable. Male movie star with a chiseled chin
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## Best of Show Rosé Wine

Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	98	Beautiful color and balance.
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## Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Freixenet Mionetto USA	2012 Gloria Ferrer Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvée	Carneros, Sonoma	98	Pretty, classic and balanced. Delicious and delicate notes of brioche. Complex.
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## Best of Show White Wine

Portalupi	2021 Portalupi Vermentino	Carneros	Single Vineyard	Mahoney Vineyard	99	Carousel ride in your mouth. Sassy fun.
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## Best of Solano County AVA

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Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2019 Vezer Family Vineyard Zinfandel / John John	Suisun Valley	Estate	96	Layers of spice, complex, earthy and brambly.
<b>Best of Sonoma County</b>					
Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Heritage Red	Sonoma County		99	Brilliant blends. Rugged yet handsome. Deep, dense, pleasurable. Male movie star with a chiseled chin
<b>Best of Class</b>					
Aratas Wine	2019 Aratas Wine "Veneration" Red Blend	Napa Valley	Unfined & Unfiltered	98	Petite Sirah. Brilliant. Beautiful. Licorice. Meaty.
Armida	2019 Armida Cabernet Sauvignon Stuhlmuller Vineyard Block 8	Alexander Valley	Single Vineyard	98	Direct, honest and nice balance. Licorice, cherry, sweet and spicy. "Triple S" - Sweet, Spicy and Sexy.
Balletto Vineyards, Inc.	2021 Balletto Vineyards Pinot Gris	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Zesty, floral, good acid, orange blossom
Barlow Vineyards	2019 Barlow Petite Verdot	Calistoga	Estate	95	Great acidity. Deep, dark and ripe. Glamorous. Nice texture. Great youthful character.
Benziger Family Winery	2020 Benziger Family Winery Apple Hill Chardonnay	Los Carneros (Sonoma)		98	Brilliant, lemon, ripe fruit. Clean.
Boisset Collection	2019 Raymond Vineyards Generations Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		98	Juicy and black fruits. Supple tannins. Silky.
Brassfield Estate Winery	2021 Brassfield Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc	High Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Lemon curd, grapefruit, great nose, complex and floral.
Bricoleur Vineyards LLC	2019 Bricoleur Vineyards Special Selection Pinot Noir	Russian River	Estate	97	Perfume in the nose. Cherry aromas with layers of velvety textures. Generous oak and very sexy.
Davis Family Vineyards	2019 Davis Family Vineyards Cuvee Luke	Mendocino County	Alder Springs	97	So pretty, Aromatic. Clean, pretty, balanced and floral.

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De La Montanya Vineyards & Winery	2018 De La Montanya Vineyards & Winery Sybil Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa/Sonoma	North Coast		98	Really nice mouth coating. Delicious.
Delicato Family Wines	2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County		98	Summer day Pour. Taste like summer.
Delicato Family Wines	2018 Black Stallion Estate Winery Collector's Edition Malbec	Napa Valley		97	Dark fruit classic, varietal-y spot on.
Due Ruscelli	2018 Due Ruscelli Primitivo Tramonto	Russian River	Estate	96	Spicy tea leaf and plums. Ripe fruit, caramel tones. Integrated oak. Nice balance.
Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2019 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Cuvee Tierra	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown	93	Yummy. Quite floral. Spice. Blackberry.
Ektimo Vineyards	2019 Ektimo Vineyards Pinot Noir Mt. Eden Clone	Russian River	Estate	98	Juicy, ripe fruit. Tangy with refreshing acidity.
Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Heritage Red	Sonoma County	Mt. Eden Clone	99	Brilliant blends. Rugged yet handsome. Deep, dense, pleasurable. Male movie star with a chiseled chin
Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley		98	Great oak integration. Quintessential. Cassis, tobacco.
Freixenet Mionetto USA	2012 Gloria Ferrer Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvée	Carneros, Sonoma		98	Pretty, classic and balanced. Delicious and delicate notes of brioche. Complex.
Freixenet Mionetto USA	NV Gloria Ferrer Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs Rosé	Carneros, Sonoma		98	Earth waking up after winter. It's crisp and refreshing. Very elegant.
GrapeSeed Wines	2021 Sassoferato Rosé of Sangiovese	Mendocino		97	Inviting, spicy nose. Citrus, crisp, floral aromatics
Handal-Denier Vineyards	2019 Denier-Handal Vineyards Don Angelo	North Coast	Winemaker Select	96	Spicy black tea, nice tannin, hearty, black pepper. Lovely wine.
Head High Wines	2021 Head High Wines Chardonnay	Sonoma County	Unoaked	96	Minerality and oyster shell. Optimal ripeness. Picked perfectly ripe.

