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Best of the Best

Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2023 Papapietro Perry Campbell Ranch	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		99	Luscious wild cherry and strawberry

Best Cider

2 Towns Ciderhouse	NV 2 Towns Ciderhouse Guava Get Down	Willamette Valley			92	Bright; Pineapple guava.

Best Dessert Wine

The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2024 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Moscato	American			98	Floral, citrus and honey suckle.

Best Red

Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2023 Papapietro Perry Campbell Ranch	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		99	Luscious wild cherry and strawberry

Best Rose

Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rose	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	98	Ripe juicy notes; dried honey; beautiful allure

Best Sparkling

Nostra Vita Family Winery	2022 Serendipity Limited Release Rose	Lodi			96	Cardamon, vanilla, cherries and balanced.

Best White

Spring Hill Vineyards	2025 Spring Hill Vineyards Itasca	Western Connecticut Highlands	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Guava, green apple; quince paste. Nice balance; rich and bright.

Best of Class

2 Towns Ciderhouse	NV 2 Towns Ciderhouse Guava Get Down	Willamette Valley			92	Bright; Pineapple guava.
Alta Colina Vineyard & Winery	2023 Alta Colina Sun Worshipper	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Wow - non stop lingering finish.
Brecon Estate	2023 Brecon Estate Zinfandel / Tannat	Paso Robles			98	Intense; liquid gold; layered
Carol Shelton Wines	2024 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Viognier	Placer County			95	Ripe fruit, well balanced with good acid.
D & L Carinalli Vineyards	2023 D & L Carinalli Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	D & L Carinalli Vineyards	98	Black cherry; ripe fruit; graphite; plum skin; easy to drink

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Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Pinot Grigio	Australia			95	Ripe melon spring flower, layered tart and tang.
Delicato Family Wines	NV Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Prosecco	Prosecco DOC			91	Light pear, fresh orange blossom, bright, nice and effervescent.
Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Bota Breeze Pinot Grigio	California			91	
Dutcher Crossing Winery	2019 Dutcher Crossing 2019 Proprietor's Reserve Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley	Proprietor's Reserve		95	Well developed, mature but with potential, nice blackberry notes, rich palate. and ready to drink.
EHRET Winery	2022 EHRET Winery Merlot	Knights Valley	Estate Single Vineyard	Bavarian Lion Vineyards	96	Dreamy notes; texture of the wine is excellent
Fallbrook Winery	2022 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Montepulciano	San Luis Rey	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Pretty wine; earthy, spicy; blueberry; nice soft tannin
Fallbrook Winery	2023 Fallbrook Winery 33°N Dintorni	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Pretty blend; emphasized acidity in a lovely way; will pair well with food
Fallendown Tree Winery and Cellars	2023 Fallendown Tree Parallel Vines	Monterey County			97	Vanilla, coffee liquor .blackberry and marionberry.
GALLO	2023 Alamos Malbec Seleccion	Mendoza			97	cotton candy, waffle cone, dusty red fruit; currant, seductive
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Merlot	California			96	Smooth blackberry; pecan; chocolate; brambly.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Pink Moscato	California			92	Rose water; honeyed wild strawberry. Crowd pleaser.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Fruit Wine Strawberry	California			96	Juicy, perfect fruit; fresh cut fruit
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Sparkling Peach	California			94	

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GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California		97	Pretty, floral meringue, melon, warm spice and lush.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Zinfandel	California		95	Spicy; solid fun; candied raspberry finish. Soft tannins; well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Pink Pinot Grigio	California		97	Strawberry; bright, fresh linen; light
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Riesling	California		91	True to varietal, candied pineapple, sweet sugar cookies
Ironstone Vineyards	2024 Obsession Wines Obsession Symphony	Lodi		95	Perfumy nose; great texture; true to varietal; well balanced
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2024 JOLO Vineyards Blanc De Blanc	North Carolina		95	Floral, lemon, jasmine and candied citrus
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Jolotage Reserve	North Carolina		90	Red apple; herbs; hot tamale and Jolly Rancher; lip smacking cranberry
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2023 JOLO Vineyards Pilot Shadow	North Carolina		94	
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV Rayson Sweet Vermouth Blanc	North Carolina		94	
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	NV JOLO Vineyards Sweet Vermouth	Yadkin Valley		93	
King Estate Winery	2024 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley		97	Wowzer! Wild cherry compote; tart with a long finish
King Estate Winery	2024 King Estate Four Nobles Cuvée Blanc	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	stylish, dramatic fruit; tropical, apricot; concert of flavors and aromas
Ladera Vineyards	2023 Ladera Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	99	Full rich ripe luscious toasted marshmallows. Mango and citrus peel.
Ladera Vineyards	2023 Ladera Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	97	Juicy blackberry; integrated oak; elegant rich mouthfeel
Ladera Vineyards	2024 Ladera Chenin Blanc	Oak Knoll District		97	Classic green apple caramelized pineapple and citrus notes

