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Best of the Best

Winery at Black Star Farms	2022 Black Star Farms Arcturos Semi-Dry Riesling	Old Mission Peninsula			96	Full encapsulation turbidity of acid. Crisp and edgy

Best Native American Wine

Easley Enterprises, Inc.	NV Easley Winery Sweet Barrel Red	Indiana			96	True to Concord, grape jelly, well made, clean, balanced, bright and fresh.

Best of Show Cider

Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Apple Barn Cider House Bluebarb	Tennessee			97	so complex, yummy strawberry rhubarb, green apple, expressive, jumps out of the glass.

Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Late Harvest Vignoles	Kansas		Holy-Field Vineyard	96	Banana pudding, pear, creme brulee.

Best of Show Fortified Wine

Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American			98	Rich flavors that linger, nutty, citrus, with hints of orange and toffee.

Best of Show Fruit

Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Yogi Berry Blackberry	Kansas		Holy-Field Vineyard	97	Accurate execution of blackberry.

Best of Show Red Wine

Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2019 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Bottled & Produced		94	Balanced with fruit, blackberry, coffee espresso.

Best of Show Rosé Wine

PRESQUE ISLE WINE CELLARS	NV Presque Isle Wine Cellars Freeport Rosé	Lake Erie			98	Elegant, elevated, maraschino cherry aroma. Deliberate Rose.

Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Brut Rose	Lake Michigan Shore			97	Great aromatics, great flavor, dried strawberries, captures the variety.

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Best of Show Vermouth

Spoon River Junction	NV Spoon River Junction Forgottonia White Vermouth	Illinois			97	Floral and herb notes. Excellent beautiful texture, pure on its own. Stunning.

Best of Show White Wine

Winery at Black Star Farms	2022 Black Star Farms Arcturos Semi-Dry Riesling	Old Mission Peninsula			96	Full encapsulation turbidity of acid. Crisp and edgy

Best of Class

45 North Vineyard & Winery	2022 45 North Vineyard & Winery Pinot Blanc	Old Mission Peninsula			95	Nice minerality, apple.
45 North Vineyard & Winery	2022 45 North Vineyard & Winery Dry Riesling	Leelanau Peninsula			94	Grapefruit and tea leaf. Component of lemon verbena, and quince
Bel Lago	2022 Bel Lago Pinot Grigio	Leelanau Peninsula			98	Fresh fennel, white pepper. Great finish
Bel Lago	2020 Bel Lago Pinot Noir	Leelanau Peninsula			90	Red fruit white spices; cranberry, almond skin. Balanced bright finish
Bowers Harbor Vineyards	2021 Bowers Harbor Vineyards Langley Late Harvest	Old Mission Peninsula	Estate Grown, Late Harvest		93	
Chateau St. Croix Winery	2020 Chateau St. Croix Thoroughbred Red	American			90	Raspberry, nutmeg on the nose. Medium body, Sweet oak notes on the finish
Colorado Sake Co.	2022 Colorado Sake Co. - American Standard Sake - Junmai Ginjo	Colorado		Rice is from Arkansas - Jupiter Rice	97	Pretty sake, aromatics are expressive, touch of Asian pear.
Easley Enterprises, Inc.	NV Easley Winery Sweet Barrel Red	Indiana			96	True to Concord, grape jelly, well made, clean, balanced, bright and fresh.
Easley Enterprises, Inc.	2022 Easley Winery Traminette	Indiana			90	White flowers, jasmine, honey, apricot, stonefruit.

