

2024 Harvest Terroir Challenge

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Best of the Best

Two K Farms Cidery and Winery	2022 Two K Farms Cidery and Winery 2022 BUBBLY RIESLING	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Mouth watering citrus and honeysuckle. Lingering tropical finish. Perfect bubbles. Well balanced.
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Best Fruit Wine

GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	American		96	Lovely. Wildly aromatic and tropical.
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Best of Alexander Valley AVA

Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Cabernet Sauvignon a CURE eSTATE	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	a CURE eSTATE Vineyard	92	This well made wine exhibits notes of berries, and coco. The palate is refreshing, yet complex. Fresh, bright and very well integrated.
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Best of Anderson Valley AVA

Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rosé	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	96	Beautiful mouthfeel, varietally correct. Rainier cherry, raspberry Kool-Aid. Spicy with a long finish.
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Best of Argentina AVA

GALLO	2021 Alamos Red Blend	Mendoza		93	Dark fruits with notes of spices and herbs. Rich finish, well structured with nice acidity.
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Best of Atlas Peak

Sea Bird Wines	2021 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Atlas Peak	Single Vineyard	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	
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Best of Australia

Taylors Wines	2022 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale		99	Classic, natural, pepper, herbs.
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Best of California AVA

New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Abbot's Reserve Fr. Paul Mark	California	Reserve	97	Fresh plum, nutmeg. Good mouth feel.
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Best of Calistoga

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Poggi Wines	2021 Poggi Cabernet Sauvignon	Calistoga	Estate Grown	Single Vineyard, Napa Valley	93	Toasty Dark fruit. Nice interplay for a cabernet dominant blend. Nice amount of acid.
Best of Carneros AVA						
Grand Scheme Wines	2023 Grand Scheme Wines Pinot Noir	Carneros, Sonoma	Estate		97	Elegant, purity, earthy, cherry fruit
Best of Central Coast AVA						
Nike Communications, Inc.	2022 Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon	Central Coast			92	Great personality, good flow, good finish.
Best of Chalk Hill						
Mews Wine	2021 Mews Cabernet Franc	Chalk Hill	Barrel Aged	Estate Bottled	97	Classic, rich, juicy. Graphite. savory aromas, ginger.
Best of Chile						
GALLO	NV Black Box Black Box Cabernet	Chile			95	Dark tannins, rustic spice. Lovely wild herb. Completely fine finish.
Best of Class						
Basalt Cellars	2020 Basalt Cellars Merlot	Walla Walla Valley			95	Toasty oak, bright acidity. Big.
Belle Fiore Winery	2021 Belle Fiore Numinos	Rogue Valley			96	Black pepper, menthol, cross of red and black fruits. Soft tannins. Dark chocolate nibs.
Blue Sky Vineyard	2023 Blue Sky Vineyard Vignoles	Shawnee Hills	Estate Grown		94	Bright citrus, pleasing finish and ripe melon.
Coyote Sonoma	NV Coyote Sonoma Sparkling Brut	North Coast		Kenneth Carl	94	Fruit forward, apple-pear notes, full mouth and long lingering finish.
Elaine Wines	2021 Elaine Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Calypste Vineyard,B arrel Aged, Unfiltered	99	Elegance in a glass. Balanced soft tannins. Pure and savory.
Florence Vineyard	2022 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve		97	Mixed berry cobbler, blackberry syrup.

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GALLO	NV Black Box Rose	California			95	Strawberry and watermelon, tart cherry. Nice balance. Crowd pleaser.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	American			96	Lovely. Wildly aromatic and tropical.
GALLO	2023 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			94	Classic New Zealand Style with notes of gooseberry, green apple, corniche and white pepper on finish.
GALLO	2021 Alamos Red Blend	Mendoza			93	Dark fruits with notes of spices and herbs. Rich finish, well structured with nice acidity.
GALLO	NV Black Box Black Box Cabernet	Chile			95	Dark tannins, rustic spice. Lovely wild herb. Completely fine finish.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Spritzer Crisp White Spritzer - Can	No Appellation			91	Peaches, natural crenshaw melon. Bright and sassy
Goosecross	2021 Goosecross Merlot	Napa Valley, Yountville	Estate		97	Dark plum, juicy, long finish. Fruit-sweet finish. Nicely made.
Grand Scheme Wines	2023 Grand Scheme Wines Pinot Noir	Carneros, Sonoma	Estate		97	Elegant, purity, earthy, cherry fruit
Half Moon Bay Winery	2022 Half Moon Bay Winery Coastal Fog White	Monterey		100% Stainless Steel Fermented and Aged	95	Bright and apricot. Soft, easy drinking.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2021 Herzog Special Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Special Reserve		94	Dark fruit with lots of oak. Concentrated and well constructed tannins. Perfect amount of acid.
Herzog Wine Cellars	2022 Herzog Variations American Oak Cabernet Sauvignon	North Coast	Barrel Aged	100% New American Oak	94	Big round tannins and good feel. Black fruit.
Hocking Hills Winery	2024 Hocking Hills Winery Pinot Grigio	Grand River Valley			95	Good intensity, nice varietal character. Very well made. Apricot notes.

