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Best of the Best

Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2021 Eberle Cotes-du-Robles	Paso Robles	97	Black currant. Shows Grenache really nicely. Very well balanced. Really nice mouth-feel

Best Boxed Wine

GALLO	2021 Black Box Merlot	California	90	Exhibits notes of deep fruit. Plums and ripe berries. The entry is pleasing and smooth. Hints of spice on the finish. A very well-balanced wine.

Best Canned Wine

Mimosa Royale LLC	NV Mimosa Royale Watermelon	Napa Valley	93	Jolly Rancher. Inviting nose and real watermelon. A burst of candied. fresh notes and acidity

Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Navarro Vineyards	2022 Navarro Vineyards Riesling Cluster Select Late Harvest	Anderson Valley	97	Dried apricot, hints of lemon and bright acidity. Classic!

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Best of Show Red Wine

Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2021 Eberle Cotes-du-Robles	Paso Robles	97	Black currant. Shows Grenache really nicely. Very well balanced. Really nice mouth-feel

Best of Show Rosé Wine

Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	97	Rooibos tea, Dried cherry, intensive, wonderful balance and well structured.

Best of Show Sparkling Wine

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GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rose	California			96	Alluring nose, well balanced with lovely acidity, red delicious apple.

Best of Show White Wine

Las Positas Vineyards	2022 Las Positas Vineyards Verdelho	Livermore Valley	Estate		98	Lemon, kaffir lime, white peppercorn.

Best of Class

Annadel Estate Winery & Flower	2019 Annadel Estate Winery Merlot	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown Reserve		94	Brawny notes, lingering finish, inviting nose, black berry, nice structure and balanced acid.
Arrington Vineyards	2022 Arrington Vineyards Riesling	Columbia Valley			92	Lovely, fruity. Really nice long finish. Full and luscious.
Arrington Vineyards	2022 Arrington Vineyards Firefly Rose	Columbia Valley			93	Lovely salmon color. Rose petal on the palate.
Arrington Vineyards	2021 Arrington Vineyards Syrah	Horse Heaven Hills			98	Gorgeous wine, beautiful nose, black & blue fruit, elegant inviting, deep dark, balanced tannins, stability.
Arrington Vineyards	2022 Arrington Vineyards Stag's White	Washington			92	Notes of peach, tropical fruit and gooseberry. Very well made wine.
Barra of Mendocino	2021 Girasole Vineyards Girasole Vineyards Sangiovese	Mendocino County	Estate Grown	CCOF Certified , Vegan-friendly	95	Multi-dimnesional black fruit and red fruit, lively, expressive, heirloom tomato, spicy and balanced.
Breathless Sparkling Wines	2018 Breathless Breathless Sparkling Pinot Meunier	Sonoma County, Los Carneros			96	Very pretty. Opens up to a very balanced wine. Nice white cherry and berry notes
Brecon Estate	2022 Brecon Estate True Acacia Head Albariño	Central Coast			99	Elusive mineral quality. Expertly balanced. Crisp, clean and elegant. Obviously an exceptional winemaker.

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Carol Shelton Wines	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Blanc	Paso Robles			98	Expertly blended, the whole surpasses to sum of parts.
Carol Shelton Wines	2021 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Zin	Mendocino County	Old Vines	Organically grown	92	Lovely, fruity, ripe.
Carol Shelton Wines	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Barbera d'Oakley	Contra Costa County	Old Vine		93	Pretty fresh, crunchy red fruits. Vibrant
Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2022 Eberle Muscat Canelli	Paso Robles	Estate		93	Great honeysuckle. Lovely wine. Very well balanced.
Eberle Winery, Ltd.	2021 Eberle Cotes-du-Robles	Paso Robles			97	Black currant. Shows Grenache really nicely. Very well balanced. Really nice mouth-feel
Fallbrook Winery	2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Falanghina	South Coast			97	Tangerine, lemon grass, crisp and clean.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Spritzer Pink Moscato Seltzer Can	American			94	Lychee, mangosteen. Nice Asian influences like gummys.
GALLO	2021 Black Box Merlot	California			90	Exhibits notes of deep fruit. Plums and ripe berries. The entry is pleasing and smooth. Hints of spice on the finish. A very well-balanced wine.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	California			95	Approachable Cabernet Sauvignon with notes of blue, black and red fruits.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rose	California			96	Alluring nose, well balanced with lovely acidity, red delicious apple.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California			97	Classic nose. Tangerine, vibrant. Perfect for a summer afternoon garden party
Halleck Vineyard	2019 Halleck Vineyard Pinot Noir, The Farm Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		96	Makes a statement; pomegranate and bing cherry. Nimble

