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## Best of the Best

Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Albariño	Central Coast		98	fresh and bright, honeysuckle, lingering finish. Very well made wine.
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## Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Muscat Canelli	Mendocino	Sustainably Farmed	97	Sugar, tartness in harmony. Well made, balanced, very clean. Elegant.
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## Best of Show Red Wine

Trentadue Winery	2020 La Storia Merlot	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	98	True to varietal, good fruit. Made by a real pro!
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## Best of Show Rosé Wine

Trinchero Family Estates	2021 SEAGLASS Rose	Monterey County		98	Light delicate, pale blush complex and lively.
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## Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Sojourn Cellars	NV Sojourn Cellars Brut Sparkling	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise	97	Elegant, cherry, hints of earth, golden delicious apple, traditional sparkling, tiny beads.
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## Best of Show White Wine

Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Albariño	Central Coast		98	fresh and bright, honeysuckle, lingering finish. Very well made wine.
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## Platinum

Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2020 Papapietro Perry Papapietro Perry 2020 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	100	Abundance of purple floral aromatics, perfectly ripe raspberry, savory green and cola, balances sweet fruit.
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## Best of Class

Hedges Family Estate	2020 DLD Descendants Liegeois Dupont - Syrah	Red Mountain	Estate Bottled & Produced	96	Showcases savory side of Syrah. Black pepper, dense, syrupy tart. Roasty, cherry and oak.
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O'Neill Vintners & Distillers	2020 Robert Hall Merlot - Artisan Collection	Paso Robles			96	Dried herbs, coco powder, ripe cherry and plum, sweet tobacco.
Enkidu Wine	2021 Enkidu Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County	Barrel Aged		97	Cassis, nice balance, blueberries, boysenberry, nice spice, age worthy.
<u>Wilson Creek Winery &amp; Vineyards, Inc.</u>	2020 Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards Vardande	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown		98	Fruit driven, opens at mid palate. Aromatic
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2020 Phantom Chardonnay	Clarksburg (Yolo)	Barrel Fermented		96	Key Lime pie, sophisticated
Hamilton Cellars	2019 Hamilton Cellars Bona Vita	Red Mountain	Estate	Family owned, barrel aged	98	thick, dusty, coats the tongue, graphite
The Wine Group	2021 Imagery Cabernet Sauvignon	California			97	Good finish, juicy round pleasing finish, nice complexity.
Macchia	2021 Macchia Amorous	Lodi			97	Tobacco, chewy, nice oak, vanilla, lots of fruit, great for aging, nice tannins.
House of Brown	2022 Brown Estate House of Brown Rose	Lodi		Direct press, limited skin contact, Vegan Friendly, Certified Sustainable	97	Fun blend, highly aromatic, floral, peaches and cream, well made. WOW
The Wine Group	NV Chloe Wine Collection Prosecco	Italy			92	Tropical, fun bubbles, dried peaches, nicely balanced with nice lingering finish.
Cellar Beast Winehouse	2021 Cellar Beast Winehouse The Dark Angel	Yakima Valley	Winemaker's Reserve Blend	Pontin Del Roza	97	Italian Combination Pizza (olive & sausage) Wood Verdant
Blue Farm	2020 Blue Farm Laceroni Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown	Single Vineyard, Estate Grown	97	Tropical fruit, creamy, tart vanilla oak. Very well put together.



