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Best of the Best

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| Trentadue Winery | 2022 Trentadue Montepulciano | Alexander Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 98 | Velvety, spice, cardamon, coriander, cocoa powder, tobacco, varietally correct, beautiful color. |
| Best of Show Boxed Wine | | | | | |
| GALLO | NV Black Box Black Box Pinot Grigio | California | | 95 | Complex, wonderful acidity, peach, apricot, white sage, classic pinot gris, pretty florals. |
| Best of Show Canned Wine | | | | | |
| Just Enough Wines | 2022 Just Enough Wines Red Blend | Central Coast | Sustainably crafted and CSWA certified | 99 | Beautiful wine, well done. |
| Best of Show CBD infused | | | | | |
| Wine & Spirits Spoken Here | NV Gem + Jane Strawberry Hibiscus | California | 20mg Hemp Derived CBD | 95 | Peach ring, coconut, pineapple, guava, waxy and creamy in texture. |
| Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest | | | | | |
| Husch Vineyards | 2023 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer | Anderson Valley | Estate Bottled | 97 | Honeysuckle, apricot, Beautiful mouthfeel; Elegant and honeyed. |
| Best of Show Red Wine | | | | | |
| Trentadue Winery | 2022 Trentadue Montepulciano | Alexander Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | 98 | Velvety, spice, cardamon, coriander, cocoa powder, tobacco, varietally correct, beautiful color. |
| Best of Show Rosé Wine | | | | | |
| Ogilvie Merwin Ventures | 2023 Silt Wine Company Rose of Valdiguie | Clarksburg | | 99 | Lovely intensity; French in style. |
| Best of Show Sparkling Wine | | | | | |
| Folio Fine Wine Partners | NV Piper Sonoma Piper Sonoma Brut | Sonoma County | Method Traditionnelle | 98 | Great acidity, white flowers, citrusy, lychee, pear notes, balanced. |
| Best of Show White Wine | | | | | |

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| Navarro Vineyards | 2023 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Deep End | Anderson Valley | | 98 | Lemon grass. Great flavor. True to varietal. |
| Best of Class | | | | | |
| Aimee | 2023 Aimee Moscato | Napa Valley | Winemaker Select | 97 | Sweet almond, honeydew, dried apricot, and backbone of minerality. |
| Antiquum Farm | 2022 Antiquum Farm Juel Pinot Noir | Willamette Valley | Estate Bottled | 97 | Beautiful range of flavors. Balanced, lengthy finish. Good use of oak. Some baking spice. |
| Balistreri Vineyards | 2022 Balistreri Vineyards Syrah | Colorado, Grand Valley | CSU Vineyard | 96 | Wonderful fresh plum, olive brine, long finish with lean texture, cola and shiso. |
| Barnard Griffin Winery | 2022 Barnard Griffin Cabernet Sauvignon | Columbia Valley | | 95 | Fresh earth, graphite, leather. Blackberry yogurt, creamy. |
| Bartholomew Estate Winery | 2023 Bartholomew Estate Marsanne Roussanne | Sonoma Valley | Fifth Hill Vineyard | 94 | Green almond, fresh yellow apple, pear blossom, crisp, long finish. |
| Benziger Family Winery | 2023 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Rosé | Sonoma Coast | | 97 | Bright notes of crisp white peach. Long finish. |
| Benziger Family Winery | 2021 Benziger Family Winery Three Blocks | Sonoma Valley | Estate Grown, Produced, and Bottled By | 97 | Honey sanguine; fresh blueberry, integrated warm spice. |
| Benziger Family Winery | 2023 Benziger Family Winery Paradiso de Maria Sauvignon Blanc | Sonoma Mountain | | 98 | Elegant, pomelo, apple, zippy. |
| Berryessa Gap Vineyards | 2021 Berryessa Gap Vineyards The Sire | Winters Highlands | Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled | 95 | Juicy, figgy, nice people wine, lingering finish, toasty. |
| Berryessa Gap Vineyards | 2023 Berryessa Gap Vineyards Albariño | Winters Highlands | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | 97 | Honeysuckle. Citrus. Minerality. Nice fruit. Very inviting from nose to finish. Approachable. |

