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Best of the Best

Taylors Wines	2024 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling	South Australia			96	Citrus blooms. Gentle salinity. Mouthwatering.

Best Cider

Gowans Heirloom Cider	NV Gowans Heirloom Cider Rose Cider	Anderson Valley			98	Great acid structure sweetness complex, not off putting, fresh clean style

Best Dessert Wine

GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato	California			97	Bright lemon-lime. Candied grapefruit on finish. Vanilla pastry

Best Red

Sierra Starr Vineyards	2022 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills, El Dorado			98	Delicious. Earthy. Fennel. Rich ripe dark fruit.

Best Rose

Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2024 Wilson of Dry Creek Rose of Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		99	Fruit like lilac, orange peel. Nice color. Pretty, crisp, refreshing. Strawberry and watermelon notes.

Best Sparkling

Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		97	Integrated, honeysuckle, balanced, long finish, bubbles, Ranier cherry.

Best White

Taylors Wines	2024 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling	South Australia			96	Citrus blooms. Gentle salinity. Mouthwatering.

Best Woman Winemaker

Carol Shelton Wines	2019 Carol Shelton Wines Rockpile Reserve Petite Sirah	Rockpile	Reserve	Rockpile Reserve	99	Balance is smooth. Velvety tannins. Dark plum, dark chocolate. Meaty. Lustrous finish. Great structure.

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Best of Class

Aimee	2023 Aimee Primitivo	Napa Valley	Winemaker Select		91	Big chewy, nice acid, approachable, pleasant tannins, well balanced.
Airlie Winery	2023 Airlie Riesling	Willamette Valley	Estate	LIVE Certified Sustainable	93	Great nose, floral, white pepper, fusel oil, tangy cutrus
Boisset Collection	2023 DeLoach Vineyards Estate Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate		99	Irresistible. Delicious. Plush mouthfeel. Fresh and lovely. Balanced.
Boisset Collection	2022 Elizabeth Spencer Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford	Rutherford			98	Coffee bean, cocoa, dark cherry, fresh herb finish. Luscious, silky. Multi-layered, well-rounded.
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		97	Integrated, honeysuckle, balanced, long finish, bubbles, Ranier cherry.
Burntshirt Vineyards	2023 Burntshirt Vineyards "O Cellars" Petit Manseng Reserve	Crest of the Blue Ridge Henderson County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Nectarine, melon. Vibrant, clean, fresh.
Carol Shelton Wines	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Zin	Mendocino County	Old Vine	Organically grown	91	Good intensity. Medium length. Plum and pepper.
Carol Shelton Wines	2019 Carol Shelton Wines Rockpile Reserve Petite Sirah	Rockpile	Reserve	Rockpile Reserve	99	Balance is smooth. Velvety tannins. Dark plum, dark chocolate. Meaty. Lustrous finish. Great structure.
Carol Shelton Wines	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Black Magic Late Harvest	Sonoma County	Late Harvest		92	Blackberry; Plum; dark chocolate on the finish.

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Chenoweth Wine Group	2019 Chenoweth Treehouse Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley		Treehouse	99	Day on the yacht. Dreamy flowers. Violets. Integrated oak and tannins. Lingering finish. Body and balance excellent.
Crow River Winery	NV Crow River Winery Marquette	Minnesota			91	Nicely balanced. Blackberry; plum; pepper. Nutmeg on finish.
deLorimier Winery	2020 deLorimier Winery Estate Meritage	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	Nice fruity. Super smooth. Classic. Integrated oak.
Foley Family Wines	2023 Firestone Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley Merlot	Santa Ynez Valley			95	Berry, tobacco. Rich, powerhouse. Integrated tannins.
Foley Family Wines	2023 Chateau St Jean Carneros Chardonnay	Carneros			96	Lustrous, elegant. Everything you would want in a Chardonnay.
GALLO	NV Black Box Pinot Noir	California			95	Juicy. Varietally correct. Earthy.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Fruitscato Pear	California			93	Lemon zest and pear. Balanced
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato	California			97	Bright lemon-lime. Candied grapefruit on finish. Vanilla pastry
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Merlot	California			92	Berry, lemon puree. Integrated tannins.
Gowans Heirloom Cider	NV Gowans Heirloom Cider Rose Cider	Anderson Valley			98	Great acid structure sweetness complex, not off putting, fresh clean style
Gray Ghost Vineyards	2024 Gray Ghost Adieu	Virginia	Late Harvest		96	Bananas Foster, Creamy
King Estate Winery	2023 King Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Oregon			96	Pink grapefruit. Nice structure.
McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2021 McGrail Vineyards Malbec Lucky 8 Vineyard	Livermore Valley	Estate	Lucky 8 Vineyards	90	Ripe, sweet, spices, crunchy, cherry.
Mercer Wine Estates	2022 Subsoil Subsoil Cabernet Sauvignon	Horse Heaven Hills			98	Fresh plum, blackberry, paprika, good structure

