

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

Best of the Best

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	Methode Traditionnelle	98	Great acidity, white flowers, citrusy, lychee, pear notes, balanced.
--------------------------	-----------------------------------	---------------	------------------------	----	--

Best of Show White Wine

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition
Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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	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 de Coelo Rosé	Sonoma Coast		97	Bright notes of crisp white peach. Long finish.
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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

Bogle Family Wine Collection	2023 Juggernaut Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough, Wairau Valley			98	Classic Marlborough; juicy, clean, gooseberry, guava.
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	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	2023 DIABLO PASO Sin Pecado Rose	Paso Robles Estrella District	Tradicional		98	So Fun! Great acid, light refreshing, powerhouse rose, nice finish, juicy.
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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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	Methode Traditionne lle	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 Fruitscato Fruitscato Lemonade	American		92	Light citrus, well balanced, very nice structure.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Spritzer Barefoot Summer Red Spritzer Can	American		92	Light, effervescent, fruit forward and lean.
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 acidety, peach, apricot, white sage, classic pinot gris, pretty florals.
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 Moscato Spumante	California		91	Subtle sweetness throughout. Nice floral nose. Lingering finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Barefoot Bubbly Extra Dry	California		98	Vanilla. Bright acid. Well balanced. Very vibrant nose to finish.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		97	Honeysuckle, apricot, Beautiful mouthfeel; Elegant and honeyed.
Husch Vineyards	2023 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino		Sustainably Farmed	97	Intense grapefruit aroma and flavor. Crisp finish. Well made.
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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

Mazzocco Sonoma Winery	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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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	2020 Picchetti Winery Port	Central Coast			97	Well balanced; yummy and expressive red fruit.
Picchetti Winery	2023 Picchetti Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Arroyo Seco			98	Extremely floral, tropical. Balanced acidity; honeysuckle and Meyer lemon.
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.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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	2022 Trentadue Montepulciano	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	98	Velvety, spice, cardamon, coriander, cocoa powder, tobacco, varietally correct, beautiful color.
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.
Trinchero Family Estates	2022 Mind & Body Pinot Grigio	California		93	Complete wine experience, from beginning to middle to end.
Trinchero Family Estates	NV Fre Sparkling Brut	California		94	Peach; well balanced.
TruthTeller	2023 TruthTeller Frolic	Yakima Valley		98	Subtle use of oak floral herbaceous cream nice oak creamsicle.

2024 Sunset International Wine Competition

Sonoma County, CA May 21, 2024

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	Unfinied & Unfiltered	Starbridge Vineyard 98	Delicate, black cherry, rose and authentic.
Zina Hyde Cunningham	2021 Zina Hyde Cunningham Veola	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Meaty, beaty, big and bouncy.
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.