

2023 Harvest Terroir Challenge

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Best of the Best

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| Lula Cellars | 2020 Lula Cellars Rescue Block Pinot Noir | Anderson Valley | | 98 | Rich, ripe. Bing cherry. Hint of orange peel. |
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Best of Alexander Valley AVA

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| <u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u> | 2018 Dutcher Crossing 2018 Cooney Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon | Alexander Valley | Barrel Aged | 92 | Big fruit, nice bright acidity |
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Best of Anderson Valley AVA

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| Lula Cellars | 2020 Lula Cellars Rescue Block Pinot Noir | Anderson Valley | | 98 | Rich, ripe. Bing cherry. Hint of orange peel. |
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Best of Australia

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| Taylors Wines | 2023 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling | South Australia | | 97 | Perfect nose with hints of citrus and stone fruit. Long finish. |
| Wine Insiders | 2023 Rookanga Chardonnay | SE Australia | | 97 | Lemon curd, soft, citrusy, buttery and restrained |

Best of California AVA

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| Delicato Family Wines | 2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Claret | California | | 97 | Dynamic, bright, juicy, fruity, complex, great finish. |
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Best of Carneros AVA

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| Carneros Wine Company | 2021 Mahoney Family Vineyards Pinot Noir | Carneros | Estate | 97 | Purity, cherries, cocoa powder, black tea. |
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Best of Chile

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| Wine Insiders | 2022 Casa De La Luna Red Blend | Valle Central | | Reserva de Selección 92 | Herbaceous, lovely black and blue fruits, spices. |
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Best of Class

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| Amphora Winery | 2019 Amphora Cabernet Franc | Dry Creek Valley | | 98 | Good varietal character and tannin. True to the varietal |
| Barra of Mendocino | 2022 Girasole Vineyards Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc | Mendocino County | Estate Grown | CCOF Certified , Vegan-friendly 99 | Fresh, intriguing, silky, wild thyme, chamomile, orange peel. |

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| Belle Fiore Winery | 2020 Belle Fiore Reserve Numinos | Rogue Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | 94 | Complex, balanced, plum, food friendly | |
| Brick Barn Wine Estate | 2021 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino | Santa Ynez Valley | Estate | 96 | Full bodied, nice fruit. Full with long finish, tart, floral nose. | |
| Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery | 2020 Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery Bugle Call Red Blend | Lake County | Barrel Aged | 99 | Multi dimensional, juicy, cherry and boysenberry | |
| Carneros Wine Company | 2021 Mahoney Family Vineyards Pinot Noir | Carneros | Estate | 97 | Purity, cherries, cocoa powder, black tea. | |
| Cazadero Winery | 2021 Cazadero Winery Pinot Noir | Sonoma Coast (Sonoma) | Single Vineyard | Pommard Clone 4 | 92 | Earthy, balanced, intense. |
| Chacewater, Inc. | 2022 Chacewater Windrem Organic Sauvignon Blanc | Lake County | | | 99 | Wow factor. Citrus infused, complex melon |
| Chacewater, Inc. | 2021 Chacewater Highlander Blend Red Blend | Sierra Foothills | Barrel Aged | | 92 | Black tea, chewy texture, ripe, briary, nice structure |
| Coyote Canyon Winery | 2021 Coyote Canyon Grenache | Horse Heaven Hills | Reserve | 18 month barrel aged | 92 | Gamey note, dark concentrated dark chocolate. pleasant acidity |
| Coyote Canyon Winery | 2022 Coyote Canyon Sauvignon Blanc | Horse Heaven Hills | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 93 | Jasmine nose with flavors of lichee and very herbaceous. |
| Delicato Family Wines | 2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Claret | California | | | 97 | Dynamic, bright, juicy, fruity, complex, great finish. |
| Delicato Family Wines | 2020 Eleanor Red Blend | Sonoma County | | | 93 | Concentrated, chewy, dark chocolate, jammy, and slightly oaky |
| <u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u> | 2018 Dutcher Crossing 2018 Cooney Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon | Alexander Valley | Barrel Aged | | 92 | Big fruit, nice bright acidity |
| Effingham Winery | 2020 Effingham Tannat | Virginia | Barrel Fermented Reserve | | 95 | Very savory. Deep and intense flavors. Leather, tar. Ends balanced. A very well made wine. |
| Fallbrook Winery | 2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Albarino | South Coast | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 98 | Citrus peel, nice long full mouth feel, great nose, fresh and bright. |

