

# 2022 Sunset International Wine Competition

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## Best of the Best

Wapato Point Cellars	2018 Wapato Point Cellars Cabernet Franc	Walla Walla Valley		99	Beautiful oak, blackberry, righteous herbal, focused.
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## Best of Show Boxed Wine

GALLO	NV Black Box Red Sangria			95	Stunning aromas,blackberry and spices
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## Best of Show Canned Wine

Maker Wine Company	2021 Maker Wine Company Muscat Canelli	Lake County	Estate Vineyard	95	Bright and floral; Lively acidity
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## Best of Show Cider

Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Strawberry Pineapple	Yamhill County	Hard Cider	94	Fun, great fruit combo. Great with hot spicy BBQ
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## Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Baldacci Family Vineyards	2019 Baldacci Family Vineyards Late Harvest Gewürztraminer	Los Carneros (Sonoma)	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Citric, honey, rich, demands attention, flowers that blossom in the grass.
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## Best of Show Fruit

Fortino Winery	NV Fortino Pomegranate	California	Estate Bottled & Produced	Unoaked, Stainless Steel Aged	91	Nicely balanced,flavorful,great acid balance,earthy
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## Best of Show Red Wine

Wapato Point Cellars	2018 Wapato Point Cellars Cabernet Franc	Walla Walla Valley		99	Beautiful oak, blackberry, righteous herbal, focused.
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## Best of Show Rosé Wine

Del Rio Vineyards	2021 Del Rio Vineyard Estate Grenache Rosé	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Deep salmon, Bing cherry, juicy and balanced
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## Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionne lle	99	Bright, lively,very well balanced and tropical fruit.
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## Best of Show White Wine

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Dry Creek Vineyard	2021 Dry Creek Vineyard Dry Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg		96	Lemony, golden delicious apples, orange blossoms	
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Garre Vineyard and Winery	2021 Garré Vineyard and Winery Rosato di Sangiovese	Livermore Valley	Estate	95	Fresh wild strawberry, melon, good acid, mfls mouth with flavor	
Mira Winery	2015 Mira Winery Hyde Vineyard Merlot	Napa Valley	Single Vineyard	96	Oaky black fruit and fig. Lush	
C. Mondavi & Family	2019 French Blue Wines Bordeaux Rouge	Bordeaux AOC		92	Seamless composted cedar. Not jammy. Balanced notes	
GALLO	NV Cara Mello Grapefruit	American		97	Good balance, grapefruit, fine fruit wine	
PEJU Winery	2021 Peju Sauvignon Blanc, Legacy Collection	North Coast		95	Fun wine. Ripe peach, lovely and delicate	
Macchia	2020 Macchia Tremendous	Lodi	Barrel Aged	97	Very complex,soft tannins and great textures.	
Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2020 Eberle Syrah	Paso Robles		Steinbeck Vineyard	99	Supple, nice finish, seductive oak.
Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery	2020 Ferrari-Carano Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			96	Nice toast, creamy, caramel, great finish, great mouthfeel.
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery	2021 Vina Robles Viognier	Paso Robles Geneseo District	Estate	Huerhuero Vineyard	99	Bright sunny wine. Great nose, fresh fruit basket. Makes you wish you were on a yacht
Kobrand Corporation	2021 The Seeker Sauvignon Blanc	Mendoza			97	Very balanced, well rounded and complex. Hint of honey and nice fresh oak
Handal-Denier Vineyards	2019 Denier-Handal Vineyards Don Angelo	North Coast	Winemaker Select		97	Pretty nose, varietally correct, pleasant quaffing wine, nice spicy notes, cherry compote.
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Snake Patch	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard Reserve		95	Sublime integration, supporting acid, layer of spice, great mid palate. They knew when to stop!

