

# 2024 Los Angeles Invitational Wine Challenge

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## Best of the Best

<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Barbera	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Beautiful fruit, cranberry, touch of currant, vanilla. Toasty caramel.
<b>Best Dessert Wine</b> Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		99	Candied green apple and perfectly ripe peach juice with a touch of ginger and orange blossom honey. Has a prima ballerina personality: graceful, delicate and captivating.
<b>Best Cider</b> 2 Towns Ciderhouse	NV 2 Towns Ciderhouse Raspberry Cosmic Crisp	Oregon			94	Great aromatics, pomegranate, Jolly Rancher, porch pounder, fun.
<b>Best White</b> Turkovich Family Wines	2023 Turkovich Family Wines Albarino	Yolo County			97	Orange oil, Ocean air.
<b>Best Sparkling</b> Roederer Estate	NV Roederer Estate Brut Multi-Vintage	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Method Traditionnelle	98	Classic across the board! Cherry, perfect acid balance. Brioche, well made.
<b>Best Rose</b> Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Sangiovese	Mendocino			93	Red fruit, bright, cranberry, long finish.
<b>Best Red</b> <u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Barbera	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Beautiful fruit, cranberry, touch of currant, vanilla. Toasty caramel.

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Bella Luna Estate Winery	2020 Bella Luna Estate Winery Estate Riserva	Paso Robles, Templeton Gap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	native yeast, unfiltered	93	Bright complex, Medium finish. Very elegant. Light in style. Black cherry rich
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2019 Bogle Family Vineyards Reserve Teroldego	Suisun Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Black cherry spice and vanilla. Big rich and full bodied
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2018 Bogle Family Vineyards Petite Sirah Port	Clarksburg	Barrel Aged		92	Bright elegant, tangy and spicy. Invigorating
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2021 Bogle Family Vineyards Merlot	California	Barrel Aged		94	Juicy, coffee bean, black fruit, well rounded.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2021 Juggernaut Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		92	Deep color, Nice flavors and nose. Cherry cola.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2021 Bogle Family Vineyards Essential Red	California	Barrel Aged		96	Blueberries, medium tannins, lip smacking good!
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2022 Juggernaut Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		97	Bright, lime zest, lemon curd.
Bogle Family Wine Collection	2023 Juggernaut Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough, Wairau Valley			96	Grassy, citrus, bright, gooseberry.
Bonterra Organic Estates	NV Fetzer Gewurztraminer	California			92	Classic. Fantastic. Very well integrated.
Bronco Wine Co.	2022 Picket Fence Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			95	Juice, river rock. Red fruit. Minerality.
Bronco Wine Co.	2021 Carmenet Cabernet Sauvignon	California	Reserve		92	Sweet pine, cassis, well masked tannins.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2020 Carol Shelton Wines Peaceland Zin	Fountaingrove District		Peaceland Vineyard	99	Velvet texture. Structure and good food acidity. Dark fruit and blueberry.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2019 Carol Shelton Wines Wireless Carignane	Alexander Valley	Old Vine	Oat Valley Vineyard	98	Pie spice. Full bodied with toasted cinnamon
Cougar Crest Estate Winery	2019 Cougar Crest Estate Winery Block 11 Syrah	Walla Walla Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		97	Complex plum, savory with good richness

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Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards	2022 Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards Cabernet Franc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		97	Great black fruit,underlining cassis,opulent,ready to drink.
EHRET Winery	2020 EHRET Winery Hillside Reserve Red Wine	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	98	Bumbly, blackberry, plum, fig, juicy big, good nose.
EHRET Winery	2020 EHRET Winery Merlot	Knights Valley	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	99	Sweet vanilla finish. Fresh picked raspberries and cherries. Decadent
GALLO	NV Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile		94	Soft fruit, great food wine. Great acidity and finish. Dark plum, soft sage and a hint of violet.
GALLO	NV Black Box Riesling	California		97	Asian pear, floral, mineral. Perfect balance and crisp
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California		98	Well balanced white peach. Bright with a bit of spice. Honeysuckle, nice mousse
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Fruitscato Peach	American		90	Peach, delicious on a warm summer night.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato	California		92	Honey suckle. Really balanced. Peach fruit. Excellent acid, sugar balance
GALLO	2022 Alamos Malbec	Mendoza		97	Blueberry and gentle herbal notes; Full big and rich, Chalky
Goldschmidt Vineyards	2021 Goldschmidt Vineyards Game Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon	Oakville		98	Bright cherry, raspberry, roasted walnuts, lip smacking, age-worthy
Iris Vineyards	2020 Iris Vineyards House Call	Oregon		92	Balanced, good fruit.
Jaxon Keys	NV Jaxon Keys Jaxon Keys Brandy Barrel 10	Mendocino	Barrel Aged	96	Pie spice, plum pudding.
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2022 JOLO Vineyards Crimson Creek	North Carolina		97	Canned blueberry pie filling. Toasty pie crust
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina		95	Refreshing lively crisp. Festive fruit