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| Bogle Family Wine Collection | 2021 Bogle Family Vineyards Pinot Noir | California | Barrel Fermented | | 95 | Savory, warm, fun, fresh, fruity, bright, complex, light bodied. |
| Bogle Family Wine Collection | 2023 Juggernaut Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough, Wairau Valley | | | 98 | Classic Marlborough; juicy, clean, gooseberry, guava. |
| Bogle Family Wine Collection | 2020 Phantom Cabernet Sauvignon | Alexander Valley | Barrel Aged | | 97 | Beautiful color. Nice integration of fruit and good balance of acidity. |
| Bogle Family Wine Collection | 2021 Bogle Family Vineyards Merlot | California | Barrel Aged | | 92 | Rhubarb, strawberry, rose petal. Elegant. |
| Brecon Estate | 2022 Brecon Estate Grenache | Paso Robles | | | 97 | Dark, broody, yummy. |
| Brick Barn Wine Estate | 2021 Brick Barn Wine Estate Rhône Blend | Santa Ynez Valley | Estate | | 97 | Earthy. Cranberry, spicy finish. Crowd pleaser. |
| Bricoleur Vineyards LLC | 2021 Bricoleur Vineyards La Rumeur Red Blend | Sonoma County | | | 90 | Gentle leather notes, amarena cherry. |
| C. Mondavi & Family | 2020 Villa Pereire L'eclat | Bordeaux AOC | | | 98 | Cherry pit, fruit skin, delightful, complex nose. smooth finish. |
| CRU Winery | 2022 Cru Winery SLH Chardonnay | Santa Lucia Highlands | | | 97 | Tropical fruit, elegant, nice acid. Good from start to finish. |
| DANCIN Vineyards | 2022 DANCIN Tribute | Rogue Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 93 | Structure; brown spice and brown sugar; High acid but balanced; rustic and pleasing. |
| Deerfield Ranch Winery | 2014 Deerfield Ranch Winery Zinfandel | Sonoma Mountain | Reserve | Ivy Glen Vineyard | 92 | Brown sugar, carameley. Simple. |
| Delicato Family Wines | 2022 RELAX QbA Riesling | Germany | | | 97 | Butter, baked apple and long finish. |
| DIABLO PASO WINES, LLC | 2019 DIABLO PASO Coleccion Privada | Paso Robles, Adelaida District | Reserve | 2019 Reserve Tempranillo | 97 | Well structured. Complex dark, ripe Bing cherry. Dinner table wine. |
| DIABLO PASO WINES, LLC | 2023 DIABLO PASO Sin Pecado Rose | Paso Robles Estrella District | Tradicional | | 98 | So Fun! Great acid, light refreshing, powerhouse rose, nice finish, juicy. |

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| Double Forte Wine | 2019 Dellatorri Chianti Riserva | Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG | | Part large oak barrels, part stainless steel. Minimum one year | 97 | Beautiful tart, dark cherry. Good tannins. Citrus. |
| Drytown Cellars Winery | 2023 Drytown Cellars Chardonnay | Sierra Foothills | Estate | | 97 | Toast, peach, pear, complex and balanced. |
| Flambeaux Wine | 2021 Flambeaux Zinfandel | Dry Creek Valley | Estate Grown | | 96 | Full body. Lush cinnamon. Spice, ripe berry, pretty wine. |
| Folio Fine Wine Partners | NV Piper Sonoma Piper Sonoma Brut | Sonoma County | Method Traditionnelle | | 98 | Great acidity, white flowers, citrusy, lychee, pear notes, balanced. |
| Fountain Hill Winery and Vineyard | 2022 Fountain Hill Winery and Vineyard HWY 12 Marquette Reserve | Minnesota | Barrel Aged | | 92 | Rich depth, dark stone fruit. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Spritzer Barefoot Summer Red Spritzer Can | American | | | 92 | Light, effervescent, fruit forward and lean. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Fruitscato Fruitscato Lemonade | American | | | 92 | Light citrus, well balanced, very nice structure. |
| GALLO | 2023 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough | | | 97 | Passion fruit, good minerality, intense |
| GALLO | 2021 Alamos Alamos Red Blend | Mendoza | | | 97 | Fresh blackberry, ground pepper, herbal notes, nice lingering acidity. Seamless. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Bubbly Barefoot Bubbly Extra Dry | California | | | 98 | Vanilla. Bright acid. Well balanced. Very vibrant nose to finish. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Bubbly Barefoot Moscato Spumante | California | | | 91 | Subtle sweetness throughout. Nice floral nose. Lingering finish. |
| GALLO | NV Barefoot Bubbly Barefoot Pink Moscato | California | | | 91 | Wild strawberries, nice floral notes. |
| GALLO | NV Black Box Black Box Pinot Grigio | California | | | 95 | Complex, wonderful acidity, peach, apricot, white sage, classic pinot gris, pretty florals. |