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EHRET Winery	2018 EHRET Winery Merlot	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	96	Rich, sexy, structured, big, concentrated, chewy, dark notes of briary blackberries, plum, cherry, pure luxury in every sip.
GALLO	NV Black Box Red Sangria				95	Stunning aromas, blackberry and spices
The Wine Group	2018 Concannon Vineyard Petit Verdot	Livermore Valley	Reserve		96	Balanced, smooth, smokey nose, dark fruit.
Nichelini Family Winery	2019 Nichelini Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Ripe red stone fruit, herbaceous, soft tannins, bakery spice on nose.
House Family Vineyards	2017 House Family Vineyards Vintner's Reserve Estate Chardonnay	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	97	Rich nose, popcorn butter, good oak balance
GALLO	2020 Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve Russian River Valley Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			97	Lime and apple. Crisp, very luscious, very balanced.
Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Nighthawk Bourbon Barrel Aged Cabernet Sauvignon	California			95	Cedar box notes, nice body, pleasing finish, fruit on palate, great crowd pleaser.
Foris Vineyards Winery	2021 Foris Pinot Gris	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	good structure, good acid, citrus, peach, pear, ripe melon, Honeydew
King Estate Winery	2021 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			98	Rose petal, hyacinth, strawberry meringue
Harney Lane Winery	2021 Harney Lane Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River			96	Finely structured, nice length, crisp citrus, nice mouth feel.
Cline Cellars	2021 Cline Cellars North Coast Viognier	North Coast			95	Peach, pear, quince, good acid, balanced, nice weight, long finish.
GALLO	NV Gallo Family Vineyards Pink Moscato	California			97	Watermelon, bright and refreshing, white peach.

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Dorcich Family Vineyards	2020 Dorcich Family Vineyards Crveno	Santa Clara County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Dark fruit, balanced, sour plums, Bing cherry, oak spice, drinkable, spicy, sublime acidity, superb.
Mi Sueno Winery	2018 Mi Sueño Winery Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Barrel Aged	99	Sweet pipe tobacco, olive tapenade, classic cab; great cellar potential.
Le Vigne Winery	2019 Le Vigne Estate Sangiovese	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	96	Clean! Cherry and plum notes, strawberry with sub notes of roasted pepper, leather, tobacco and dried roses, lingering finish.
Karamoor Estate	2018 Karamoor Estate Chardonnay	Pennsylvania		97	Prickly, honey, citrus, both orange and Meyer lemon, very mouth watering acidity, nicely aged
Oak Ridge Winery	2021 3 Girls Sauvignon Blanc	Lodi	Estate Grown	93	Delightful, well balanced, gorgeous citrus, smooth finish.
Picchetti Winery	2020 Picchetti Winery Leslie's Estate Chardonnay	Santa Cruz Mountains		98	Notes of melon, cantelope, floral Reminds one of summertime Zesty, very nice wine
Storrs Winery & Vineyards, LTD.	2018 Storrs Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains		98	Lingering vanilla finish. Stunner. Smooth and round with a touch of spice
Priest Ranch Napa Valley	2018 Priest Ranch Peacemaker	Napa	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Nice cassis. Nice tannins. Bing cherry and blackberry
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Strawberry Pineapple	Yamhill County	Hard Cider	94	Fun, great fruit combo. Great with hot spicy BBQ
Naked Wines	2018 Quevedo Family Alegria Vineyard Douro Touriga Nacional	Douro DOC		99	Lip-smacking cranberry, nice structure, fresh fruit, seamless.

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Naked Wines	2020 Chris Condos Made with Organic Grapes Mendocino Chardonnay	Mendocino			97	Bright, vanilla, mouth coating, supple, light on it's feet, apple sauce, tart apple sauce.
Naked Wines	2020 Stefano di Blasi IGT Sicilia Zibibbo Catarratto	Sicilia IGT			96	Mint, aromatic, honeysuckle, fruit and structure.
Char Vale Winery	2018 Char Vale Pinot Noir Vintner's Choice	Green Valley of Russian River Valley		Vintner's Choice	98	Delicious, butter cream, hints of violet, raspberry
Westbrook Wine Farm	NV Westbrook Wine Farm Malmsey Dearest	Madera County		Early Bottling	97	Honey.figs.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Dubious	California	Barrel Aged		95	Blueberry, toasted oak, broad shoulders.
Wapato Point Cellars	2018 Wapato Point Cellars Cabernet Franc	Walla Walla Valley			99	Beautiful oak, blackberry, righteous herbal, focused.
Dry Creek Vineyard	2019 Dry Creek Vineyard The Mariner	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley			95	Classic style, balanced, red and blue fruit, concentrated, notes of wild sage, forest floor, tobacco, FABULOUS!
Furthermore Wines	2018 Furthermore Wines Starbridge Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	98	Mushroom, soft and sweet, silky tannins.
Chandon California	NV Chandon California Blanc	California			97	Incredible aromatics, brilliantly structured, forever finish.
Skinner Vineyards	2021 Skinner Grenache Blanc	El Dorado			98	Floral, full-bodied, lovely wine
McBride Sisters Wine Company	2021 Black Girl Magic Black Girl Magic Riesling	California			96	Tangerine, honeysuckle blossom.
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Moschofilero	Tehama County			98	Wow, Bergamot Earl Gray, well balanced, Ferris wheel of flavor.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Meticulous	Lodi	Barrel Aged	Luna Vista Vineyard	94	Loads of fruit, bright.
Kelley & Young Wines	2018 Kelley & Young Wines Late Harvest Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown		96	Beautiful layers, lovely fruit, rich.