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Jeff Runquist Wines	2020 Jeff Runquist Reserve Petit Verdot	San Joaquin County	Reserve		94	Bright fruit, lovely varietal representation.
Jeff Runquist Wines	2021 Jeff Runquist Grenache TW	Paso Robles		Three Way Vineyard	98	Fabulous nose, structure, nice acid, juicy blueberry, makes you want a second glass. Blue fruit, stupendous, enlightening palate, enchanting, exciting.
Jeff Runquist Wines	2021 Jeff Runquist Tempranillo SRR	Amador County, Sierra Foothills		Shake Ridge Ranch	91	
Jeff Runquist Wines	2021 Jeff Runquist Petite Sirah	Clarksburg		Salman Vineyard	97	Briar, earthy, allspice. Good integration of fruit. Big round delicious.
Jeff Runquist Wines	2021 Jeff Runquist Malbec	El Dorado, Fair Play		Fiddlehead Vineyard	96	Pure mountain fruit flavors with notes of mineral. Licorice, and a long inky finish
Jeff Runquist Wines	2022 Jeff Runquist Chardonnay	Los Carneros		Sisters Vineyard	96	Classic cool climate style, sweet tree fruit, lemon, pear, pretty nose, elegant finish.
Jeff Runquist Wines	2021 Jeff Runquist Graciano	Paso Robles		Three Way Vineyard	96	Black cherry, black currant, pepper, ginger.
Las Positas Vineyards	2022 Las Positas Vineyards Verdelho	Livermore Valley	Estate		98	Lemon, kaffir lime, white peppercorn.
Maan Farms Estate Winery	2022 MAAN FARMS ESTATE WINERY Maan Farms Raspberry Table	British Columbia			95	Tastes like a strawberry parfait. Nice long finish.
Mimosa Royale LLC	NV Mimosa Royale Berry	Sonoma County			94	A plethora of berries! Red and black fruit. Balanced well rounded mixture of acidity and freshness.
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Monserate Vineyards and Winery	2021 Monserate Vineyards and Winery 2021 Pompeii	San Diego County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Watermelon rind. Very subtle baking spice. Dry red berry.
Moondance Cellars/Orchard Station Winery	2019 Orchard Station Winery Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Unoaked		95	Mango; girth and strength; good weight, food wine
Navarro Vineyards	2022 Navarro Vineyards Riesling Cluster Select Late Harvest	Anderson Valley			97	Dried apricot, hints of lemon and bright acidity. Classic!
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Balverne Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	98	Flavorful! With multiple layers of fruit. Vibrant yet earthy.
Oak Farm Vineyards	2021 Tievoli Red Blend	Lodi		Certified Green/Sustainable under Lodi Rules	95	Luscious on the mouth, elegant lingering finish.
Raging Bull Vineyard	2022 Raging Bull Vineyard The Pink Rose	Tehama County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate single vineyard	91	A pleasant surprise, a syrah based port...who knew.
River Road Family Vineyards and Winery	2022 Ron Rubin Ron Rubin Chardonnay	Russian River Valley		Certified B Corporation	97	Classic, reliable, wet stones, Ca. style, tree fruit, very satisfying.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards "Charlotte's Home" Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County			93	New Zealand style. Big mouth feel, Fruit forward nose. Crisp and clean.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2021 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Red Blend	Sonoma County			98	Balanced, luscious, blueberry, savory, cedar, white spice, gorgeous tannins.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			97	Rooibos tea, Dried cherry, intensive, wonderful balance and well structured.
Sean Minor Wines	2020 Sean Minor Cabernet Sauvignon, Signature Series	North Coast			96	Notes of Tarragon. will age to perfection. Oak well integrated

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Silver Mountain Vineyards	2013 Silver Mountain Vineyards Alloy	Santa Cruz Mountains			99	Baked red fruit, cherry and leather. Seamless blend of acid and tannins. Timeless. Astonishing; jaw dropping; youthfulness. Dorian Gray of Bordeaux blends.
Soda Rock Winery	2021 Soda Rock Spur Hill Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley			98	Killer, Sarsaparilla, cola, lush big mouth, lip-smacking. Herbal tea and boysenberry
Soda Rock Winery	2021 Soda Rock Los Amigos Primitivo	Chalk Hill			92	Camphor, Oil cured olive, dark red berries.
Stanton Vineyards	2019 Stanton Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Oakville	Reserve		95	Up front fruit and earth. Great viscosity. Long finish
Trecini Winery	2022 Trecini GRENACHE BLANC	Rockpile	Barrel Fermented		97	Crisp Asian pear, beautifully tart.
Trecini Winery	2022 Trecini Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			95	Nice fruit, gentle. Neutral oak with earthy undertones. Big mid palate
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2022 Tsillan Cellars Dolce Donna	Columbia Valley		100% stainless steel aged	94	The nose! Balanced, inviting. Floral and pretty kiwi. Perfumed and expressive
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2021 Tsillan Cellars Bellissima Rossa	Columbia Valley			100	Superb wine.. Rich, ripe red fruit. Supple notes of chocolate and leather. Perfect viscosity, long elegant clean finish. It's that good!
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2022 Tsillan Cellars Estate Gewürztraminer	Lake Chelan	Estate Grown and Produced		90	Broad palate. Full mouth. Floral. White peach fruit
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2021 Tsillan Cellars Estate Cabernet Franc	Lake Chelan	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Rich varietal fruit, well integrated, nice meshing of fruit & oak.
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2022 Tsillan Cellars Estate Viognier	Lake Chelan	Estate Grown and Produced		92	Stone fruit. Apricot. Bright acid.

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Tsillan Cellars Winery	2021 Tsillan Cellars Estate Sangiovese	Lake Chelan	Estate Grown and Produced	96	Toasty, nice barrel, great use of wood. Softer more like the Italian style, warm spices.
Turkovich Family Wines	2021 Turkovich Family Wines Roussanne	Yolo County		97	

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