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Westbrook Wine Farm	2011 Fait Accompli	Fait Accompli	Madera County	Grown, Produced and Bottled	"October Harvest"	96	Magnificent and mature. Leather, earthy character. Walnut.
Grindstone Wines	2019 Grindstone	Petit Verdot	California	Estate Grown		96	Earthy, sage aromas, Bing cherry, ripeness, long finish, well balanced.
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery	2019 Vina Robles	Mountain Road Reserve	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Estate		98	Opulent, nice oak, plush, rich black fruits.
Sean Minor Wines	2021 Sean Minor	Red Blend, Nicole Marie, Signature Series	North Coast			93	Juicy, complex and spicy. Chocolate, blackberries.
J. Rickards Winery	2019 J. Rickards Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon - Serpentine Ridge Reserve	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		97	Lovely, inky, luscious.
Miro Cellars	2021 Miro	Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley		Coyote Ridge Vineyard	98	Huge wine, big and bold, fennel and cassis, molasses, meaty.
Lone Oak Winery	2021 Lone Oak Winery	Marquette Star	Minnesota	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Port style dessert wine.	91	Spicy and pleasant.
Furthermore Wines	2019 Furthermore Wines	Nevina's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	98	Good value, ruby color, solid tasting Pinot Noir.
Jessie's Grove Winery	2020 Jessies Grove Winery	Alicante Bouschet	Lodi (San Joaquin)	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Mouthwatering concentrated fruit, old leather goods, substantial in fruit expression and mouthfeel, enjoyable without overpowering
Picchetti Winery	2021 Picchetti Winery	Leslie's Estate Chardonnay	Santa Cruz Mountains			98	Peanut butter cookies, true fruit, Burgundian style. Excellant!
Blue Farm	2021 Blue Farm	Gap's Crown Vineyard	Petaluma Gap	Single Vineyard Reserve	Estate Farmed	99	Wild strawberries, mandarin peel, fresh raspberry, spice
Cline Cellars	2022 Cline Cellars	Viognier	North Coast			96	fusel aromatics, coastal, lemon tart candies. A lovely wine.



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PWR Wines	2021 PWR Wines Tempranillo	Clarksburg	Barrel Aged		97	Medium body, gorgeous Bing cherry, great nose, elegant.
Alexander Valley Vineyards	2021 Alexander Valley Vineyards Chardonnay	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		Sonoma County Sustainably Farmed Grapes	97	Baked apple and powdered ginger. Gooseberry tones.
Trentadue Winery	2020 La Storia Merlot	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	True to varietal, good fruit. Made by a real pro!
Breitenbach Wine Cellars	NV Breitenbach First Crush	Ohio			96	Precisely Catawba, beautifully expressive, palate pleasing.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2020 Pezzi King Rockpile Reserve Zinfandel	Rockpile	Single Vineyard		97	Figgy, aromatic, expansive, structure, texture.
Foley Family Wines	2021 Ferrari-Carano Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			91	Ripe apples, pear, toast, little spice note.
Bricoleur Vineyards LLC	NV Bricoleur Vineyards Brut Rosè	Sonoma County			96	Nose is tantalizingly, red cherry, tangerine, with notes of spice box, vibrancy.
Trinchero Family Estates	2021 SEAGLASS Sauvignon Blanc	Santa Barbara County			98	Bright, vibrant, tart and tangy, gets better in the glass.
Gainey Vineyard	2021 Gainey Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir	Sta. Rita Hills	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Cherry cola, light style, blood orange, nice acid.
Cinder	2022 Cinder Dry Riesling	Snake River Valley			94	nice fruit-pronounced, balanced, seamless, nice finish
Carboy Winery	NV Carboy Winery Grand Cuvee Colorado Sparkling Wine	Grand Valley	Traditional Method	Sparkling Wine	97	Bright citrus, intriguing, floral notes, stunning.
Trinchero Family Estates	2021 Menage a Trois Midnight Dark Red Blend	California			97	Good herbal notes, plummy, layers.
McPrice Myers Wines	2021 McPrice Myers Wines Right Hand Man	Paso Robles			97	Floral, raspberry-white pepper. Stewed tomato chutney, very concentrated.



