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Best of the Best

Russian River Vineyards	2018 Russian River Vineyards Austin Vineyard, Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	99	Age worthy. Complex, very round. Great acidity. Very full bodied. Savory.
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Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Quady Winery	NV Quady Winery Starboard Batch 88	California	98	Cocoa bean, walnut shell notes, cherry plum compote, white spices, balanced acidity, lively.
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Best of Show Red Wine

Russian River Vineyards	2018 Russian River Vineyards Austin Vineyard, Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	99	Age worthy. Complex, very round. Great acidity. Very full bodied. Savory.
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Best of Show Rosé Wine

King Estate Winery	2021 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	99	Lovely, violet, juicy, lingering, sea salt.
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Best of Show Sparkling Wine

King Estate Winery	2018 King Estate Brut Cuvée	Willamette Valley	Methode Estate Champenoise grown	98	Engaging, white cherries, golden raspberry crowd pleaser, hint of fruit sweetness, gravenstein apple, tiny beads.
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Best of Show White Wine

Bricoleur Vineyards LLC	2021 Bricoleur Vineyards Unoaked Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	95	Good acid, great mouth feel, pure Chardonnay flavor, seamless length.
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Shale Oak Winery	2020 Shale Oak Winery Syrah	Paso Robles, Templeton Gap District	100	Blackberry pop tart, cassis, smooth, cigar box, stupid good.
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Best of Class

Alta Colina Vineyard & Winery	2020 Alta Colina GSM	Adelaida District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Well integrated, full bodied. Blackberry ,baking spice.
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Baily Vineyard & Winery	2022 Baily Vineyard & Winery Riesling	Temecula Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Great aromatics, juniper, peach, well balanced, good acidity.
Bella Luna Estate Winery	2018 Bella Luna Estate Winery Estate Riserva	Templeton Gap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	native yeast, unfiltered, dry-farmed	98	Bright, dried cherry, strawberry, cranberry, black tea.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2020 Bogle Family Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel	California	Barrel Aged		98	Full rich dynamic red fruit, smooth and brambly.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2017 Bogle Family Vineyards Reverence California Red	California	Barrel Aged		95	Dense black fruit, plum, blackberry, well integrated, European style, nice backbone of tannins while remaining well balanced.
Boutz Cellars	2019 Boutz Cellars Tavros	Adelaida District	Estate Grown and Produced		99	Vibrant structure. Nice acid on finish.
Boutz Cellars	2020 Boutz Cellars Labrys	Adelaida District	Estate Grown and Produced		95	Nice tannins, nice balance, smokey.
Brecon Estate	2020 Brecon Estate Brecon Reserve Cabernet Franc	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Reserve	Estate Grown	94	Blueberry, sage, very savory, pine nuts.
Breitenbach Wine Cellars	NV Breitenbach First Crush	Ohio			92	Bubble Gum, forest berry, orange pith.
Brick Barn Wine Estate	2021 Brick Barn Wine Estate Vermentino	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate		91	Depth, complexity.
Bricoleur Vineyards LLC	2021 Bricoleur Vineyards Unoaked Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			95	Good acid, great mouth feel, pure Chardonnay flavor, seamless length.
deLorimier Winery	2018 deLorimier Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	93	Coconut in nose, forward fruit, blueberry, medium tannins, chocolate cherry.
DNA Vineyards	2021 DNA Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate		98	Earthy, juicy, little bit of cocoa powder, moderate tannins, balanced.
Drum Roll Wine	2022 Drum Roll Wine Drum Roll White	Yakima Valley			95	Round, smooth, nicely made. Dry, direct, slightly tart.