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| Garre Vineyard and Winery | 2023 Garré Vineyard and Winery Chardonnay | Livermore Valley | Estate | | 92 | Balanced acidity. Floral, lovely, tropical notes. Elegant finish. |
| GC Wines | 2023 GC Wines Convivial Pinot Noir & Gamay Noir | Willamette Valley | | | 96 | Cranberry, rose petals, juicy, violet tea, well balanced. Nice structure, very approachable. |
| Greenwood Ridge Vineyards | 2022 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards ZINFANDEL Russian River | Russian River Valley | | | 98 | Elegant, lush, bold, big dark, provocative warm blanket. |
| Grit Cellars | 2023 Grit Cellars Semillon | Rogue Valley | | | 97 | Very tasty; green apple; good mid palate; great weight; classic oily flavor. |
| Heaven's Gate Vineyard | NV Heaven's Gate Vineyard Pinot Noir Rose | Borden Ranch | Cellar Reserve | | 97 | Great acid, racy, tons of melons, crenshaw melon. |
| Hedges Family Estate | 2021 Hedges Family Estate Hedges - Red Mountain | Red Mountain | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | Demeter Certified - Made with Biodynamic Grapes | 96 | Dried blackberry, herbs, olives, fine tannins and herb notes. |
| Hoot Owl Creek Winery | 2017 Hoot Owl Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | Alexander Valley, Sonoma County | | | 98 | Silky texture; Black truffle notes. |
| Hoyt Family Vineyards | 2018 Hoyt Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | Central Coast, Paso Robles | Barrel Aged | | 97 | Capsaicin, black fruit, dense and deep; violet. Sweet and spicy. Notes of cocoa and pepper. |
| Husch Vineyards | 2023 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc | Mendocino | | Sustainably Farmed | 97 | Intense grapefruit aroma and flavor. Crisp finish. Well made. |
| Husch Vineyards | 2023 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer | Anderson Valley | Estate Bottled | | 97 | Honeysuckle, apricot, Beautiful mouthfeel; Elegant and honeyed. |
| Imagery Estate Winery | 2021 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc | Sonoma County | | Produced and Bottled By | 96 | Dried herbs; soft tannins; toasty oak; juicy blackberry; approachable easy drinker. |

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| J Rickards Winery | 2021 J Rickards Winery Petite Sirah - Rickards Wild Reserve | Alexander Valley, Sonoma County | Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled | Estate Produced and Bottled | 97 | Blueberry pie with vanilla note. Super juicy, Oak is just right. |
| Jack Poust & Company, Inc. | 2021 Saint-Hilaire Cremant Rose Sparkling Wine | Blanquette de Limoux AOC | | | 98 | Lemon marzipan, pear notes, light grapefruit; Great mouth feel. |
| Just Enough Wines | 2022 Just Enough Wines Red Blend | Central Coast | | Sustainably crafted and CSWA certified | 99 | Beautiful wine, well done. |
| Kenwood Vineyards | 2021 Kenwood Vineyards The Barn Chardonnay | Sonoma Coast | Single Vineyard | barrel aged | 97 | Powerful, full, rich, Meyer lemon, sea spray, beautiful wine, crisp, nectarine notes, long finish. |
| King Estate Winery | 2023 King Estate Pinot Gris | Willamette Valley | | | 98 | Wet meadow, nectarine, sweet apple, creamy chive undertones, key lime, well made, delicious. |
| Koi Zen Cellars | 2021 Koi Zen Cellars Graciano | Paso Robles | Barrel Aged | | 94 | Blackberry, black cherry. Full body, Dark chocolate. Nice acid. |
| Larson Family Winery | 2022 Sonoma Creek Chardonnay | Sonoma County, Carneros | Estate | Barrel Aged | 98 | Vanilla, good texture, brioche, flint, fresh popcorn, well integrated. |
| Maryhill Winery | 2022 Maryhill Winery Winemaker's White | Columbia Valley | | | 98 | Complex nose; strawberry, citrus; silky texture; rich; fall white wine; delicious. |
| Matrix Winery | 2021 Matrix Winery Pommard | Russian River Valley | | | 97 | Nice aromas; intense showy texture. Sweet cherry. Nice finish. Simply just a very nice pinot. |
| Matrix Winery | 2021 Matrix Winery Conte | Chalk Hill | | | 98 | Ripe plum and black raspberry notes. Full bodied. Well balanced with spicy lingering finish. |