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Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainable Farming	98	A bundle of plum, blackberry, cranberry, cherry. Nice varietal aromas and concentrated flavors. Exactly what you want in a Mendocino Pinot
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV Rayson Elevage Blanc White Blend	North Carolina			93	Nice acid, juicy citrus, poached pears.
McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2022 McGrail Vineyards Colton's Cabernet Sauvignon	Livermore Valley	Estate	Lucky 8 Vineyards	98	Tart ripe blackberry, violet, dark fruit, lovely, forest floor.
Mercer Wine Estates	2023 Mercer Wine Estates Small Lot Sauvignon Blanc	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Vineyard		92	Clean, green apple, lemon blossom. Elegant and rich in the finish.
Mews Wine	2021 Mews Cabernet Franc	Chalk Hill	Barrel Aged	Estate Bottled	97	Classic, rich, juicy. Graphite. savory aromas, ginger.
Miro Cellars	2023 Miro Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Olivet Ranch Vineyard	98	Gorgeous, blow-your-mind aromatics. Great interpretation, long finish. Layered texture.
Miro Cellars	2022 Miro Cabernet Sauvignon a CURE eSTATE	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	a CURE eSTATE Vineyard	92	This well made wine exhibits notes of berries, and coco. The palate is refreshing, yet complex. Fresh, bright and very well integrated.
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced		95	Juicy, ripe, balanced, tropical melons.
New Clairvaux Vineyard	NV New Clairvaux Vineyard Petite Temptation Lot 13	Tehama County		Vina Ranch	93	Dark, concentrated blackberry, plum, and spicy. Opulent and long finish.
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Abbot's Reserve Fr. Paul Mark	California	Reserve		97	Fresh plum, nutmeg. Good mouth feel.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2022 Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon	Central Coast			92	Great personality, good flow, good finish.
Nike Communications, Inc.	2023 Ruffino Lumina Pinot Grigio	Delle Venezie DOC			95	Lemon peel, green apple, well balanced, lemon verbena.

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Orsi Family Vineyards	2022 Orsi Family Vineyards Sangiovese	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Food friendly, fruity, delightfully rustic.
Pannon Tokaj	2017 Pannon Tokaj Aszú 5 puttonyos	Tokaji PDO	Barrel Aged		94	Orchard fruit, stone fruit, peach, honeysuckle.
Pearmund Cellars	2020 Pearmund Petit Verdot Reserve	Virginia	Barrel Aged		98	
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rosé	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		96	Beautiful mouthfeel, varietally correct. Rainier cherry, raspberry Kool-Aid. Spicy with a long finish.
Penrose Hill	2023 Whale Light Chardonnay	Columbia Valley			92	Big fruit; Straight fruit peach; Nice balance with juicy finish
Penrose Hill	2023 Ch. Philippe Jacques & Co. White Blend	Bordeaux AOC			95	Peach, floral, small amount of dill. Beautiful wine.
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2021 Perrucci Family Vineyard Sangiovese	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Estate Bottled & Produced		97	Medium to full body. Loaded with red fruits. Sandy wood.
Poggi Wines	2021 Poggi Cabernet Sauvignon	Calistoga	Estate Grown	Single Vineyard, Napa Valley	93	Toasty Dark fruit. Nice interplay for a cabernet dominant blend. Nice amount of acid.
R Vineyards	2023 R Vineyards Viognier	Lake County			94	White pepper on finish. Bright, expressive and lean. Notes of apricots.
<u>Russell Orchards</u>	NV Russell Orchards Farm and Winery Sweetheart Cider	Massachusetts	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Woman Wine Maker	91	Juicy apple. Good acidity.
Sea Bird Wines	2021 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Atlas Peak	Single Vineyard	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	
Sea Bird Wines	2021 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Oakville District	Single Vineyard	Fox Trot Vineyard	92	Great balance, long finish, dark and concentrated.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American			95	Nutty smooth, silky, ripe peach.