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| Fortunati Vineyards | 2021 Fortunati Vineyards Chardonnay | Oak Knoll District | | 92 | Citrus and crisp apple. |
| Fortunati Vineyards | 2021 Fortunati Vineyards Pinot Noir | Sta. Rita Hills | Single Vineyard | 94 | Big new world style, cherry, earth, well balanced, fruit bomb. |
| Franklin Hill Vineyards | 2022 Franklin Hill Vineyards Sir Walters Bubbly | Lake Erie | Low alcohol Concord | 97 | True to its varietal, amazing long finish |
| Galante Vineyards | 2021 Galante Vineyards Legacy Red Blend | Carmel Valley | Estate Grown & Bottled | 92 | Varietal character, lots of plush fruit that lingers through finish. |
| GALLO | 2021 Black Box Vibrant & Velvety Red Blend | California | | 96 | Cherry and pomegranate with good acidity running through it. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Bubbly Extra Dry | California | | 96 | Yellow delicious apple, bright fruit, great balance, nice finish. |
| GALLO | 2022 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough | | 98 | Grassy and sassy, grapefruity, zesty, ready to party. |
| Husch Vineyards | 2022 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer | Anderson Valley | Estate Bottled | 98 | Honeycomb. True to variety. Angelic. Poised. |
| Imagery Estate Winery | 2021 Imagery Estate Winery Primitivo | Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 93 | Well integrated, good mouth feel. |
| JOLO Winery & Vineyards | 2021 JOLO Vineyards Pilot Shadow Red Blend | North Carolina | | 97 | Good wine crafting, cranberry, integrated complete and seamless. |
| Karma Vista Vineyards | 2021 Karma Vista Vineyards Reserve Syrah | Lake Michigan Shore | Estate | 98 | Peppery, lavender. Classic Syrah, vibrant and exciting |
| Kings Mountain Winery | 2019 Kings Mountain Vineyards Clone 13 Pinot Noir | Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation | Estate Grown | 97 | Bold nose, silky palate. Baked peppery finish. Currants |
| La Chertosa Wines | 2022 La Chertosa Old World Wines Eye of the Swan Aleatico Rosé | Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley | | 90 | |
| Lula Cellars | 2020 Lula Cellars Rescue Block Pinot Noir | Anderson Valley | | 98 | Rich, ripe. Bing cherry. Hint of orange peel. |

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| McGrail Vineyards and Winery | 2021 McGrail Vineyards Sláinte Red Blend | Livermore Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | Lucky 8 Vineyard | 93 | Earthy, ripe, complex, nice nose. |
| Mettler Family Vineyards | 2020 Mettler Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | Lodi | Estate | | 95 | Cedar, cloves, cola, layered pepper, sweet cherry cola. |
| Nassau Valley Vineyards | NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White | Delaware | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 92 | Complete and balanced. Not overly sweet. Solid. Quite expressive |
| Page Mill Winery | 2022 Page Mill Winery Angela's Cuvee | Livermore Valley | | | 92 | Floral, citrus, berries, nice balance. |
| Pearmund Cellars | 2021 Pearmund Viognier | Virginia | | Silver Creek Vineyard | 95 | Layered peach. Hints of lemon bars. Very well balanced. Soft texture. |
| Penrose Hill | 2022 Chanmé Méchant Grenache Blanc | Pays d'Oc | | | 94 | Lovely fruit, touch of honey, lemon. Well made wine for all seasons |
| Pezzi King Vineyards | 2021 Pezzi King Estate,Oakey Grande Zinfandel | Dry Creek Valley | | | 97 | Nice brambly character, lots of spice, cracked pepper, ripe dried plum |
| Rios Wine Company | 2018 Rios Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley | Napa Valley, Stags Leap District | Single Vineyard | | 92 | Nice finish, well balanced, earth, chocolate, mushroom, Unami, smooth tannins. |
| Sea Bird Wines | 2019 Sea Bird Aphrodite Merlot | Napa Valley, Atlas Peak District | Single Vineyard Reserve | Broken Rock Vineyard | 91 | Bold, lots of leather and tobacco, Black Cherry |
| Sea Bird Wines | 2020 Sea Bird Broken Rock Vineyard | Atlas Peak | Single Vineyard Collection | Broken Rock Vineyard | 97 | Restrained yet classic. Balanced. |
| Seavin, Inc | NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry | American | | | 92 | Warm and nutty. Notes of caramel and vanilla |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Brut Rose Sparkling Wine | Russian River Valley | Methode Traditionne lle | | 98 | Sweetheart cherries, gorgeous balance, beautiful aromatics. |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir | Sonoma County, Russian River Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 95 | Berry, cherry, floral, ripe and clean |