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Husch Vineyards	2021 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	93	Nice acidity, it's aromatic and floral for your secret garden.
Imagery Estate Winery	2019 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Sonoma County		98	Juicy. Balanced. Fabulous wine. Primary fruit. Boysenberry.
J. Rickards Winery	2019 J. Rickards Winery Cabernet Sauvignon A.V. Selections	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	97	Great concentration. Layered and seamless. Dark fruit.
Kelley & Young Wines	2015 Kelley & Young Wines Late Harvest Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Robert Young Vineyards	92	Jammy. Blackberry jam. Boysenberry aroma, inviting.
Ketcham Estate	2019 Ketcham Estate Ketcham Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Old Vine	97	Layers of mulberry, black tea. Elegant, handsome.
Kobler Estate Winery	2019 Kobler Estate Winery Syrah	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	Cuvée du Brouillard	97	Screaming violets. Consumer favorite. Creamy black raspberry.
La Prenda Wines	2018 Pickberry Pickberry Vineyard	Sonoma County, Sonoma Mountain		97	
McGee's Mead LLC	NV McGee's Mead Co Earl Grey's Kumquats	Napa Valley	Unoaked	98	Chamomile, fragrant, honeysuckle, great mouth feel and delicious.
Mengler Family Wines	2018 Mengler Family Wines Sangiovese	Russian River Valley	Alegria Vineyards	96	Dusty. Olive. Classic. Old world. Earthy. Refreshing acidity.
Muscardini Cellars	2019 Muscardini Cellars Zinfandel, Los Chamizal Vineyards	Sonoma Valley, Moon Mountain District	Los Chamizal Vineyards	98	A hedonistic wonder. An indulgence for Zinfandel lovers.

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Naked Wines	2019 Wayne Donaldson Sonoma Blanc de Blancs	Sonoma		98	Peachy, lively and hints of stone fruit. Bright, direct, youthful and refreshing. Makes me want another glass.
Naked Wines	2020 Derek Rohlffs Single Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		98	Raspberry and spice. A little vegetable. Sassafras. More there there.
Naked Wines	2020 Chris Condos Made with Organic Grapes Mendocino Chardonnay	Mendocino		98	Sweet nose of sweet peas. Lemon and lime characters. Zesty wine!
Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley		98	
Navarro Vineyards	2020 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Premiere Reserve	97	Ginger. Good acidity. Lemon oil.
Orsi Family Vineyards	2018 Orsi Family Vineyards Schioppentino	Dry Creek Valley		96	Great balance,super tasty,spicy,delicate and enjoyable.
Peterson Winery	2018 Peterson Winery Barbera	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	93	Hearty,jammy,baked cherry,nice wine,well made.
Pope Valley Winery	2019 Pope Valley Winery Merlot	Napa	Tollini Vineyard. Bottled Unfiltered and Unfiltered.	98	Killer. Flavors building in it. Covers entire palette .Mouth filling. Silky textures.Blockbuster.
Portalupi	2021 Portalupi Vermentino	Carneros	Single Vineyard	99	Carousel ride in your mouth. Sassy fun.
Reynoso Family Vineyards	2021 Reynoso Family Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Barrel Fermented	98	Fresh, floral and nice varietal character. Nice balance with acidity. Stone fruits. Classic.
Reynoso Family Vineyards	2019 Reynoso Family Vineyards Red Wine	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown	97	Cedar & cassis in nose. Mouth filling, big and chewy. Complex fruity flavors. Yummy wine!
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Taft Street Winery	2019 Taft Street Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Zachary Hill	96	Cherry, Delicate. Long. Acidity carried wine. Elegant and rich. Charming.
The.Grenachista Wine Company	2019 The.Grenachista Mounts Vineyard Grenache Noir	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	95	Classic bright fruit.
Thirty-Seven Wines	2018 Thirty-Seven Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap	Reserve	98	Fresh fruits, nice complexity.
<u>Truett Hurst Winery</u>	2019 Truett Hurst Rockpile Petite Sirah	Rockpile		96	Violets and black cherry in nose. Well textured on palate. Very well balanced.
<u>Truett Hurst Winery</u>	2019 VML Cresta Ridge Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard Series	98	Coco Chanel saavy. Very nice fruit, hint of a little vanilla. Very elegant and charming. It showcases the varietal.
Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2019 Vezer Family Vineyard Zinfandel / John John	Suisun Valley	Estate	96	Layers of spice, complex, earthy and brambly.
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2019 Wilson of Dry Creek RSV Zinfandel/Sydney	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled	Reserve	98 Party in your mouth. Long finish, sassy and depth.