

2023 International Eastern Wine Competition (East Meets West)

Santa Rosa, CA September 12, 2023

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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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Best of Show White Wine

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Platinum Award 100 Points

PRESQUE ISLE WINE CELLARS	NV Presque Isle Wine Cellars Film Noiret	Lake Erie	100	Black pepper, violets, bell peppery, pinon incense.
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Best of Class

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
Spoon River Junction	NV Spoon River Junction Forgottonia White Vermouth	Illinois		97	Floral and herb notes. Excellent beautiful texture, pure on its own. Stunning.
Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2019 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Bottled & Produced	94	Balanced with fruit, blackberry, coffee espresso.
Winery at Black Star Farms	2022 Black Star Farms Arcturos Gewurztraminer	Michigan		99	Pretty orange peel, leechee and grapefruit. Very well balanced
Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Grand Mark	Lake Michigan Shore	Methode Champenoise	94	Beautiful, yeasty, croissant, quince paste, nice bubbles, consumer friendly.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Late Harvest Vignoles	Kansas	Holy-Field Vineyard	96	Banana pudding, pear, creme brulee.
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.
45 North Vineyard & Winery	2022 45 North Vineyard & Winery Pinot Blanc	Old Mission Peninsula		95	Nice minerality, apple.

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Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Little Bear Winery Velvet Paw	Tennessee		96	Bright, lively, deliciously Concord, candied berry, cranberry and cherry.
Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2020 Raffaldini Mezzogiorno	Swan Creek		92	Density; full bodied; rich red fruit. Balanced and zesty
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2021 Covert Wineworks Cabernet Franc "Bebe La Franc"	Virginia		91	Well structured, juicy black and red raspberry. Toasty sweet oak
Bowers Harbor Vineyards	2021 Bowers Harbor Vineyards Langley Late Harvest	Old Mission Peninsula	Estate Grown, Late Harvest	93	
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.
Suhru Wines	2022 Suhru Wines LaCrescent	New York State		93	Fresh lemongrass; lime pith; tarragon and rosemary
45 North Vineyard & Winery	2022 45 North Vineyard & Winery Dry Riesling	Leelanau Peninsula		94	Grapefruit and tea leaf. Component of lemon verbena, and quince
<u>Lemon Creek Winery</u>	2020 Lemon Creek Carmenere	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Grown & Bottled	98	Green vegetable, peppery like salumi. Black cherry.
PRESQUE ISLE WINE CELLARS	NV Presque Isle Wine Cellars Freeport Rosé	Lake Erie		98	Elegant, elevated, maraschino cherry aroma. Deliberate Rose.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Corky's Barrel	Kansas		92	Vegetable quality.
Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery	NV Holy-Field Vineyard & Winery Yogi Berry Blackberry	Kansas		Holy-Field Vineyard 97	Accurate execution of blackberry.
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
Trecini Winery	NV Trecini PROSECCO	Rosso Conero DOC		92	

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Sovereign Estate	NV Sovereign Estate Cameo Rose	American		96	Beautiful, gorgeous bubbles, florals, orange citrus flower, papaya, tangerine, well balanced, smooth
Tabor Hill Winery	2022 Tabor Hill Winery Albariño	Lake Michigan Shore		97	Good acid, lemon peel, clean, fresh, balanced, lingering finish.
Rocky Top Wine Trail	NV Sugarland Cellars Pride of the South	Tennessee		96	Stunning, well crafted, honeycomb rose, floral, nicely balanced, refreshing.
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.
Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Brut Rose	Lake Michigan Shore		97	Great aromatics, great flavor, dried strawberries, captures the variety.
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.
Penrose Hill	2022 Masterworks Series Colombard	Cotes de Gascogne IGP		94	Great acid, creamy, great minerality. Meyer lemon.
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
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	Yadkin Valley		90	Rich, spicy, nice depth of flavor.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American		98	Rich flavors that linger, nutty, citrus, with hints of orange and toffee.
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Old York Cellars	2021 Old York Cellars Chardonnay	New Jersey	92	Good balance of fruit, lemon curd, pear. Juicy
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina	92	Very nice expression of varietal, star fruit, well made.
Bel Lago	2022 Bel Lago Pinot Grigio	Leelanau Peninsula	98	Fresh fennel, white pepper. Great finish
Pearmund Cellars	2022 Pearmund Rose	Virginia	92	Really nice expression, light and balanced, elegant, nice finish, hint of raspberry.
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.
Easley Enterprises, Inc.	2022 Easley Winery Traminette	Indiana	90	White flowers, jasmine, honey, apricot, stonefruit.
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
Easley Enterprises, Inc.	NV Easley Winery Sweet Barrel Red	Indiana	96	True to Concord, grape jelly, well made, clean, balanced, bright and fresh.
PRESQUE ISLE WINE CELLARS	NV Presque Isle Wine Cellars Film Noiret	Lake Erie	100	Black pepper, violets, bell peppery, pinon incense.
RGNY Vineyards	2022 RGNY SciELO Sauvignon blanc	North Fork of Long Island	92	Bright, fresh, crisp, balanced.
Bel Lago	2020 Bel Lago Pinot Noir	Leelanau Peninsula	90	Red fruit white spices; cranberry, almond skin. Balanced bright finish