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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.
Best of Class						
Aimee	2017 Aimee Petite Sirah- Region III	Napa Valley		Region III (Napa Valley)	97	Classic Petite Sirah, oak, blueberry fruit with smooth tannins.
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2021 Alexander Valley Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			96	Silky smooth, orange citrus. Full body.
Alexandria Nicole Cellars	2018 Alexandria Nicole Cellars "Jet Black" Syrah	2018 Horse Heaven Hills		Destiny Ridge Vineyards	98	Spicy rich aromatics. Dark and rich
Amelia Wynn Winery	2019 Amelia Wynn Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Red Mountain			97	Volcanic soil, tarragon, good structure, bigness of wine, lots of tannins.
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.
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.
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.
C. Mondavi & Family	2019 French Blue Wines Bordeaux Rouge	Bordeaux AOC			92	Seamless composted cedar. Not jammy. Balanced notes
<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
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.

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Chandon California	NV Chandon California Blanc	California		97	Incredible aromatics, brilliantly structured, forever finish.
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
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.
Cline Cellars	2021 Cline Cellars North Coast Viognier	North Coast		95	Peach, pear, quince, good acid, balanced, nice weight, long finish.
Coventina Vineyards	2015 Coventina Vineyards Tempranillo Reserve	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown	97	Bright fruit, cinnamon, lingering finish.
CRU Winery	2019 Cru Winery SLH Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		98	Great velvety texture, great acidity, strawberry, nice finish, nice earthy, and foresty.
Dancing Crow Vineyards	2021 Dancing Crow Vineyards Rosé	Lake County		95	Complex nose; Berry; Ripe citrus; Ruby red grapefruit. Interplay of acids - Great finish
Deerfield Ranch Winery	2017 Deerfield Ranch Winery Malbec	Fountain Grove	Reserve	96	Cassis, nice balance, lingering finish.
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
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
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.

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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.
Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionne lle	99	Bright, lively,very well balanced and tropical fruit.
Dorcich Family Vineyards	2020 Dorcich Family Vineyards Crveno	Santa Clara County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Dark fruit, balanced, sour plums, ling cherry, oak spice, drinkable, spicy, sublime acidity, superb.
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!
Dry Creek Vineyard	2021 Dry Creek Vineyard Dry Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg		96	Lemony, golden delicious apples, orange blossoms
Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2020 Eberle Syrah	Paso Robles	Steinbeck Vineyard	99	Supple, nice finish, seductive oak.
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.
EHRET Winery	2018 EHRET Winery Hillside Reserve Red Wine	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	97	Chalky classic character, roasted coffee, mocha, silky, molten chocolate.
EHRET Winery	2017 Bellarina Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	96	Beautiful complexity. Wonderful texture. Well integrated tannins
Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery	2020 Ferrari-Carano Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County		96	Nice toast, creamy, caramel, great finish, great mouthfeel.
Flambeaux Wine	2018 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown	98	Fruit forward, black cherry, mocha.

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Foley Family Wines	2019 Roth Estate Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley			96	Fruity, smooth rich, herbaceous, mocha; Fruit finish.
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
Fortino Winery	NV Fortino Pomegranate	California	Estate Bottled & Produced	Unoaked, Stainless Steel Aged	91	Nicely balanced, flavorful, great acid balance, earthy
Furthermore Wines	2018 Furthermore Wines Starbridge Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	98	Mushroom, soft and sweet, silky tannins.
GALLO	NV Gallo Family Vineyards Pink Moscato	California			97	Watermelon, bright and refreshing, white peach.
GALLO	NV Black Box Red Sangria				95	Stunning aromas, blackberry and spices
GALLO	2020 Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve Russian River Valley Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			97	Lime and apple. Crisp, very luscious, very balanced.
GALLO	NV Cara Mello Grapefruit	American			97	Good balance, grapefruit, fine fruit wine
GALLO	NV La Marca Prosecco	Prosecco DOC			96	Bright lemon, pear, refreshing, well balanced.
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
Hahn Family Wines	2020 Hahn Pinot Noir	California			96	Soft and easy. Cranberry, licorice, Drinkable, pretty wine
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.
Harney Lane Winery	2021 Harney Lane Albarino	Lodi, Mokelumne River			96	Finely structured, nice length, crisp citrus, nice mouth feel.

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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.
Holesinsky Winery	2020 Holesinsky Winery Unicorn Sparkle	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Beautifully balanced, peach, strawberries and cherries, nice color
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
Husch Vineyards	2021 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	95	Apple blossom, honeysuckle, very nice balance, long finish.
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.
Karamoor Estate	2018 Karamoor Estate Chardonnay	Pennsylvania		97	Prickly, honey, citrus, both orange and Meyer lemon, very mouth watering acidity, nicely aged
Kelley & Young Wines	2018 Kelley & Young Wines Late Harvest Zinfandel	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown	96	Beautiful layers, lovely fruit, rich.
King Estate Winery	2021 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley		98	Rose petal, hyacinth, strawberry meringue
Kobrand Corporation	2021 The Seeker Sauvignon Blanc	Mendoza		97	Very balanced, well rounded and complex. Hint of honey and nice fresh oak
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.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2018 Ledson Zinfandel	Howell Mountain	Estate Grown, Old Vine	98	Nice tannins, classic berry Zin.
LIPPE TAYLOR	2018 Unshackled Sparkling Rosé	California		97	Ripe cherries, sweet grapefruit, great finish.
Little Vineyards Family Winery	2019 Little Vineyards Center Stage	Sonoma Valley		96	Elegant, classic, olive, mint, well-structured.