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Ledson Winery and Vineyards	2021 Ledson Merlot Reserve	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Estate Bottled	98	Lip smacking great finish
Maslan Wines	2024 French Bliss Grenache Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Unfiltered	91	
Miramonte Winery	2020 Miramonte Winery Tempranillo	Temecula Valley		91	Well made, dark fruit. Versatile
Miramonte Winery	2021 Miramonte Winery Garnacha	Temecula Valley		94	Lip smacking, blueberry, blackberry, peppercorn, rich on palate.
Miramonte Winery	2023 Miramonte Winery Albarino	Temecula Valley		98	Juniper, sage, nice minerals. Lovely and elegant. True to varietal.
Navarro Vineyards	2025 Navarro Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley		97	Good acid; pineapple fresh zest, lime, white pepper
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Sangiovese Mendocino	Mendocino		94	Strawberry and fruity fresh.
Navarro Vineyards	2024 Navarro Vineyards Barbera, Mendocino	Mendocino		97	Rhubarb; pomegranate; hibiscus; red apple skin; herbal.
Nike Communications, Inc	2022 The Prisoner Wine Company The Prisoner 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		98	Lemongrass; savory; cardamom, blue and black fruit; orange rind
Nostra Vita Family Winery	NV Serendipity SeREDipity	Lodi		96	Good acid, easy drinking, cranberry, holiday wine, soft and food friendly.
Nostra Vita Family Winery	2022 Serendipity Limited Release Rose	Lodi		96	Cardamon, vanilla, cherries and balanced.
O' Brien Estate	2022 O'Brien Estate Merlot	Oak Knoll District	Estate	98	Complex soft tannins
O' Brien Estate	2022 O'Brien Estate Seduction	Oak Knoll District	Estate	97	Savory notes; good texture; good finish
Obelisco Estate Winery	2022 Obelisco Estate Winery Electrum	Red Mountain	Estate Grown	98	Remarkably restrained; dried cherry; sense of place; volcanic presence; approachable.

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Oso Libre Winery	2021 Oso Libre Por Vida	Adelaida District	Barrel Aged	Estate Grown	92	Blood orange, herbal, white pepper, cherry and cola notes.
Page Cellars	2021 Page Cellars Cabernet Franc	Columbia Valley, Red Mountain	Barrel Aged		98	Great wine; great use of oak; trace of vanilla; cherry and berry notes; luscious
Papapietro and Perry, Inc. dba Papapietro Perry Winery	2023 Papapietro Perry Campbell Ranch	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		99	Luscious wild cherry and strawberry
Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Barrel Fermented	Hammer Olsen Vineyard	98	Luscious lemon curd, pear, fresh linen
Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rose	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	98	Ripe juicy notes; dried honey; beautiful allure
Penrose Hill	2024 Masterworks Series Vinho Tinto	Spain			98	Long finish, black licorice, dried rose petals, fruit compote
Riboli Family Wine Estates	2024 Highlands 41 Chardonnay	Monterey County, Arroyo Seco	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Green apple and bright citrus; lingering finish and crisp acidity
Riboli Family Wine Estates	2022 Opaque Malbec	Paso Robles, El Pomar District			97	Rhubarb; marionberry; savory; sweet oak.
Riboli Family Wine Estates	2023 Maddalena Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles	Estate Reserve		98	Violet, coco nibs, rich sweet oak; fresh blackberry; leather and tobacco notes
Ruffino	2024 Ruffino Lumina	Delle Venezie DOC			92	Fresh green apple and salted caramel.
Silver Mountain Vineyards	2016 Silver Mountain Vineyards Alloy, Bordeaux Blend	Santa Cruz Mountains			96	Red fruit and wild herb. Well balanced and good finish.
Spring Hill Vineyards	2025 Spring Hill Vineyards Itasca	Western Connecticut Highlands	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Guava, green apple; quince paste. Nice balance; rich and bright.
Spring Hill Vineyards	2025 Spring Hill Vineyards Marquette	Western Connecticut Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced		92	

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Ste Michelle Wine Estates	2024 Eroica Riesling	Columbia Valley			98	Exceptional terpenes; spicy notes; beautiful wine; floral, lemon lime, acid and sugar perfectly matched
Ste Michelle Wine Estates	2024 Estival Sauvignon Blanc	Horse Heaven Hills			97	Nice complexity; fresh melon; silky. Beautiful wine.
Ste Michelle Wine Estates	2024 Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling	Columbia Valley			97	Stunningly floral; tropical notes; touch of quince; dried mango; Juicyfruit gum.
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2024 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Moscato	American			98	Floral, citrus and honey suckle.
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	2024 The Vineyards at Pine Lake Riesling	American			91	Pine resin, nice petrol notes
The Vineyards at Pine Lake	NV The Vineyards at Pine Lake Midnight Vines	NONE			92	
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			91	
Tom Mackey Cellars	2022 Tom Mackey Cellars Sirius Red Wine	Sonoma Valley			92	Complete Bordeaux Blend.
Vampire Vineyards	2024 Vampire Wine Vampire Pinot Noir	California			93	Plum and cocoa dust. Complex, interesting, satisfying , all Pinot Noir.
WE KNOW JACK!	2022 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown	SINGLE BLOCK	97	A sensual experience; satiny tannins, classy, lovely texture
ZD Wines	2024 ZD Wines Rosa Lee Petit Verdot	Napa Valley			97	Crème brûlée; raspberry; Santa Rosa plum; cola.