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Beltane Ranch	2022 Beltane Ranch Drummond Block Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown	97	nice acidity, tart white peach and Eureka lemon, lime grass, green apple, intense fruit continues on finish
BARGETTO WINERY/CHAUCERS CELLARS	NV BARGETTO WINERY/CHAUCER'S CELLARS CHAUCER'S Raspberry Mead	Santa Cruz Mountains		97	Strawberry blossom, noise, good funk, nicely balanced, raspberry.
Enkidu Wine	2018 Enkidu Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County, "ANSAR"	Sonoma County	Reserve	99	Nice touch of cassis, classic Cab, nice acidity, food friendly.
King Estate Winery	2022 King Estate Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		96	Floral,pear, spice, perfect balance, white pepper, lemon peel.
Heaven's Gate Vineyard	2019 Heaven's Gate Vineyard HGV Mourvedre	Borden Ranch		96	Fresh strawberry jam, boysenberry, fruity, delicious, spice box, sweet tobacco.
Acquiesce Winery	2022 Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards Cinsaut Rosé	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Produced and Bottled	Lodi Rules 97	Lemongrass, rose petals, firm palate.
Starfield Vineyards	2020 Starfield Vineyards Bronson Bros.	El Dorado	Estate Grown	97	Minty quality, balanced black fruit, robust varietal typicality - crowd pleaser
Cinder	2022 Laissez Faire Red Wine	Snake River Valley		97	Plummy, cohesive, well balanced
Purple Brands	2021 Four Vines The Maverick Pinot Noir	Monterey County		95	Charming varietal character. Cherry fruit, spice, earth. Elegant finish. Balanced and juicy
Trinchero Family Estates	2021 SEAGLASS Rose	Monterey County		98	Light delicate, pale blush complex and lively.
Faith, Hope and Charity Winery	2018 Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards Marechal Foch	Oregon	Estate	97	Excellent varietal character, spicy, generous fruit, well balanced.
Robert Young Estate Winery	2019 Robert Young Estate Winery Bob's Burn Pile Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Cedar, black cherry, anise, cocoa dusted, long juicy finish.



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Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	94	Well made, pops fruit, balanced.
Dubost	2022 Dubost Rosé	Adelaida District	Wert Hill Vineyard	97	Great color. Berries, beautiful balance, strawberry, crisp, balanced, mouth watering
Lionstone International	2021 Capital Z Zinfandel	Lodi		97	Black cherry cola, floral, lifted aromatics, passion fruit.
Paradise Ridge Winery	2022 Paradise Ridge Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley	Estate	97	Bright, racy, lemon, minerality. Blossoms on the nose, delicacy.
Hertelendy Vineyards	2019 Hertelendy Woolsey Road Vineyard Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	97	Banana cream pie, hazelnut, honey, pineapple, very balanced and luscious.
DANCIN Vineyards	2021 DANCIN Tribute	Rogue Valley	Barrel Aged	98	Bold, sophisticated notes of red and black fruits. A finish that keeps on giving.
Benziger Family Winery	2021 Benziger Family Winery West Rows Chardonnay	Los Carneros	Estate Produced and Bottled	98	Lovely, crisp, clean, pretty, balanced, sweet floral, dandelions.
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate Albariño	Central Coast		98	fresh and bright, honeysuckle, lingering finish. Very well made wine.
Sonoran Wines	2018 Sonoran Wines Real de Terrenate	Arizona, Cochise County		97	Aged, pretty & earthy, just tastes good.
Foris Vineyards Winery	2022 Foris Moscato	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	94	Floral, gardenias, carnations. Tropical fruit-guava. Spritzzy.
Hahn Family Wines	2021 Hahn SLH Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Dry earthy. Hint of blood orange
William Heritage Winery	NV Jersey Jersey Red	American		95	Elegant, expressive, smooth, very textured, great with a meal.



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Apsara Cellars	2021 Apsara Cellars Whole Cluster Syrah	Sonoma Mountain		98	Bright, less weighty, black fruit and good balance. Nimble.
Matrix Winery	2021 Matrix Winery Rockpile	Sonoma County		98	Grippy quality, tight, still young Bright
Ironstone Vineyards	2022 Granite Hill Granite Hill Pinot Noir	Lodi		92	Nose is complex. Cherry, spice. Fascinating blend.
Mazzocco Sonoma Winery	2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Petite Sirah Maria	Dry Creek Valley		96	Great acidity. Spicy. Trace of earth, complex. Blackberry. Big, Balanced.
Jøyus	NV Jøyus Sparkling Wine	Washington	Non-Alcoholic	96	Very enjoyable, apple, nice texture and finish.
Delicato Family Wines	2022 Stoneleigh Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		99	slate, key lime pie, meringue, pronounced flint stone and mango, graham cracker crust
Cline Cellars	2021 Jacuzzi Family Vineyards Malvasia Bianca	Lodi		95	Apple pie, spicy, good acidity
Trinchero Family Estates	NV Fre Sparkling Brut	California		96	Floral, bright with lime.
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2021 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines J. Lohr Estates South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles		90	Plumy, dried apricot, earthy, bold,
Sipwell Wine Co.	2022 Sipwell Wine Co. Perfect Day	Paso Robles		95	Pretty white flowers, melon, saline, nice mouthfeel, white stone fruit, mandarins.
Pennyroyal Farm	2022 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	97	"taste of place," really nice wine, good fruit, clean, apple
Portland Cider Co.	NV Portland Cider Company Original Gold	Yamhill County	Hard Cider	91	Wax, seed, honeysuckle,fresh, sweet apple
Ste Michelle Wine Estates	2022 Calafuria Rosato	Salento IGT		98	Stone fruit & cream, juicy, balanced, pleasant acidity, crowd pleaser.
Half Moon Bay Winery	2021 Half Moon Bay Winery Mavericks Sauvignon Blanc	Central Coast	100% Stainless Steel Fermented and Aged	96	Sage, lemon grass, nice nose, well balanced.