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EHRET Winery	2018 EHRET Winery Hillside Reserve Red Wine	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	97	Chalky classic character, roasted coffee, mocha, silky, molten chocolate.
Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley		96	Fruity, smooth rich, herbaceous, mocha; Fruit finish.
Delicato Family Wines	2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County		98	True to varietal, classic Sauvignon Blanc, notes of citrus, great with fish tacos.
Delicato Family Wines	2020 Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay	Monterey		94	Toasted pear, balanced
Doffo Winery	2019 Doffo Winery PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON	Temecula Valley	Private Reserve	97	Reminiscent of Bordeaux. Pronounced! Licorice, tobacco, coffee and oat. Well integrated, acidity, stands tall.
Cinnabar Vineyards & Winery	2020 Cinnabar Vineyards & Winery CHARDONNAY	Monterey County	Unoaked	95	Very expressive wine, notes of ripe pineapple, orange and citrus blossom, rich fruit on palate.
Naked Wines	2019 Peter Gajewsk Juicy's Cabernet Sauvignon	South Australia		97	Tobacco; cherry; complex.
LIPPE TAYLOR	2018 Unshackled Sparkling Rosé	California		97	Ripe cherries, sweet grapefruit, great finish.
Amelia Wynn Winery	2019 Amelia Wynn Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Red Mountain		97	Volcanic soil, tarragon, good structure, bigness of wine, lots of tannins.
Deerfield Ranch Winery	2017 Deerfield Ranch Winery Malbec	Fountain Grove	Reserve	96	Cassis, nice balance, lingering finish.
Alexandria Nicole Cellars	2018 Alexandria Nicole Cellars 2018 "Jet Black" Syrah	Horse Heaven Hills	Destiny Ridge Vineyards	98	Spicy rich aromatics. Dark and rich
GALLO	NV La Marca Prosecco	Prosecco DOC		96	Bright lemon, pear, refreshing, well balanced.
Hahn Family Wines	2020 Hahn Pinot Noir	California		96	Soft and easy. Cranberry, licorice, Drinkable, pretty wine

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Flambeaux Wine	2018 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown		98	Fruit forward, black cherry, mocha.
Casino Mine Ranch2	2019 Casino Mine Ranch Grenache Noir	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate	30% New French Oak	97	Round, rich, full, dark plum, sour cherry, Age-able.
Penrose Hill	2020 Le Temps des Récoltes Bordeaux Blanc	Bordeaux Blanc AOC			95	Bright vibrant and fresh. Hint of herbs. Full mid palate. Lingering finish. Food friendly
Fortino Winery	NV Fortino Pomegranate	California	Estate Bottled & Produced	Unoaked, Stainless Steel Aged	91	Nicely balanced,flavorful,great acid balance,earthy
Hendry Winery	2019 Hendry Blocks 7&22 Zinfandel	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Classic pepper, lush, big finish, under ripe black berry.
South Coast Winery	2017 South Coast Winery Meritage	South Coast			91	Lucious fruit, nicely aged. Spicy with smooth tannins
The Wine Group	2019 Benziger Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County			95	Chewy, blackberry jam, cocoa dust, spice, dark chocolate, savory notes, dark fruit.
EHRET Winery	2017 Bellarina Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	96	Beautiful complexity. Wonderful texture. Well integrated tannins
Husch Vineyards	2021 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Apple blossom, honeysuckle, very nice balance, long finish.
Sean Minor Wines	2019 Sean Minor Pinot Noir - Sangiacomo - Roberts Road Vineyard	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			99	Smokey, nice red fruits. Earthy classic varietal character
Del Rio Vineyards	2021 Del Rio Vineyard Estate Grenache Rosé	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Deep salmon, Bing cherry, juicy and balanced
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2019 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Zin	Mendocino County	Old Vine	Organically grown	98	Ripe palm. Deep fruit with richness and complexity
Sculpterra	2019 Sculpterra Winery Figurine	El Pomar District	Barrel Fermented Reserve	Estate, Hand Crafted, Small lot	97	Juicy, soft tannins; fun blend with great aromatics.