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Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Delaware White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced		90	Pear, Salt water taffy, banana, lime zest on the nose, mango on the palate
Nassau Valley Vineyards	2023 Nassau Valley Vineyards Laurel's Red	Delaware	Estate Produced and Bottled		96	Vibrant red raspberry fruit. Mouthwatering acid.
Nassau Valley Vineyards	2023 Nassau Valley Vineyards NVV Naked Chardonnay	Delaware	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		95	Layered with notes of Citrus.
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer, Estate Bottled	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		93	Fruity, minerality, big stone citrus pit, unripe apricot
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Gris, Deep End	Anderson Valley			97	Floral notes — Lillies. Grapefruit and nectarine. Flavors are really pretty.
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Abbot's Reserve Fr. Paul Mark	California	Reserve		93	Cherry compote, spice
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2024 New Clairvaux Vineyard Nouveau Tempranillo	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	97	Red fruit, strawberry
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2024 New Clairvaux Vineyard Viognier	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	Vina Ranch	97	Nice mouthfeel, classic, vibrant and peachy
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Notre Vue Estate Cab Franc	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	98	Blackberry, graphite, pure, perfect, consumer friendly.
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2024 Balverne Muscat	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	92	Lovely, lively, honeydew melon.
Oak Farm Vineyards	2021 Oak Farm Vineyards Raffaele (Red Blend)	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	93	Robust, generous and juicy.
Oak Farm Vineyards	2021 Oak Farm Vineyards Petit Verdot	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	95	Nice coffee, dark licorice

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Oak Farm Vineyards	2024 Oak Farm Vineyards Rosé (Estate Grown)	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	97	Complex tropical fruit. Crowd pleaser — well done!
Pedroncelli Winery	2022 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	Block 10	97	Dark raspberry. Tar. Well-built, structured. Really nice finish.
Pennyroyal Farm	2022 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir, Eye of the Needle	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard , Eye of the Needle	98	Thyme. Luscious dark fruit. Linger spice and blueberry finish. Elegant.
Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Floral complexity. Citrus. Fresh finish. Elegant.
Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Pino Trio	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	40% Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc, 20% Pinot Gris	98	Lovely family marriage. Great minerality. Stone fruits. Tangerine.
Penrose Hill	2022 Voies en Pente Red Blend	Côtes du Rhône Villages AOP			92	Red and black fruit. Chewy plum skin, elegant.
Penrose Hill	2020 Miro Es Que Red Blend	Spain			96	Good surprise, vibrant, rose petal, cola, red fruits. Balanced. Dark fruits.
Russian River Vineyards	2023 chester. Wines Chester's Chardonnay	Monterey			96	Nice body, good use of oak. Burgundy like. Edges of citrus. White burgundy old world side.
Russian River Vineyards	2023 chester. Wines Chester's Pinot Noir	Monterey			95	Classic, crowd pleaser, fresh strawberries
Scheid Family Wines	2022 Scheid Vineyards Sangiovese	Monterey			97	Fragrant. Dried cranberry. Ripe plum.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Port - Ruby	American			95	Lifted aromatics, rich nutty complexity, clean
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Blanc De Fleur	Florida	Methode Champenoise		96	Aromatics great. Simple elegance. Light fruit. Great example of variety.

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Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Crescendo	Florida	Methode Champenoise		96	Expressive, clean, brilliant, lovely fruit on the palate.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2022 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills, El Dorado			98	Delicious. Earthy. Fennel. Rich ripe dark fruit.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Moon Mountain Zinfandel	Moon Mountain District			96	Nice balance, silky tannins, rich briar, coco powder
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2023 St. Francis Estate Cuvee Blanc	Sonoma Valley		Artisan Collection	97	Compelling nose, spice, melon, papaya and stunning.
Taylors Wines	2022 Wakefield Taylors Wines St Andrews Shiraz	Australia, Clare Valley			96	Dark plum, racy cherry. Lingering finish. Dusty tannins and meaty.
Taylors Wines	2024 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling	South Australia			96	Citrus blooms. Gentle salinity. Mouthwatering.
Taylors Wines	2024 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Chardonnay	South Australia			95	Really well balanced. Pleasing apple and pear.
Terranean Wines	2023 Terranean Wines Grenache	Paso Robles	Unfined & Unfiltered		94	Currants, baking spices, raspberry.
Trotter 1/16 Wines	2022 Trotter 1/16 Winery Ben's Blend	Napa Valley	Barrel Aged		96	Vibrant. Good acid. Good layers. Tangy blackberry. Nice mouth feel.
Turkovich Family Wines	2021 Turkovich Family Wines The Boss	Yolo County			96	Licorice, black cherry, chocolate and coffee grounds.
Wilson Winery of Dry Creek	2024 Wilson of Dry Creek Rose of Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		99	Fruit like lilac, orange peel. Nice color. Pretty, crisp, refreshing. Strawberry and watermelon notes.