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| Mazzocco Sonoma | 2021 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Reserve Jacks | Rockpile | | | 99 | Large powerful, concentrated quality. Dense, blueberry pie, aromatic. |
| McGrail Vineyards and Winery | 2020 McGrail Vineyards McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve | Livermore Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 97 | Subtle, great varietal character and structure, full blueberry, cocoa, silky texture. |
| McManis Family Vineyards | 2022 McManis Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | Lodi | Estate Grown & Bottled | Certified Sustainable | 97 | Jammy dark fruit, sweet caramel, sweet oak. |
| Mi Sueno Winery | 2020 Mi Sueño Winery Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon | Mt Veeder | | | 98 | Epic wine, coffee bean, leather, what you want in a cabernet. |
| Monserate Vineyards and Winery | 2023 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Fiore | South Coast | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 92 | Apple, pear, spice, juicy, medium body, citrus and good intensity. |
| Napa de Oro | 2020 Napa de Oro Winery AU 79 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon | Coombsville | Reserve | Estate Vineyard | 99 | Outstanding fruit. Great black fruit aromas accented by spice on mid-palate. Long finish. |
| Navarro Vineyards | 2023 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Deep End | Anderson Valley | | | 98 | Lemon grass. Great flavor. True to varietal. |
| Nichelini Family Winery | 2023 Nichelini Family Winery Roman Press White | Napa Valley | Estate Bottled | | 98 | Complex, long finish, grapefruit, floral nose, cellar worthy. |
| Nichelini Family Winery | 2021 Nichelini Family Winery Merlot Reserve | Napa Valley | Estate Bottled Reserve | | 98 | Melted chocolate, nice nose, nice aroma. |
| North Canyon Cider Company | NV North Canyon Cider Company American Semi-Sweet | Sierra Foothills, El Dorado | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 95 | Hay, herbaceous, balanced; sassafras. |
| O'Neill Vintners & Distillers | 2022 Charles Woodson's Intercept Chardonnay | Monterey | | | 97 | Lemon verbena, zesty, waffle cone, grapefruit. |
| Ogilvie Merwin Ventures | 2023 Silt Wine Company Rose of Valdiguie | Clarksburg | | | 99 | Lovely intensity; French in style. |
| Opolo | 2022 Opolo Summit Creek Zinfandel | Paso Robles | | | 96 | Tobacco, black and blue fruit, silky palate. |
| Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery | 2021 Papapietro Perry Papapietro Perry Winery | Sonoma Coast | Single Vineyard | Campbell Ranch | 98 | Lush, full mouth, spicy, long finish. |

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| Peltier Winery | 2021 Peltier Winery & Vineyards Triomphe - Estate Signature Red Blend | Lodi | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | Lodi Rules Sustainable Winegrowing | 95 | Deep dark brooding style, subtle tannins, spicy, herbaceous, opulent. |
| Pennyroyal Farm | 2021 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir | Anderson Valley | Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled | Monty In Vineyard | 98 | Lip smacking dark cherry, minerality texture. |
| Picchetti Winery | 2023 Picchetti Winery Sauvignon Blanc | Arroyo Seco | | | 98 | Extremely floral, tropical. Balanced acidity; honeysuckle and Meyer lemon. |
| Picchetti Winery | 2020 Picchetti Winery Port | Central Coast | | | 97 | Well balanced; yummy and expressive red fruit. |
| Rancho de Philo Winery | NV Rancho de Philo Triple Cream Sherry | Cucamonga Valley (San Bernadino) | Estate Cellared and Bottled | | 94 | Nuttiness, clean, classically made. Coffee flavor and balanced. |
| Rellik Winery | 2022 Rellik Winery Sparkling Grenache | Applegate Valley | | | 92 | Strawberry, cranberry, lime, tropical note. |
| Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards | 2023 Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards Gruner Veltliner Green Lizard | Umpqua Valley | Estate Grown and Produced | Green Lizard | 93 | White pepper, melon, cream, peach, wet stone. |
| Rodney Strong Wine Estates | 2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Knight's Valley Cabernet Sauvignon | Knights Valley | | | 96 | Citrus, concentrated and well balanced with oak, black cherry. |
| Rolling Hills Vineyard | 2020 Rolling Hills Vineyard Petit Verdot | Snake River Valley | | | 97 | Cherry cola, refined tannin, bright clean, lavender plum layered. |
| Rolling Hills Vineyard | 2023 Rolling Hills Vineyard Spruzzi Sparkling White | Snake River Valley | | | 97 | Beautiful muscat |
| Russian River Vineyards | 2021 chester. Wines Chester Pinot Noir | Central Coast | | | 96 | Nice spice notes. Very bright finish. |
| Scheid Family Wines | 2022 Hive & Honey Hive & Honery Gewurztraminer | California | | | 97 | Elegant and sophisticated. True to varietal. |
| Sequoia Grove Winery | 2021 Sequoia Grove Winery Napa Valley Malbec | Napa Valley | | | 97 | Reined in tannins. Delicious roasted coffee and cocoa powder. |
| Serres Ranch Wine | 2019 Serres Ranch Watriss | Sonoma Valley | Estate Grown | | 96 | Well balanced long finish. |