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| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Sonoma Coast Chardonnay | Russian River Valley | | | 98 | Gorgeous minerality, lively & layered, perfumed. |
| Spicy Vines | 2018 Spicy Vines Cabernet Franc | Pine Mountain- Cloverdale Peak (Mendocino) | Single Vineyard | Pine Mountain Vineyard Patio Block | 95 | Plum skin, subtle tobacco, long finish, nice round mouth feel. |
| St. Anne's Crossing | 2021 St. Anne's Crossing Reserve Rockpile Zinfandel | Rockpile | Reserve | | 94 | Ripe, wild berry, lush, balanced, good acidity, spicy |
| St. Francis Winery & Vineyards | 2020 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon | Moon Mountain District | | | 92 | Drinkable, pairs well with a meal or drink by itself. Well made |
| St. Francis Winery & Vineyards | 2022 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc | Sonoma Valley | | | 92 | Floral, good intensity, well structured, blossomy notes. |
| Taylors Wines | 2023 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling | South Australia | | | 97 | Perfect nose with hints of citrus and stone fruit. Long finish. |
| The Vineyards at Pine Lake | 2022 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Vignoles | Ohio | | | 96 | Pineapple juice, quince. Smooth finish. |
| The Vineyards at Pine Lake | 2022 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Moscato | American | | | 95 | Fresh squeezed orange, smooth on palate. |
| Tondre | 2021 Tondre Chardonnay | Santa Lucia Highlands | | Tondre Grapefield | 97 | Iconic new world style, soft and approachable, great varietal character. |
| Vintage Wine Estates | 2021 Villa Victoria Primitivo | Italy | | | 97 | Textbook Primitivo, carefully crafted, juicy, jammy, a little bit of savory herbaceous note, dried cranberry, white sage, lingering finish, "the finish does not finish" |
| Wandering Cellars Inc | 2019 Wandering Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon | Calistoga | | | 91 | Classy, pleasing blend of fruit & spice, racy cherry fruit. |
| Wine Insiders | 2022 Wild Gnu Chenin Blanc | WO Western Cape | | | 94 | Passion fruit, tropical |
| Wine Insiders | 2023 Rookanga Chardonnay | SE Australia | | | 97 | Lemon curd, soft, citrusy, buttery and restrained |

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| Wine Insiders | 2019 Chateau Tournelles Malbec-Cabernet Franc | Buzet AOC | | 91 | Bright fruit and huckleberry, soft mellow red fruit. Red licorice. Approachable |
| Best of Delaware AVA | | | | | |
| Nassau Valley Vineyards | NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White | Delaware | Estate Bottled & Produced | 92 | Complete and balanced. Not overly sweet. Solid. Quite expressive |
| Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA | | | | | |
| Amphora Winery | 2019 Amphora Cabernet Franc | Dry Creek Valley | | 98 | Good varietal character and tannin. True to the varietal |
| Best of Florida AVA | | | | | |
| Seavin, Inc | NV San Sebastian Winery Vintners White | Florida | | 92 | Good varietal finish. Gardenia, tropical, dried apple, cotton candy. |
| Best of France | | | | | |
| Penrose Hill | 2022 Chanmé Méchant Grenache Blanc | Pays d'Oc | | 94 | Lovely fruit, touch of honey, lemon. Well made wine for all seasons |
| Best of France - Buzet AOC | | | | | |
| Wine Insiders | 2019 Chateau Tournelles Malbec-Cabernet Franc | Buzet AOC | | 91 | Bright fruit and huckleberry, soft mellow red fruit. Red licorice. Approachable |
| Best of Horse Heaven Hills AVA | | | | | |
| Coyote Canyon Winery | 2022 Coyote Canyon Sauvignon Blanc | Horse Heaven Hills | Estate Bottled & Produced | 93 | Jasmine nose with flavors of lichee and very herbaceous. |
| Best of Italy | | | | | |
| Vintage Wine Estates | 2021 Villa Victoria Primitivo | Italy | | 97 | Textbook Primitivo, carefully crafted, juicy, jammy, a little bit of savory herbaceous note, dried cranberry, white sage, lingering finish, "the finish does not finish" |

