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Best of the Best

Trentadue Winery	2021 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	99	Beautiful balance. Bright. Huckleberry. Creme de cassis. Very juicy.

Best of Lake County

Brassfield Estate Winery	2021 Brassfield Estate Winery Grenache	High Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Lots of plum, great structure and balance.

Best of Mendocino County

Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	99	Spritzy cherry blossom zest bomb from the land of the wild.

Best of Napa County

Delicato Family Wines	2021 Black Stallion Estate Winery Collector Edition Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Howell Mountain		99	Complexity. Well integrated. Chocolate. Tobacco. Big Boy Cabernet.

Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Carol Shelton Wines	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Black Magic Late Harvest	Sonoma County	Late Harvest	95	Pomegranate ,molasses, raspberry jam, good acidity and boysenberry.

Best of Show Red Wine

Trentadue Winery	2021 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	99	Beautiful balance. Bright. Huckleberry. Creme de cassis. Very juicy.

Best of Show Rosé Wine

Imagery Estate Winery	2023 Imagery Estate Winery Aleatico Rosé	Sonoma Valley	Produced and Bottled By	98	Super duper fun seductive crowd pleaser, Saturday night date romantic wine Casablanca. "Here's looking at you kid!".

Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Roederer Estate	2019 Scharffenberger Cellars Blanc de Blancs	Mendocino County	Methode Traditionnelle	98	Sexy, creamy, taffeta ballgown, mandarin blossoms.

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Best of Show White Wine

Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		99	Spritzy cherry blossom zest bomb from the land of the wild.

Best of Solano County AVA

Vezer Family Vineyard LLC	2020 Vezer Family Vineyard Blue Victorian Sangiovese	Suisun Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Spicy floral, medley of fruit, sexy finish.

Best of Sonoma County

Trentadue Winery	2021 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		99	Beautiful balance. Bright. Huckleberry. Creme de cassis. Very juicy.

Best of Class

Boisset Collection	2021 Buena Vista Winery Chateau Buena Vista Chardonnay	Carneros			98	Fantastic, creamy rich layers. Well balanced.
Boisset Collection	2020 Buena Vista Winery Chateau Buena Vista Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			98	Dark chocolate, cola, coffee. Black Forest cake. Sesame seeds. Rich and concentrated.
Bottle Barn	2021 Barn Raiser Barn Raiser Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			99	Big berry (Strawberry/cherry); Aromatic tea; rich with great deep flavor profiles. Seductive wine
Brooks Note Wines, LLC	2023 Brooks Note Pinot Blanc	Mendocino			97	Rich full body and tasty
Bucher Wines	2021 Bucher Pommard Clone	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	100% Pommard Clone	98	Delicious, black fruit, orange tea, like Barbie, polished and fruity but underneath its tour de force.
Carol Shelton Wines	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Black Magic Late Harvest	Sonoma County	Late Harvest		95	Pomegranate ,molasses, raspberry jam, good acidity and boysenberry.
Carol Shelton Wines	2021 Carol Shelton Wines Collins Reserve Zin	Russian River Valley	Old Vine	Collins Vineyard	98	Fruit driven, well balanced, floral, clean mouth.
Delicato Family Wines	2021 Black Stallion Estate Winery Collector Edition Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Howell Mountain			99	Complexity. Well integrated. Chocolate. Tobacco. Big Boy Cabernet.

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deLorimier Winery	2019 deLorimier Winery Mosaic Meritage	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	More oak note, elegant, classic, will age beautifully.
deLorimier Winery	2020 deLorimier Winery Malbec	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced	Furlong Reserve	97	Young and yummy. Ripe, savory finish. Supple tannin, layered aromatics.
Draxton Wines	2019 Draxton 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley	Alexander Valley	Barrel Aged	18 Months in French Oak	94	Hoisin aromas. Blackberry, blueberry, nutmeg, and cinnamon flavors.
Dry Creek Vineyard	2023 Dry Creek Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley			98	Fresh clean and bright; Lemon grass, cilantro, grassy expressive. Residual sugar brightens.
Foley Family Wines	2021 Roth Estate Heritage Red	Sonoma County			97	Beautiful blend. Dark fruit.
Furthermore Wines	2022 Furthermore Wines Sonoma Coast Riesling	Sonoma Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced		97	Very floral. Bright, cassis, stone fruit, Asian pear.
Guadagni Family Wines	2021 Guadagni Family Wines Old Clone Petite Sirah	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Balanced, Rick Byers of deliciousness; Spicy, feisty. Pure pro like Steph Curry on the court.
Handal-Denier Vineyards	2019 Denier-Handal Vineyards Sangiovese	Mendocino County	Single Vineyard	Mendocino County	97	Bright lively American version of Italian wine.
Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Muscat Canelli	Mendocino		Sustainably Farmed	94	Honeysuckle ripe peach, classic to the style.
Husch Vineyards	2023 Husch Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino		Sustainably Farmed	96	Classic grassy Sauv Blanc. Lemon/lime zest with some salinity.
Imagery Estate Winery	2023 Imagery Estate Winery Aleatico Rosé	Sonoma Valley		Produced and Bottled By	98	Super duper fun seductive crowd pleaser, Saturday night date romantic wine Casablanca. "Here's looking at you kid!".
Imagery Estate Winery	2022 Imagery Estate Winery Primitivo	Sonoma Valley		Produced and Bottled By	97	Blueberry; violets, savory, rustic dried herbs