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Iris Vineyards	2022 Iris Vineyards Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			98	Nice apple. Really good wine.
Wise Villa Winery	2022 Wise Villa Winery Stainless steel Chardonnay	Lodi, Clements Hills	Estate Produced and Bottled		97	great texture from concrete, harmony of sweet, sour, bitterness
Maker Wine Company	2022 Maker Wine Company Verdelho	Lodi			96	Pretty, peach, citrus, tropical, nose is stellar, musk melon.
Lionstone International	2021 Left Of Ordinary Tannat	California			97	Tame tannins, refined expression, red current, strawberry rhubarb pie, black Satsuma plum.
Wente Family Estates	2019 Wente Vineyards Artiest Series Duetto	Livermore Valley			98	Chocolaty, oak, built to last, has structure.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2021 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Blanc	Paso Robles			98	Honey, peach, integrated oak, layers, clean finish, layered fruit
Sidereus Vineyard & Winery	2022 Sidereus Riesling	Chehalem Mountains	Estate Grown	Laurelwood District	98	Finish is stunning, classic Riesling. Bright summer fruit.
Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen	2022 Idle Hour Grenache Blanc	Santa Ynez		La Presa Vineyard	94	Succulent mouthfeel, floral, vanilla and rose petals.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2022 Dutcher Crossing Dutcher Crossing Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County	Barrel Aged		98	gravely, Asian pear, boxwood, beautifully long finish without heat
Macchia	2021 Macchia Superlicious	Lodi	Barrel Aged		96	Stylish varietal fruit, soft tannins, rich and perfectly balanced, charming quaffer.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Tiamo	Sonoma Valley			99	Well balanced, elegant for linen table, special wine.
Hedges Family Estate	2020 CMS CMS Cabernet Sauvignon	Columbia Valley			91	Coffee, pepper. Well integrated.
Hoot Owl Creek Winery	2016 Hoot Owl Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			98	Notes of dark chocolate drinking perfectly. Pink peppercorn, currants



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Four Lanterns Winery	2017 Four Lanterns Winery Merlot Reserva	Paso Robles, Templeton Gap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Reserva aged 3 yrs in barrel and one in bottle before released.	96	Pair with rack of lamb/w mint jelly. Herbaceous, everything a good merlot should have!
Lucid Winery	2021 Lucid Wine Memorial Malbec	Sierra Foothills	Estate Produced and Bottled		98	Very pretty wine, Intense, spicy, plum, cedar box.
The Wine Group	NV Franzia Dark Red Blend	American		Vintner Select	92	Appealing, medium body, fruity red wine.
Imagery Estate Winery	2020 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Sonoma County	Estate Produced and Bottled		98	Nice uniform structure. Bell pepper, jalapeno. An elegant wine.
Idle Cellars	2016 Idle Cellars Merlot	Sonoma Valley			96	Structure, good finish, bright fruit with depth.
Penrose Hill	2022 Weelderige Velde 100% Chenin Blanc	Paarl	Old Vines	Sur lie	94	Classic varietal, tealeaf, sweet earth.
Sojourn Cellars	NV Sojourn Cellars Brut Sparkling	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		97	Elegant, cherry, hints of earth, golden delicious apple, traditional sparkling, tiny beads.
Miro Cellars	2021 Miro Miro Zinfandel Bastoni	Fountaingrove District		Bastoni Vineyard	97	Balanced, nice and smooth, full mouth, succulent, nice vanilla bean, perfectly ripe fruit, cocoa.
Macchia	2020 Macchia Dangerous	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Barrel Aged	Listneadt Vineyard	95	Minty and fresh, chocolate covered cherries.
RIVINO Estate Vineyards & Winery	2022 Rivino Pinot Blanc	Mendocino	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	RIVINO Ranch	95	Stone fruits, white peach, white flowers, vanilla confections, citrus pith.
Pope Valley Winery	2022 Pope Valley Winery Rose	Napa Valley			95	Strawberry, pretty, delicate.
Furthermore Wines	2019 Furthermore Wines Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	97	Rhubarb, nice follow through. Very round and earthy.
GALLO	NV Black Box Chardonnay	California			90	Good beginning, middle and finish, crisp.