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Best of Lake County AVA

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| Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery | 2020 Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery Bugle Call Red Blend | Lake County | Barrel Aged | 99 | Multi dimensional, juicy, cherry and boysenberry |
| Chacewater, Inc. | 2022 Chacewater Windrem Organic Sauvignon Blanc | Lake County | | 99 | Wow factor. Citrus infused, complex melon |

Best of Lake Erie AVA

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| Franklin Hill Vineyards | 2022 Franklin Hill Vineyards Sir Walters Bubbly | Lake Erie | | Low alcohol Concord | 97 | True to its varietal, amazing long finish |
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Best of Lake Michigan Shore AVA

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| Karma Vista Vineyards | 2021 Karma Vista Vineyards Reserve Syrah | Lake Michigan Shore | Estate | | 98 | Peppery, lavender. Classic Syrah, vibrant and exciting |
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Best of Livermore Valley AVA

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| McGrail Vineyards and Winery | 2021 McGrail Vineyards Sláinte Red Blend | Livermore Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | Lucky 8 Vineyard | 93 | Earthy, ripe, complex, nice nose. |
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Best of Lodi AVA

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| Mettler Family Vineyards | 2020 Mettler Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | Lodi | Estate | | 95 | Cedar, cloves, cola, layered pepper, sweet cherry cola. |
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Best of Mendocino County AVA

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| Barra of Mendocino | 2022 Girasole Vineyards Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc | Mendocino County | Estate Grown | CCOF Certified , Vegan-friendly | 99 | Fresh, intriguing, silky, wild thyme, chamomile, orange peel. |
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Best of Monterey County AVA

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| Tondre | 2021 Tondre Chardonnay | Santa Lucia Highlands | | Tondre Grapefield | 97 | Iconic new world style, soft and approachable, great varietal character. |
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Best of Monterey-Carmel Valley

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| Galante Vineyards | 2021 Galante Vineyards Legacy Red Blend | Carmel Valley | Estate Grown & Bottled | | 92 | Varietal character, lots of plush fruit that lingers through finish. |
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Best of Moon Mountain District

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| St. Francis Winery & Vineyards | 2020 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon | Moon Mountain District | | | 92 | Drinkable, pairs well with a meal or drink by itself. Well made |
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Best of Napa

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| Sea Bird Wines | 2019 Sea Bird Aphrodite Merlot | Napa Valley, Atlas Peak District | Single Vineyard Reserve | Broken Rock Vineyard | 91 | Bold, lots of leather and tobacco, Black Cherry |
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Best of Napa - Atlas Peak

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| Sea Bird Wines | 2020 Sea Bird Broken Rock Vineyard | Atlas Peak | Single Vineyard Collection | Broken Rock Vineyard | 97 | Restrained yet classic. Balanced. |
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Best of Napa - Calistoga

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| Wandering Cellars Inc | 2019 Wandering Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon | Calistoga | | | 91 | Classy, pleasing blend of fruit & spice, racy cherry fruit. |
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Best of Napa - Oak Knoll District

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| Fortunati Vineyards | 2021 Fortunati Vineyards Chardonnay | Oak Knoll District | | | 92 | Citrus and crisp apple. |
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Best of Napa - Stags Leap

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| Rios Wine Company | 2018 Rios Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley | Napa Valley, Stags Leap District | Single Vineyard | | 92 | Nice finish, well balanced, earth, chocolate, mushroom, Unami, smooth tannins. |
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Best of New Zealand AVA

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| GALLO | 2022 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough | | | 98 | Grassy and sassy, grapefruity, zesty, ready to party. |
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Best of North Carolina AVA

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| JOLO Winery & Vineyards | 2021 JOLO Vineyards Pilot Shadow Red Blend | North Carolina | | | 97 | Good wine crafting, cranberry, integrated complete and seamless. |
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Best of Ohio AVA

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| The Vineyards at Pine Lake | 2022 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Vignoles | Ohio | | | 96 | Pineapple juice, quince. Smooth finish. |
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Best of Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak AVA

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| Spicy Vines | 2018 Spicy Vines Cabernet Franc | Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak (Mendocino) | Single Vineyard | Pine Mountain Vineyard Patio Block | 95 | Plum skin, subtle tobacco, long finish, nice round mouth feel. |
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Best of Ramona Valley AVA