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Gray Ghost Vineyards	2020 Gray Ghost Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Virginia	Reserve		94	A walk in the deep forest. Sage, rosemary, tobacco. Very savory. Age worthy
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery St Vincent Rose	Kansas			94	Good body, great representation of varietal, touch of spice, nice floral notes, very quaffable.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Late Harvest Vignoles	Kansas		Holy-Field Vineyard	96	Banana pudding, pear, creme brulee.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Tailgate White	Kansas			99	Muscat, not too sweet, ripe apricot, tight control on sweet aromatic, floral.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Yogi Berry Blackberry	Kansas		Holy-Field Vineyard	97	Accurate execution of blackberry.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Corky's Barrel	Kansas			92	Vegetable quality.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	Yadkin Valley			90	Rich, spicy, nice depth of flavor.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina			92	Very nice expression of varietal, star fruit, well made.
Lemon Creek Winery	2020 Lemon Creek Carmenere	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Grown & Bottled		98	Green vegetable, peppery like salumi. Black cherry.
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Delaware White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced		93	True to varietal. Great flavor and balance, fresh.
Old York Cellars	2021 Old York Cellars Chardonnay	New Jersey			92	Good balance of fruit, lemon curd, pear. Juicy
Pearmund Cellars	2022 Pearmund Rose	Virginia			92	Really nice expression, light and balanced, elegant, nice finish, hint of raspberry.
Penrose Hill	2022 Masterworks Series Colombard	Cotes de Gascogne IGP			94	Great acid, creamy, great minerality. Meyer lemon.
Potomac Point Winery	2019 Potomac Point Winery Richland Reserve Heritage	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Aromatics, Nicely balanced. Lingering fruit, blackberry. Cassis on finish. Cigar box

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Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2020 Raffaldini Mezzogiorno	Swan Creek		92	Density; full bodied; rich red fruit. Balanced and zesty
Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2019 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Bottled & Produced	94	Balanced with fruit, blackberry, coffee espresso.
RGNY Vineyards	2022 RGNY Scielo Sauvignon blanc	North Fork of Long Island		92	Bright, fresh, crisp, balanced.
Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Little Bear Winery Velvet Paw	Tennessee		96	Bright, lively, deliciously Concord, candied berry, cranberry and cherry.
Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Sugarland Cellars Pride of the South	Tennessee		96	Stunning, well crafted, honeycomb rose, floral, nicely balanced, refreshing.
Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Apple Barn Cider House Bluebarb	Tennessee		97	so complex, yummy strawberry rhubarb, green apple, expressive, jumps out of the glass.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American		98	Rich flavors that linger, nutty, citrus, with hints of orange and toffee.
Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Crescendo	Florida	Methode Champenoise	96	Great examples of the varietal, well balanced between sugar and acid, tropical fruit, hint of foxiness.
Sovereign Estate	NV Sovereign Estate Cameo Rose	American		96	Beautiful, gorgeous bubbles, florals, orange citrus flower, papaya, tangerine, well balanced, smooth

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Suhru Wines	2022 Suhru Wines LaCrescent	New York State		93	Fresh lemongrass; lime pith; tarragon and rosemary
Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Brut Rose	Lake Michigan Shore		97	Great aromatics, great flavor, dried strawberries, captures the variety.
Tabor Hill Winery	2022 Tabor Hill Winery Albariño	Lake Michigan Shore		97	Good acid, lemon peel, clean, fresh, balanced, lingering finish.
Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Grand Mark	Lake Michigan Shore	Methode Champenoise	94	Beautiful, yeasty, croissant, quince paste, nice bubbles, consumer friendly.
Trecini Winery	NV Trecini PROSECCO	Rosso Conero DOC		92	
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2021 Covert Wineworks Cabernet Franc "Bebe La Franc"	Virginia		91	Well structured, juicy black and red raspberry. Toasty sweet oak
Winery at Black Star Farms	2022 Black Star Farms Arcturos Semi-Dry Riesling	Old Mission Peninsula		96	Full encapsulation turbidity of acid. Crisp and edgy
Winery at Black Star Farms	2022 Black Star Farms Arcturos Gewurztraminer	Michigan		99	Pretty orange peel, leechee and grapefruit. Very well balanced

Platinum Award 100 Points

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