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JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	North Carolina			96	Spice floral, smells like Christmas. A very enjoyable wine.
King Estate Winery	2022 King Estate Domaine Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Grilled pineapple, Juicy, refreshing; stunning
Kobrand Corporation	NV Caposaldo Moscato	Provincia Di Pavia IGT			97	Should all taste like this, orange peel, flowers. Mouth watering finish.
L&G Verde Vineyards	2022 L&G Verde Vineyards Chardonnay	Monterey	Barrel Aged		98	Classic, balanced, malo oak. Tropical fruit
Ladera Vineyards	2021 Ladera Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown	Pillow Rd Vineyards	97	Soft tannins, boysenberry, wildberry, champignon, well balanced.
LaForce LLC	NV Ruffino Prosecco (Non-Vintage)	Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG			98	Elegant, nice acidity with sweetness that make it nicely balanced. Some almond skin.
Le Vigne Winery	2021 Le Vigne Estate Sangiovese	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		93	Beautiful fruit aroma. Typical varietal characteristics; black tea and dark cherry.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2019 Ledson Ama La Vita	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Classic blackberry, blueberry, graphite.
Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2022 Ledson Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	"Tres Frais"	95	Forward fruit, melon. Great mouth midpalate.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		99	Candied green apple and perfectly ripe peach juice with a touch of ginger and orange blossom honey. Has a prima ballerina personality: graceful, delicate and captivating.
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Oso Libre Winery	2020 Oso Libre Carnal	Adelaida District	Barrel Aged		95	Berry, cherries, nice acid.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2021 Pezzi King Bacigalupi Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			95	Balanced oak, beautiful color. Caramel apple. Consumer will love
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2020 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County			95	Soft tannins, casing, cellar worthy.
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Roederer Estate	NV Roederer Estate Brut Multi-Vintage	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Method Traditionnelle	98	Classic across the board! Cherry, perfect acid balance. Brioche, well made.
Roederer Estate	2020 Domaine Anderson Estate Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	Dried rose petals, savory; forest floor
Roederer Estate	NV Roederer Estate Brut Rosé Multi-Vintage	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Method Traditionnelle	94	Strawberry, fresh baked brioche, nice bubbles, nice finish.
Russian River Vineyards	2022 chester. Wines Sauvignon Blanc	Big Valley District			94	Minerality, citrus zest, nice finish, juicy. Delicious day drinker
Silver Mountain Vineyards	2014 Silver Mountain Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Cruz Mountains		Bates Ranch	97	Tobacco, black olive. Lingerig intriguing finish.
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2022 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Vignoles	Ohio			96	Hybrid fruity and clean
TruthTeller	2021 TruthTeller Repartee	Yakima Valley			97	Bright cherry. Appropriate finish. Nice varietal representation. Complex
Turkovich Family Wines	2023 Turkovich Family Wines Albarino	Yolo County			97	Orange oil, Ocean air.

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Vino Vargas	2021 Vargas Aragon	Paso Robles	Single Vineyard	97	Cherry,oak,Dr. Pepper. Complex. Pleasing wine.
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Wautoma Springs	2022 Wautoma Springs Grenache Blanc	Columbia Valley	Estate Grown	sustainable WA, JMST Vineyard 97	Yellow grape fruit, delicious, refreshing, ripe melon and papaya. Citrus notes, bright and lively