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| Ramona Ranch Winery | 2022 Ramona Ranch Winery Symphony | Ramona Valley | | 90 | Bright, cheery, fresh, zesty, citrus. |
| Best of Rockpile AVA | | | | | |
| St. Anne's Crossing | 2021 St. Anne's Crossing Reserve Rockpile Zinfandel | Rockpile | Reserve | 94 | Ripe, wild berry, lush, balanced, good acidity, spicy |
| Best of Rogue Valley AVA | | | | | |
| Belle Fiore Winery | 2020 Belle Fiore Reserve Numinos | Rogue Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | 94 | Complex, balanced, plum, food friendly |
| Best of Russian River Valley AVA | | | | | |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Sonoma Coast Chardonnay | Russian River Valley | | 98 | Gorgeous minerality, lively & layered, perfumed. |
| Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA | | | | | |
| Kings Mountain Winery | 2019 Kings Mountain Vineyards Clone 13 Pinot Noir | Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation | Estate Grown | 97 | Bold nose, silky palate. Baked peppery finish. Currants |
| Best of Santa Ynez Valley AVA | | | | | |
| Brick Barn Wine Estate | 2021 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino | Santa Ynez Valley | Estate | 96 | Full bodied, nice fruit. Full with long finish, tart, floral nose. |
| Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest | | | | | |
| Husch Vineyards | 2022 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer | Anderson Valley | Estate Bottled | 98 | Honeycomb. True to variety. Angelic. Poised. |
| Best of Show Fortified Wine | | | | | |
| Seavin, Inc | NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry | American | | 92 | Warm and nutty. Notes of caramel and vanilla |
| Best of Show Red Wine | | | | | |
| Lula Cellars | 2020 Lula Cellars Rescue Block Pinot Noir | Anderson Valley | | 98 | Rich, ripe. Bing cherry. Hint of orange peel. |
| Best of Show Rosé Wine | | | | | |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir | Sonoma County, Russian River Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 95 | Berry, cherry, floral, ripe and clean |
| Best of Show Sparkling Wine | | | | | |

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| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Brut Rose Sparkling Wine | Russian River Valley | Methode Traditionne lle | 98 | Sweetheart cherries, gorgeous balance, beautiful aromatics. | |
| Best of Show White Wine | | | | | | |
| Fallbrook Winery | 2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Albarino | South Coast | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | 98 | Citrus peel, nice long full mouth feel, great nose, fresh and bright. | |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Sonoma Coast Chardonnay | Russian River Valley | | 98 | Gorgeous minerality, lively & layered, perfumed. | |
| Best of Sierra Foothills AVA | | | | | | |
| Chacewater, Inc. | 2021 Chacewater Highlander Blend Red Blend | Sierra Foothills | Barrel Aged | 92 | Black tea, chewy texture, ripe, briary, nice structure | |
| Best of Sonoma Coast AVA | | | | | | |
| Cazadero Winery | 2021 Cazadero Winery Pinot Noir | Sonoma Coast (Sonoma) | Single Vineyard | Pommard Clone 4 | 92 | Earthy, balanced, intense. |
| Best of Sonoma County AVA | | | | | | |
| Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard | 2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir | Sonoma County, Russian River Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 95 | Berry, cherry, floral, ripe and clean | |
| Best of Sonoma Valley AVA | | | | | | |
| Imagery Estate Winery | 2021 Imagery Estate Winery Primitivo | Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 93 | Well integrated, good mouth feel. | |
| Best of South Africa AVA | | | | | | |
| Wine Insiders | 2022 Wild Gnu Chenin Blanc | WO Western Cape | | 94 | Passion fruit, tropical | |
| Best of South Coast AVA | | | | | | |
| Fallbrook Winery | 2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Albarino | South Coast | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | 98 | Citrus peel, nice long full mouth feel, great nose, fresh and bright. | |
| Best of Sta. Rita Hills | | | | | | |
| Fortunati Vineyards | 2021 Fortunati Vineyards Pinot Noir | Sta. Rita Hills | Single Vineyard | 94 | Big new world style, cherry, earth, well balanced, fruit bomb. | |
| Best of Virginia AVA | | | | | | |

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| Effingham Winery | 2020 Effingham Tannat | Virginia | Barrel Fermented Reserve | 95 | Very savory. Deep and intense flavors. Leather, tar. Ends balanced. A very well made wine. |
| Pearmund Cellars | 2021 Pearmund Viognier | Virginia | Silver Creek Vineyard | 95 | Layered peach. Hints of lemon bars. Very well balanced. Soft texture. |