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<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2021 Dutcher Crossing 2021 Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County	Barrel Aged	97	Herbal notes. Tropical fruit, lemon grass, rhubarb, little vanilla in nose. Very complex.
EHRET Winery	2019 EHRET Winery Hillside Reserve Red Wine	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	99	Sandalwood, luscious fruit cassis, mixed berries, cocoa dust, compelling aromas, tobacco and chocolate. Well integrated oak. Magnificent black currents. A firm backbone of tannins ,age worthy.
EHRET Winery	2019 EHRET Winery Merlot	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	97	Beautiful handled oak, bright fresh, loads of red berry fruit, great tannins, nice finish.
Europa Village Winery & Resort	2021 Bolero at Europa Village Garnacha Blanca	Temecula Valley		98	Perfume delightful stone fruit, rich.
Fallbrook Winery	2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Moscato	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Floral, honeysuckle, lovely springtime wine, sweet balanced with brightness.
GALLO	2022 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		96	Pungent, spicy, rich , animated. Stone fruit, long finish, creamy.
GALLO	2021 Mark West Wines Pinot Noir	Monterey		95	Ripe berry, crowd pleaser, chocolate cake, very cherry.
GALLO	2020 Black Box Shiraz	California		90	Soft, smooth, pure red blend, medley of fruit.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato	California		91	Muscat, varietal correct, sweet, spicy, strawberry shortcake, cotton candy.
GALLO	NV Black Box Rose	California		98	Delicate lovely color. Balanced, smooth, delightful, refreshing dry with hints of pinot, berry notes.
Iris Vineyards	2022 Iris Vineyards Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		96	Bright fruit, floral, classic.

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JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2021 JOLO Winery & Vineyards 2021 Pilot Shadow	North Carolina			97	Plum, mixed berries, beautifully spiced chocolate.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Winery & Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina			94	Great introduction to traminette, hints of spice, subtle tropical fruit, long finish.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Winery & Vineyards JOLO Pink	North Carolina			92	Tart strawberry, juicy, well-made.
Ketcham Estate	2021 Ketcham Estate Viognier	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		97	Honeysuckle tangerine-orange blossom. Other white flowers. Big orchard fruits. Rich.
King Estate Winery	2018 King Estate Brut Cuvée	Willamette Valley	Methode Champenoise	Estate grown	98	Engaging, white cherries, golden raspberry crowd pleaser, hint of fruit sweetness, gravenstein apple, tiny beads.
King Estate Winery	2021 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			99	Lovely, violet, juicy, lingering, sea salt.
Kobler Estate Winery	2021 Kobler Estate Winery Chardonnay	Russian River	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyards	95	Well integrated oak, nice acidity, complex fruit, well made.
La Prenda Wines	2019 Fifth Hill Pickberry	Sonoma County, Sonoma Mountain			97	Toffee, soft elegant, depth, black cherry, cocoa powder, fruit sweet
La Prenda Wines	2021 Wines for Lunch Pet-Nat	Sonoma County, Carneros			96	Pretty, good acid, fresh, elegant, dried peach & tart pink grapefruit.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Chardonnay	Carneros			98	Creamy and rich, understated elegant, classy.
Mcllroy Wines	2021 Mcllroy Cellars Reserve Pinot Noir Vines & Roses Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Vines & Roses Vineyard	92	Earthy ,nice.
Miro Cellars	2021 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino		Chevalier Vineyard	97	Age worthy, juicy fruit, dried cranberry and cherries, toffee and cherry tobacco.