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Imagery Estate Winery	2021 Imagery Estate Winery Sangiovese	Sonoma County		Produced and Bottled By	98	Good balance and structure, elegant, good red, good on palate, no harsh edges.
Jaxon Keys	2021 Jaxon Keys GPS	Mendocino	Estate		97	Big color, tasty, rich and fruity.
Jaxon Keys	2021 Jaxon Keys Zinfandel Brandy Barrel	Mendocino			97	Very silky and smooth; Perfect mouth feel; Great finish; Just yummy; Depth and concentration with a touch of chocolate.
Kara Marie	2023 Ra Ra Wine Co. Melon de Bourgogne	Alexander Valley			98	Citrusy, aromatic, nice spritz. White flowers and stone fruit.
Larson Family Winery	2022 Larson Family Winery Chardonnay	Carneros	Estate	Barrel Aged	97	Beautifully integrated, well made, blond bombshell. "Drop Dead Gorgeous".
Matrix Winery	2021 Matrix Winery Matrix Estate Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			98	Umami wine. Forest floor, wild berries
McCarter Cellars	2022 McCarter Cellars Pinot Noir Martini Clone	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Forchini Vineyard	98	Light, balanced, super perfumy, balanced throughout, red cherry, very defined.
McNab Ridge Winery	2020 McNab Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon - Largo	Mendocino County	Reserve		98	Smells great; Dr. Pepper, earthy mushroom, violets, coffee, mocha, and sweet spice
Merriam Vineyards	2022 Merriam Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Eastside Estate	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Eastside Estate Vineyard	95	Fresh peach; nice acidity; Great melon; Honeysuckle and vanilla bean.
Muscardini Cellars	2020 Muscardini Cellars Barbera, Pauli Ranch Vineyards	Redwood Valley	Single Vineyard	Pauli Ranch Vineyards	98	Stunningly gorgeous, kiss of caramel, lovely crossroads of complex elegance.
Navarro Vineyards	2022 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay, Mendocino	Mendocino			98	Easy, sweet fruit. Grapefruit. Yummy.

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Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Notre Vue Estate Cab Franc	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	97	Pleasant green leaf. Red cherry.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		99	Spritzy cherry blossom zest bomb from the land of the wild.
Pennyroyal Farm	2022 Pennyroyal Farm Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Hammer Olsen Vineyard	97	Guava and coconut. Fresh. Russian River style.
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		98	Inviting nose. Balanced, peppermint finish, lime, white nectarine. White blossom, peachy and apple.
PERRI JAYE VINEYARDS, LLC	2021 Perri Jaye Vineyards Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate		98	Complex. Very nicely balanced. Rich fruit forward. Refined and age-worthy
Portalupi	2023 Portalupi Vermentino	Carneros, Sonoma	Single Vineyard	Las Brisas Vineyard	98	Bright citrus; Green guava; White flowers; Musky, Granny Smith apples
Portalupi	2019 Portalupi Nebbiolo	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged	Graziano Vineyard	96	Bright, red fruit, blood orange, fresh classic.
River Road Family Vineyards and Winery	2021 Ron Rubin 2021 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Well balanced, a crowd pleaser, zingy, raspberry.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County			98	Yummy, juicy, spice, lovely layers, lingering finish.
Roederer Estate	2019 Scharffenberger Cellars Blanc de Blancs	Mendocino County	Methode Traditionnelle		98	Sexy, creamy, taffeta ballgown, mandarin blossoms.
Sequoia Grove Winery	2021 Sequoia Grove Winery Napa Valley Merlot	Napa Valley			97	Complex, nicely made. Nice balance with fruit at end.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2021 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Les Plus Haut	98	The whole package, classic Pinot, like a great kiss, well made, beautiful Pinot.

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St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2023 St. Francis Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County			97	Tangerine; geranium; grapefruit flavor; Lemon candy.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2023 St. Francis Rose Wine	Sonoma County		Artisan Collection	97	Fresh, vibrant and floral.
The.Grenachista Wine Company	2023 The.Grenachista Grenache Noir Pet-Nat	Dry Creek Valley		Petillant Naturel	95	Fun to drink. Balance of light berries. Great finish. Very clean nose. Balanced mouth feel. Nice bubbles.
The.Grenachista Wine Company	2023 The.Grenachista Grenache Rosé	Sonoma Valley			96	I could sit on the porch and sip the rose'. Cool calm and collected. Slightly green banana.
The.Grenachista Wine Company	2021 The.Grenachista Alder Springs Grenache Noir	Mendocino County	Single Vineyard	Alder Sprins Vineyard	98	Intentionally deceiving in color, cranberry with load of cherry flavor, very structured and savory. Mushroom and forest floor.
Thirty-Seven Wines	2022 Thirty-Seven Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			97	Plum. Anis. Quality. Dark tonic. Black plum. Dark. Rich.
Thirty-Seven Wines	2021 Thirty-Seven Syrah	Petaluma Gap			96	Great fruit, pretty oak, well made, just yummy, "has it all".
Trentadue Winery	2021 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		99	Beautiful balance. Bright. Huckleberry. Creme de cassis. Very juicy.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2021 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Sawyer RSV	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown Reserve	Estate Bottled Reserve	99	Super big, grapey, port style young wine, small sugar.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2021 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Treborce	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard Selection		98	Velvet, Violette, soy sauce, sarsaparilla finish, peppery finish.