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| South Coast Winery | 2022 South Coast Winery Gewurztraminer | Temecula Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 94 | A dreamy wine, rose petals, peaches and cinnamon. |
| St. Anne's Crossing | 2021 St. Anne's Crossing Tripi RSV Primitivo | Russian River Valley | Reserve | Tripi RSV Primitivo | 92 | Well integrated and balanced. |
| St. Francis Winery & Vineyards | 2021 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon | Moon Mountain | | Artisan Collection | 98 | World class wine. A wine of personality. Dynamic cab. |
| Styring Vineyards & Winery | 2020 Styring Whimsy Riesling | Ribbon Ridge | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 94 | Lemon grass, and tree fruits. |
| Summer Water | 2023 Summer Water Rosé | Central Coast | | | 97 | Peaches, rose petals, great acid, bright. |
| The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey | NV The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey Wild Cañon Harvest | No Appellation | | | 97 | Well made, clean, fresh, kiwi, varietally correct for each varietal. |
| The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey | NV As Above So Below The Theurigist | American | | | 96 | Rhone-like, red raspberry, tobacco leaf, warm spice, cardamon, consumer friendly. |
| Trentadue Winery | 2022 La Storia La Storia Chardonnay | Russian River Valley | | | 98 | Pretty aromas. Lots of acidity. Lovely lingering finish. Hello summer! |
| Trentadue Winery | 2021 La Storia La Storia Petite Sirah | Alexander Valley, Sonoma County | Estate | | 98 | Brilliant petite Syrah with notes of blueberry. Ripe fig. Classically elegant. |
| Trentadue Winery | 2022 Trentadue Montepulciano | Alexander Valley | Estate Bottled & Produced | | 98 | Velvety, spice, cardamon, coriander, cocoa powder, tobacco, varietally correct, beautiful color. |
| Trinchero Family Estates | NV Fre Sparkling Brut | California | | | 94 | Peach; well balanced. |
| Trinchero Family Estates | 2022 Mind & Body Pinot Grigio | California | | | 93 | Complete wine experience, from beginning to middle to end. |
| TruthTeller | 2023 TruthTeller Frolic | Yakima Valley | | | 98 | Subtle use of oak floral herbaceous cream nice oak creamsicle. |

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| Willamette Valley Vineyards | 2022 Willamette Valley Vineyards White Pinot Noir | Willamette Valley | | Vegan | 90 | Well made and clean. Refreshing. |
| Wine & Spirits Spoken Here | NV Gem + Jane Strawberry Hibiscus | California | | 20mg Hemp Derived CBD | 95 | Peach ring, coconut, pineapple, guava, waxy and creamy in texture. |
| WineShop At Home | 2021 Harlow Court Reserve Cuvee | California | Winemaker's Reserve Blend | | 98 | Nice cassis, Earth notes. Pleasant finish. |
| Woodenhead | 2021 Woodenhead Pinot Noir | Sonoma Coast | Unfiltered & Unfiltered | Starbridge Vineyard | 98 | Delicate, black cherry, rose and authentic. |
| Zina Hyde Cunningham | 2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Carignane | Redwood Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 96 | Soft nose with caramel notes; gripping tannin on the finish; Big blackberry notes. |
| Zina Hyde Cunningham | 2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Veola | Redwood Valley | Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled | | 97 | Meaty, beaty, big and bouncy. |