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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

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.

Best of Mendocino County

Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			98	Beautiful color and balance.

Best of Napa County

Boisset Collection	2019 Raymond Vineyards Generations Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			98	Juicy and black fruits. Supple tannins. Silky.

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.

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

Best of Show Rosé Wine

Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			98	Beautiful color and balance.

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.

Best of Show White Wine

Portalupi	2021 Portalupi Vermentino	Carneros	Single Vineyard	Mahoney Vineyard	99	Carousel ride in your mouth. Sassy fun.

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.

Best of Sonoma County

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

Best of Class

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	Special Selection	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	Mt. Eden Clone	98	Juicy, ripe fruit. Tangy with refreshing acidity.
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
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 Sassoferrato 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	Mead/Honey wine (California wildflower honey, organic fresh local kumquats, orange zest -local oranges-, aged on Earl Grey tea)	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 Chris Condos Made with Organic Grapes Mendocino Chardonnay	Mendocino			98	Sweet nose of sweet peas. Lemon and lime characters. Zesty wine!
Naked Wines	2020 Derek Rohlffs Single Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			98	Raspberry and spice. A little vegetable. Sassafras. More there there.
Navarro Vineyards	2020 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay	Anderson Valley		Premiere Reserve	97	Ginger. Good acidity. Lemon oil.
Navarro Vineyards	2021 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			98	
Orsi Family Vineyards	2018 Orsi Family Vineyards Schioppenttino	Dry Creek Valley			96	Great balance,super tasty,spicy,delicate and enjoyable.
Peterson Winery	2018 Peterson Winery Barbera	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	Tollini Vineyard. Bottled Unfined and Unfiltered.	93	Hearty,jammy,baked cherry,nice wine,well made.
Pope Valley Winery	2019 Pope Valley Winery Merlot	Napa			98	Killer. Flavors building in it. Covers entire palette .Mouth filling. Silky textures.Blockbuster.
Portalupi	2021 Portalupi Vermentino	Carneros	Single Vineyard	Mahoney Vineyard	99	Carousel ride in your mouth. Sassy fun.
Reynoso Family Vineyards	2019 Reynoso Family Vineyards Red Wine	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown	Certified Sustainable. Barrel aged.	97	Cedar & cassis in nose. Mouth filling, big and chewy. Complex fruity flavors. Yummy wine!
Reynoso Family Vineyards	2021 Reynoso Family Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Barrel Fermented	Certified Sustainable. Barrel aged.	98	Fresh, floral and nice varietal character. Nice balance with acidity. Stone fruits. Classic.
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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.
Truett Hurst Winery	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.
Truett Hurst Winery	2019 Truett Hurst Rockpile Petite Sirah	Rockpile			96	Violets and black cherry in nose. Well textured on palate. Very well balanced.
Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2019 Vezer Family Vineyard Zinfandel / John John	Suisun Valley	Estate		96	Layers of spice, complex, earthy and brambly.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	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.