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Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Port - Ruby	American			96	Heavenly aromas, rich blackberry jam.
St. Anne's Crossing	2022 St. Anne's Crossing Angelo Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Angelo Zin	98	Classic Dry Creek Zinfandel. Brambleberry.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2021 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain		Artisan Collection	92	Nice balance. Violet, dark plum. Young and promising.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Artisan Collection	94	Classic crowd pleaser. Big bright and lavish. Notes of pomegranate, plum and cherry.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2020 St. Francis Wild Oak Vineyard Petite Sirah	Sonoma Valley		Artisan Collection	92	Dark, rich, violet, blueberry and blackberry. Very well integrated, perfect balance.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Cuvee Lago Red Wine	Sonoma County			96	Tight and tannic, ripe lush fruit, dark cherry, well integrated tannins.
Taylors Wines	2022 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale			99	Classic, natural, pepper, herbs.
Texas Heritage Vineyard	2020 Texas Heritage Vineyard Estate Tempranillo	Texas Hill Country	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Well integrated. Good depth of tannins.
The Wine Foundry	2023 Anarchist Wine Co. Rosé Against the Machine	Mokelumne River			96	Balanced brightness. Beautiful peach.
Trecini Winery	2023 Trecini Rose' of Grenache	Yolo County		Clarksburg	90	Nose of a Strawberry patch. Wine pops mid palate. Long and crisp finish.
Two K Farms Cidery and Winery	2022 Two K Farms Cidery and Winery 2022 BUBBLY RIESLING	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Mouth watering citrus and honeysuckle. Lingering tropical finish. Perfect bubbles. Well balanced.
Wandering Cellars Inc	2022 Wandering Cellars Old Vine Chenin Blanc	South Africa, Stellenbosch	Barrel Fermented		92	Notes of melon and white peach. Bright and fresh.
Woodenhead	2021 Woodenhead Chardonnay	Mendocino County, Mendocino Ridge	Single Vineyard	Piper Ranch	98	Rich and complex wine. Apple, pear, stone fruit. Lasting finish.

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Best of Columbia Valley AVA

Penrose Hill	2023 Whale Light Chardonnay	Columbia Valley		92	Big fruit; Straight fruit peach; Nice balance with juicy finish
Best of Delaware AVA					
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced	95	Juicy, ripe, balanced, tropical melons.
Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA					
St. Anne's Crossing	2022 St. Anne's Crossing Angelo Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Angelo Zin	98	Classic Dry Creek Zinfandel. Brambleberry.
Best of France					
Penrose Hill	2023 Ch. Philippe Jacques & Co. White Blend	Bordeaux AOC		95	Peach, floral, small amount of dill. Beautiful wine.
Best of Horse Heaven Hills					
Mercer Wine Estates	2023 Mercer Wine Estates Small Lot Sauvignon Blanc	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Vineyard	92	Clean, green apple, lemon blossom. Elegant and rich in the finish.
Best of Hungary					
Pannon Tokaj	2017 Pannon Tokaj Aszú 5 puttonyos	Tokaji PDO	Barrel Aged	94	Orchard fruit, stone fruit, peach, honeysuckle.
Best of Italy					
Nike Communications, Inc.	2023 Ruffino Lumina Pinot Grigio	Delle Venezie DOC		95	Lemon peel, green apple, well balanced, lemon verbena.
Best of Lake County AVA					
R Vineyards	2023 R Vineyards Viognier	Lake County		94	White pepper on finish. Bright, expressive and lean. Notes of apricots.
Best of Leelanau Peninsula					
Two K Farms Cidery and Winery	2022 Two K Farms Cidery and Winery 2022 BUBBLY RIESLING	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Mouth watering citrus and honeysuckle. Lingering tropical finish. Perfect bubbles. Well balanced.