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<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2018 Dutcher Crossing Cooney Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley	Barrel Aged	97	Bold, rich, lush, textured, yummy, excellent.	
Big Dog Vineyards	2019 Big Dog Vineyards Cabernet Franc	San Francisco Bay	Estate Grown, Unfiltered	98	Well balanced, tobacco and fruit. Long powerful finish. Layered black fruit. Definitely Cab Franc, well made.	
<u>Wilson Winery of Dry Creek</u>	2021 Wilson of Dry Creek Primitivo / McClain	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard Selection	98	Black sesame, chocolate, blackberry cobbler, truffle, explosive.	
Jaxon Keys	NV Jaxon Keys Jaxon Keys Brandy Conerstone	Mendocino	Barrel Aged	96	Rich, vanilla cream soda, good texture, honey.	
My Italian Cousin	2019 My Italian Cousin My Italian Cousin - Eugenio - 2019	Napa Valley		98	Nice fruit, round rich, Bing Cherry, meaty dark fruit, great structure & length, chewy tannins.	
Lindsay Creek Vineyards	2022 Lindsay Creek Vineyards Riesling	Columbia Valley		95	Well balanced and structured, creamy finish. Nice mouth feel. Good standalone.	
Ancient Peaks Winery	2020 Ancient Peaks Winery Renegade	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Santa Margarita Ranch AVA, SIP Certified	96	Coffee, cola, bacon, maple syrup, some dark fruit.
Monserate Vineyards and Winery	2021 Monserate Vineyards and Winery 2021 Negroamaro	San Diego County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Bursts of flavor, food friendly, well balanced, wild berries, cherry, whisper of herbs, fantastic finish.
Foley Family Wines	2022 Ferrari-Carano Fumé Blanc	North Coast		97	Candy, gingered, salty melon.	
Dubost	2019 Dubost Jacob's Ladder	Adelaida District		98	Juicy full rich boysenberry Lovely rhone wine	
Sequoia Grove Winery	2019 Sequoia Grove Winery Napa Valley Malbec	Napa Valley		98	Moca and black tea. Dark plums-blackberry. Very swell balanced, long finish.	



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www.efeste.com	2020 EFESTE Grenache	Red Mountain	Estate Grown and Produced	99	High acid, bright, precise, elegant, aromatics, southern Rhone, electric.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2020 Pezzi King Serracino Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	98	Classic zin, blacktea, hints of black pepper. Ripe red fruit, with herbs.
Breitenbach Wine Cellars	NV Breitenbach Roadhouse Red	Ohio		96	Spicy, true to varietal, with balance to mid-palate to finish. Excellent.
Bronco Wine Co.	2021 Orogeny Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		91	Bright, fresh, clean, nice balance, tart ripe raspberries, full mouth, nice finish.
Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2020 Papapietro Perry Papapietro Perry 2020 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	100	Abundance of purple floral aromatics, perfectly ripe raspberry, savory green and cola, balances sweet fruit.
Vegas Valley Winery	2022 Vegas Valley Winery Subtle Blonde	Suisun Valley		92	Good varietal, lengthy finish, lemon verbena.
Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Muscat Canelli	Mendocino	Sustainably Farmed	97	Sugar, tartness in harmony. Well made, balanced, very clean. Elegant.