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Coventina Vineyards	2015 Coventina Vineyards Tempranillo Reserve	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown		97	Bright fruit, cinnamon, lingering finish.
Bunnell Family Cellar	2014 Bunnell Family Cellar Malbec	Walla Walla Valley	Single Vineyard	McClelland Family Vineyard	99	Spicy, jalapeno and fruit notes, well structured wine, very versatile, Malbec through and through.
Piezo Winery	2016 Piezo Winery Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Black Knight Vineyard	98	Bright cherry; complex and well balanced
Bayernmoor Cellars	2021 Bayernmoor Cellars Rosé	Horse Heaven Hills			98	Lithe structure, very aromatic watermelon, cucumber
BellaGrace Vineyards	2021 Bella Grace Vineyards Vermentino	Amador County			95	Great acidity, lemon meringue, cotton candy on nose.
Tom Mackey Cellars	2019 Tom Mackey Cellars Sirius Red Wine	Sonoma Valley			94	Ageable, Herbal nose, earthy, black pepper, firm tannins.
Holesinsky Winery	2020 Holesinsky Winery Unicorn Sparkle	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Beautifully balanced, peach, strawberries and cherries, nice color
Dancing Crow Vineyards	2021 Dancing Crow Vineyards Rosé	Lake County			95	Complex nose; Berry; Ripe citrus; Ruby red grapefruit. Interplay of acids - Great finish
Macchia	2020 Macchia Dangerous	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Barrel Aged	Listneadt Vineyard	95	Candied violets, Vanilla, juicy Boysenberry, complex, nice finish, good integration.
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2021 Alexander Valley Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			96	Silky smooth, orange citrus. Full body.
Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2019 Vezer Family Vineyard Blue Victorian Barbera	Suisun Valley			98	Blackberry, cranberry, pepper, tobacco leaf, persistence, elegant.
CRU Winery	2019 Cru Winery SLH Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands			98	Great velvety texture, great acidity, strawberry, nice finish, nice earthy, and foresty.
J. Rickards Winery	2019 J. Rickards Winery Old Vine Zinfandel 1908 Brignole Reserve	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown Reserve		94	Blackberry, roast coffee, smooth.



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Aimee	2017 Aimee Petite Sirah- Region III	Napa Valley		Region III (Napa Valley)	97	Classic Petite Sirah, oak, blueberry fruit with smooth tannins.
Muscardini Cellars	2019 Muscardini Cellars Tesoro	California			98	Pronounced black fruit, black cherry, spice, licorice, peppery. Oak is well integrated with the fruitiness, acidity is pleasant.
Maker Wine Company	2021 Maker Wine Company Muscat Canelli	Lake County	Estate Vineyard		95	Bright and floral; Lively acidity
Opolo	2019 Opolo Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			98	Deep, complex, integrated tannins.
Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionnelle		99	Bright, lively,very well balanced and tropical fruit.
Washington Wine Group	2020 Simply... Chardonnay	Columbia Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Sustainable Farming Methods, Vegan, Gluten-Free	97	Spicy, citrus, balanced; good acidity. Fragrant
Myriad Cellars	NV Myriad Cellars Myriad Cellars Rose of Pinot Noir	Sonoma	Winemaker Select	Still	95	Beautiful color, nice perfume, great finish.
Toad Hollow Vineyard	2019 Toad Hollow Merlot	Sonoma County		Richard McDowell Selection	95	Classic example; Ripe fruit with a hint of pepper
Baldacci Family Vineyards	2019 Baldacci Family Vineyards Late Harvest Gewürztraminer	Los Carneros (Sonoma)	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Citric, honey, rich, demands attention, flowers that blossom in the grass.
Little Vineyards Family Winery	2019 Little Vineyards Center Stage	Sonoma Valley			96	Elegant, classic, olive, mint, well-structured.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2018 Ledson Zinfandel	Howell Mountain	Estate Grown, Old Vine		98	Nice tannins, classic berry Zin.
Dry Creek Vineyard	2021 Dry Creek Vineyard Dry Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg			96	Lemony, golden delicious apples, orange blossoms