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MJA VINEYARDS	2017 Serene Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon "Proposition"	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			98	Multi-layered, persistent to the finish, dark cherry aroma, anise, warm and complex.
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Mendocino			92	Dark fruit, big finish.
Oso Libre Winery	2019 Oso Libre Nativo	Adelaida District	Estate Grown, Unfiltered		97	Sweet pipe tobacco, spicy, juicy.
Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2020 Papapietro Perry Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged	Blend of AVA West Sonoma Coast	99	Herbal components on target, touch of fennel, red cherry, well balanced.
Penrose Hill	2020 Comarca Monastrell	Spain			91	Integrated, well balanced, tart red berry, smooth lingering finish.
Quady Winery	NV Quady Winery Vya Whisper Dry	California			97	Floral, spicy, balanced, dry herbs.
Quady Winery	2020 Quady Winery Essensia	California			97	Orange blossom, honey, hints of lemon rind.
Quady Winery	NV Quady Winery Starboard Batch 88	California			98	Cocoa bean, walnut shell notes, cherry plum compote, white spices, balanced acidity, lively.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2019 Rodney Strong Vineyards Chalk Hill, Estate Chardonnay	Chalk Hill	Estate Bottled & Produced		93	Concentrated caramel.
Russian River Vineyards	2018 Russian River Vineyards Austin Vineyard, Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			99	Age worthy. Complex, very round. Great acidity. Very full bodied. Savory.
Saini Vineyards	2021 Saini Vineyards Sangiovese	Dry Creek Valley	Estate		96	Earthy notes, black raspberry, ripe red plums, integrated, lengthy finish.
Scratch	2021 Scratch Wines C-47 Marsanne / Roussanne	Carmel Valley			96	Lively and true. Fabulous nose, stone fruit.
Shale Oak Winery	2020 Shale Oak Winery Petit Verdot	Paso Robles, Willow Creek District			93	Lots of layers, great nose, spice.

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Somerbella	2022 Somerstate Mimosa	Santa Barbara County			90	Orange tangerine nose, crisp and refreshing.
SOTO	NV SOTO Junmai Junmai	Niigata Prefecture			96	Beautiful balance. Green apple. Acidity lends freshness. Pretty.
SOTO	NV SOTO Junmai Daiginjo Junmai Daiginjo	Niigata Prefecture			98	Honeydew melon. Well done.
South Coast Winery	2021 South Coast Winery Dry Gewurztraminer	Temecula Valley			97	Good residual sugar. Persistent lychee.
South Coast Winery	2021 South Coast Winery CHARDONNAY SANS CHENE	South Coast			97	Orange blossom. Lingering finish. Lovely fruit notes.
St. Anne's Crossing	2020 St. Anne's Crossing Split Rail Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			98	Full body, big fruit. ripe, raspberry, blueberry.
St. Anne's Crossing	2020 St. Anne's Crossing Los Chamizal Malbec	Sonoma Valley			98	Ripe, pleasingly spicy, intense fruit.
Stoney Wines	2020 Stoney Wines Riesling	Willamette Valley			96	Proper varietal, nice florals, well balanced, touch of apricot and tangerine.
Stormalong Cider	NV Stormalong Cider Franklin	Massachusetts			96	Well balanced between sugar and tartness. Well made, refreshing.
Trecini Winery	2018 Trecini BOASSO BAROLO	Barolo DOCG	Barrel Aged	SERRALU NGA D'AUBA	98	Expressive, aromatic, earthy savory, dry rose petals, currants.
Trecini Winery	NV Trecini PROSECCO	Rosso Conero DOC			93	Fresh, clean, lovely citrus, light floral, very dry style. natural.

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Trentadue Winery	2021 OPR Red Blend	California			90	Well structured, pair great with pork, nicely made.
Vintage Wine Estates	2022 O'Leary Fine Wines Sweet Cuvée	Columbia Valley		OLE22WW TSV7	96	Lime zest, great nose, floral, pomelo notes, vibrant.
Vintage Wine Estates	2021 Cameron Hughes Barbera	High Valley			98	Juicy bright. Black cherry. Black fruit.
Vintage Wine Estates	NV GAZE Black Cherry	California		CCDNVBL CGAZ0C	94	Fun lively. Exudes black cherry flavor
Vivac Winery	2021 Vivac Winery Tempranillo	New Mexico, Mimbres Valley	Barrel Aged	High Altitude	97	Energizing layering, meaty/bacon. Quality dark fruit finish, dried herbs.
Wente Family Estates	2020 Wente Family Vineyards Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon	Central Coast			91	Black Cherry, black current, full bodied, nice mid palate, nice finish, varietally correct.
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Thomas	Rockpile	Reserve		99	Violets, classic, old vine style, rustic, herbal, blue fruit, fresh.