Best of Livermore Valley AVA

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McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2022 McGrail Vineyards Colton's Cabernet Sauvignon	Livermore Valley	Estate	Lucky 8 Vineyards	98	Tart ripe blackberry, violet, dark fruit, lovely, forest floor.
Best of Massachusetts AVA						
<u>Russell Orchards</u>	NV Russell Orchards Farm and Winery Sweetheart Cider	Massachusetts	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Woman Wine Maker	91	Juicy apple. Good acidity.
Best of Mendocino County AVA						
Husch Vineyards	2022 Husch Vineyards Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainably Farmed	98	A bundle of plum, blackberry, cranberry, cherry. Nice varietal aromas and concentrated flavors. Exactly what you want in a Mendo Pinot
Best of Mendocino Ridge						
Woodenhead	2021 Woodenhead Chardonnay	Mendocino County, Mendocino Ridge	Single Vineyard	Piper Ranch	98	Rich and complex wine. Apple, pear, stone fruit. Lasting finish.
Best of Mokelumne River						
The Wine Foundry	2023 Anarchist Wine Co. Rosé Against the Machine	Mokelumne River			96	Balanced brightness. Beautiful peach.
Best of Monterey County AVA						
Half Moon Bay Winery	2022 Half Moon Bay Winery Coastal Fog White	Monterey		100% Stainless Steel Fermented and Aged	95	Bright and apricot. Soft, easy drinking.
Best of Moon Mountain						
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2021 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain		Artisan Collection	92	Nice balance. Violet, dark plum. Young and promising.
Best of Napa Valley AVA						
Herzog Wine Cellars	2021 Herzog Special Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Special Reserve		94	Dark fruit with lots of oak. Concentrated and well constructed tannins. Perfect amount of acid.
Best of New Zealand AVA						

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Best of Shawnee Hills – IL

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Blue Sky Vineyard	2023 Blue Sky Vineyard Vignoles	Shawnee Hills	Estate Grown	94	Bright citrus, pleasing finish and ripe melon.
Best of Sonoma Coast AVA					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Artisan Collection	94	Classic crowd pleaser. Big bright and lavish. Notes of pomegranate, plum and cherry.
Best of Sonoma County AVA					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Cuvee Lago Red Wine	Sonoma County		96	Tight and tannic, ripe lush fruit, dark cherry, well integrated tannins.
Best of Sonoma Valley AVA					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2020 St. Francis Wild Oak Vineyard Petite Sirah	Sonoma Valley	Artisan Collection	92	Dark, rich, violet, blueberry and blackberry. Very well integrated, perfect balance.
Best of South Africa AVA					
Wandering Cellars Inc	2022 Wandering Cellars Old Vine Chenin Blanc	South Africa, Stellenbosch	Barrel Fermented	92	Notes of melon and white peach. Bright and fresh.
Best of Tehama County AVA					
New Clairvaux Vineyard	NV New Clairvaux Vineyard Petite Temptation Lot 13	Tehama County	Vina Ranch	93	Dark, concentrated blackberry, plum, and spicy. Opulent and long finish.
Best of Texas AVA					
Texas Heritage Vineyard	2020 Texas Heritage Vineyard Estate Tempranillo	Texas Hill Country	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	91	Well integrated. Good depth of tannins.
Best of Virginia AVA					
Pearmund Cellars	2020 Pearmund Petit Verdot Reserve	Virginia	Barrel Aged	98	Rich, brilliantly balanced, deep smooth tannins.
Best of Washington State AVA					
Basalt Cellars	2020 Basalt Cellars Merlot	Walla Walla Valley		95	Toasty oak, bright acidity. Big.
Best of Yolo County					

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Trecini Winery	2023 Trecini Rose' of Grenache	Yolo County	Clarksburg	90	Nose of a Strawberry patch. Wine pops mid palate. Long and crisp finish.	
Best of Yountville						
Goosecross	2021 Goosecross Merlot	Napa Valley, Yountville	Estate	97	Dark plum, juicy, long finish. Fruit-sweet finish. Nicely made.	
Best Port						
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Port - Ruby	American		96	Heavenly aromas, rich blackberry jam.	
Best Red						
Sea Bird Wines	2021 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Atlas Peak	Single Vineyard	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	
Best Rose						
Pennyroyal Farm	2023 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rosé	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	96	Beautiful mouthfeel, varietally correct. Rainier cherry, raspberry Kool-Aid. Spicy with a long finish.	
Best Sherry						
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American		95	Nutty smooth, silky, ripe peach.	
Best Sparkling						
Two K Farms Cidery and Winery	2022 Two K Farms Cidery and Winery 2022 BUBBLY RIESLING	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Mouth watering citrus and honeysuckle. Lingering tropical finish. Perfect bubbles. Well balanced.	
Best White						
Miro Cellars	2023 Miro Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Olivet Ranch Vineyard	98	Gorgeous, blow-your-mind aromatics. Great interpretation, long finish. Layered texture.