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Macchia	2020 Macchia Dangerous	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Barrel Aged	Listneadt Vineyard	95	Candied violets, Vanilla, juicy Boysenberry, complex, nice finish, good integration.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Meticulous	Lodi	Barrel Aged	Luna Vista Vineyard	94	Loads of fruit, bright.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Dubious	California	Barrel Aged		95	Blueberry, toasted oak, broad shoulders.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Tremendous	Lodi	Barrel Aged		97	Very complex, soft tannins and great textures.
Maker Wine Company	2021 Maker Wine Company Muscat Canelli	Lake County	Estate Vineyard		95	Bright and floral; Lively acidity
McBride Sisters Wine Company	2021 Black Girl Magic Black Girl Magic Riesling	California			96	Tangerine, honeysuckle blossom.
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.
Mira Winery	2015 Mira Winery Hyde Vineyard Merlot	Napa Valley	Single Vineyard		96	Oaky black fruit and fig. Lush
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.
Myriad Cellars	NV Myriad Cellars Myriad Cellars Rose of Pinot Noir	Sonoma	Winemaker Select	Still	95	Beautiful color, nice perfume, great finish.
Naked Wines	2019 Peter Gajewsk Juicy's Cabernet Sauvignon	South Australia			97	Tobacco; cherry; complex.
Naked Wines	2020 Stefano di Blasi IGT Sicilia Zibibbo Catarratto	Sicilia IGT			96	Mint, aromatic, honeysuckle, fruit and structure.
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	2018 Quevedo Family Alegria Vineyard Douro Touriga Naciona	Douro DOC			99	Lip-smacking cranberry, nice structure, fresh fruit, seamless.

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New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Moschofilero	Tehama County		98	Wow, Bergamot Earl Gray, well balanced, Ferris wheel of flavor.	
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.	
Oak Ridge Winery	2021 3 Girls Sauvignon Blanc	Lodi	Estate Grown	93	Delightful, well balanced, gorgeous citrus, smooth finish.	
Opolo	2019 Opolo Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles		98	Deep, complex, integrated tannins.	
PEJU Winery	2021 Peju Sauvignon Blanc, Legacy Collection	North Coast		95	Fun wine. Ripe peach, lovely and delicate	
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	
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	
Piezo Winery	2016 Piezo Winery Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Black Knight Vineyard	98	Bright cherry; complex and well balanced	
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Strawberry Pineapple	Yamhill County	Hard Cider	94	Fun, great fruit combo. Great with hot spicy BBQ	
Priest Ranch Napa Valley	2018 Priest Ranch Peacemaker	Napa	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Nice cassis. Nice tannins. Bing cherry and blackberry	
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.
Sean Minor Wines	2019 Sean Minor Pinot Noir - Sangiacomo - Roberts Road Vineyard	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)		99	Smokey, nice red fruits. Earthy classic varietal character	
Skinner Vineyards	2021 Skinner Grenache Blanc	El Dorado		98	Floral, full-bodied, lovely wine	

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South Coast Winery	2017 South Coast Winery Meritage	South Coast			91	Lucious fruit, nicely aged. Spicy with smooth tannins
Storrs Winery & Vineyards, LTD.	2018 Storrs Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains			98	Lingering vanilla finish. Stunner. Smooth and round with a touch of spice
The Wine Group	2018 Concannon Vineyard Petit Verdot	Livermore Valley	Reserve		96	Balanced, smooth, smokey nose, dark fruit.
The Wine Group	2019 Benziger Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County			95	Chewy, blackberry jam, cocoa dust, spice, dark chocolate, savory notes, dark fruit.
Toad Hollow Vineyard	2019 Toad Hollow Merlot	Sonoma County		Richard McDowell Selection	95	Classic example; Ripe fruit with a hint of pepper
Tom Mackey Cellars	2019 Tom Mackey Cellars Sirius Red Wine	Sonoma Valley			94	Ageable, Herbal nose, earthy, black pepper, firm tannins.
Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2019 Vezer Family Vineyard Blue Victorian Barbera	Suisun Valley			98	Blackberry, cranberry, pepper, tobacco leaf, persistence, elegant.
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
Wapato Point Cellars	2018 Wapato Point Cellars Cabernet Franc	Walla Walla Valley			99	Beautiful oak, blackberry, righteous herbal, focused.
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
Westbrook Wine Farm	NV Westbrook Wine Farm Malmsey Dearest	Madera County		Early Bottling	97	Honey.figs.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	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!

Best of Show Boxed Wine

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GALLO	NV Black Box Red Sangria				95	Stunning aromas,blackberry and spices
Best of Show Canned Wine						
Maker Wine Company	2021 Maker Wine Company Muscat Canelli	Lake County	Estate Vineyard		95	Bright and floral; Lively acidity
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
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.
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
Best of Show Red Wine						
Wapato Point Cellars	2018 Wapato Point Cellars Cabernet Franc	Walla Walla Valley			99	Beautiful oak, blackberry, righteous herbal, focused.
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
Best of Show Sparkling Wine						
Domaine Carneros	2018 Domaine Carneros Brut	Carneros	Methode Traditionnelle		99	Bright, lively,very well balanced and tropical fruit.
Best of Show White Wine						
Dry Creek Vineyard	2021 Dry Creek Vineyard Dry Chenin Blanc	Clarksburg			96	Lemony, golden delicious apples, orange blossoms