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Best of the Best

Acquiesce Winery	2025 Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards Sirens	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate Grown, Regenerative	98	Dried apricots, lemon chiffon and white peach

Best Port

Alamitos Vineyards	2020 Alamitos Vineyards Umunhum Touriga Porto	Santa Clara Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		97	Velvety, stylish, flirty; chocolate raspberry, notes of honey; very well-made

Best Red

Hinman Vineyards	2024 Tior Reserve Pinot Noir	Dundee Hills	Reserve		99	Rich black cherry, dark cocoa, pomegranate, hibiscus, nutmeg; round and full, integrated oak

Best Rose

Folded Hills	2025 Folded Hills 2025 Lilly Rosé	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Single Vineyard		99	Beautiful, balanced; "sunshine in a bottle"; "topless beach in Nice"

Best Sparkling

Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		97	French bread dough; lemon curd, fresh white cherry, crisp apple

Best White

Acquiesce Winery	2025 Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards Sirens	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate Grown, Regenerative	98	Dried apricots, lemon chiffon and white peach

Best Woman Winemaker

Trotter 1/16 Wines	2023 Trotter 1/16 Winery Ben's Blend	Napa County/Sonoma County			99	Smooth, chewy, good texture

Best of Class

Acquiesce Winery	2025 Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards Sirens	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate Grown, Regenerative	98	Dried apricots, lemon chiffon and white peach
Adonna Wines	2023 Adonna Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	98	Extraordinary aromatic with texture, exotic spice and a long finish

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Alamitos Vineyards	2020 Alamitos Vineyards Umunhum Touriga Porto	Santa Clara Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		97	Velvety, stylish, flirty; chocolate raspberry, notes of honey; very well-made
Boisset Collection	2024 DeLoach Vineyards California Cabernet Sauvignon CSWA	California		Certified Sustainable	91	Dark cherry; cherry cola
Boisset Collection	2024 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Chardonnay	Carneros			95	Apple, peach, caramel; great finish; spicy and rich
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Brut Rosé	Sonoma County			97	Dried orange peel, violets, sweet cherry; earthy, exotic spice, pie crust
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		97	French bread dough; lemon curd, fresh white cherry, crisp apple
Brecon Estate	2025 Brecon Estate Albarino	San Luis Obispo Coast			97	Nose: bright, tropical, citrus, herbal. Palate: juicy, pink grapefruit, passion fruit.
Carol Shelton Wines	2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Rendezvous Rosé	North Coast			95	Berries, cherries, strawberry, pomegranate; long finish, fruit followed through on palate
Carol Shelton Wines	2023 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Zin	Mendocino County	Old Vine	Organically grown	96	Delicate floral notes; spicy, blackberry
Castle Rock Winery	2024 Kosmic Kitty Chardonnay	California			92	Smoky, citrus, apple
Chenoweth Wine Group	2022 Chenoweth Home Ranch Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			98	Vanilla, caramel, anise/fennel; spicy, bright finish
Del Valle Winery	2023 Del Valle Winery Luna Del Valle	Livermore Valley	Barrel Aged		99	Bold beautiful flavor; spice and everything nice
Del Valle Winery	2022 Del Valle Winery Sangiovese	Livermore Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Cherry, olallie berry, cotton candy; juicy, savory
Drinking Horn Meadery	2026 Drinking Horn Meadery Freyja	Arizona	No Sulfites Added		96	Peach blossom, honeycomb
Folded Hills	2025 Folded Hills 2025 Lilly Rosé	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Single Vineyard		99	Beautiful, balanced; "sunshine in a bottle"; "topless beach in Nice"

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Fortunati Vineyards	2022 Fortunati Vineyards Signature Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		98	Dark cassis; minerality, earth tones; rich and herbal
Franklin Hill Vineyards	NV Franklin Hill Vineyards Vidal Blanc	Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	91	Very soft, elegant, rich and round; light oak, juicy.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	California		91	Passion fruit
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California		96	Floral, tropical; warm spice; stone fruit
GALLO	NV Barefoot wine-to-go Sauvignon Blanc	California		94	Juicy, bright acidity, minerality; gooseberry, passionfruit; perfumy
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bright & Breezy Pinot Grigio	California		90	White peach, violet and bright green apple
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Red Moscato	California		91	Well-made; watermelon, grapefruit peel, strawberry; sweet and tart
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Riesling	California		98	Good acid. "Throw a party!"
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2023 Garré Vineyard and Winery Tres Rouge	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	94	Lavender notes, sweet body, well designed, fresh herbs.
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2022 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	99	Juicy and luscious
Gray Ghost Vineyards	2025 Gray Ghost Riesling	Virginia		98	Lime zest, "sunshine in a glass," "sitting on a boat"
Hinman Vineyards	2024 Tior Reserve Pinot Noir	Dundee Hills	Reserve	99	Rich black cherry, dark cocoa, pomegranate, hibiscus, nutmeg; round and full, integrated oak
Hoyt Family Vineyards	2022 Hoyt Family Vineyards Petit Verdot	Paso Robles Willowcreek District	Barrel Aged	92	Big, rich, delicious, spicy, fruit forward; touch of toasty oak
King Estate Winery	2021 King Estate Brut Cuvee	Willamette Valley	Methode Champenoise	96	Traditional; green tea, lemon bars, brioche

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King Estate Winery	2024 King Estate Artisan Series Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Cherry cola; true varietal representation; silky, supple.
King Estate Winery	2025 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley			92	Gorgeous sunset color; tangy and juicy; sweet tart
Lost Oak Winery	2025 Lost Oak Winery Orange Muscat	Texas High Plains		Stop Fermented	97	Juniper; rich mouthfeel; pleasing finish
Marchesi Vineyards	2022 Marchesi Vineyards BARBERA ACHILLE	Columbia Valley		Riserva ACHILLE	99	Dark cherries; lush and complex; pleasing finish
Mercer Wine Estates	2022 Mercer Wine Estates Small Lot Cabernet Sauvignon	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Vineyards	Sustainable WA Certified	97	Umami, luscious; leather, earth, cassis, black tea
Mercer Wine Estates	2022 Mercer Wine Estate RESERVE Mercer RESERVE Syrender Syrah	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Vineyards	Sustainable Wa & Salmon Safe	97	Chewy; cocoa/mocha, black fruit and mole sauce
Mill Creek Vineyards	2022 Mill Creek Waterwheel Red Wine Blend	Dry Creek Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Bright acid, big fruit, good value
Navarro Vineyards	2025 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Dry concentrated palate matches the nose; lingering finish, perfume and citrus; delightful palate. "All the components of a delightful Gewurztraminer"
Navarro Vineyards	2025 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Cluster Select	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		93	Honey, citrus, apricot and juicy
Navarro Vineyards	2025 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Gris	Anderson Valley			99	Good representation of variety, crowd pleaser; plumeria, tropical fruit
Navarro Vineyards	2025 Navarro Vineyards Grüner Veltliner	Anderson Valley			98	Spring flowers, melon, touch of lime and grapefruit, terpenes
Oak Farm Vineyards	2024 Oak Farm Vineyards The Corset	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green and Sustainable under Lodi Rules	99	Dark luscious fruit; smooth and sultry; cocoa

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Pennyroyal Farm	2024 Pennyroyal Farm Anyhow Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		95	Soft lingering, beautiful nose; stone fruit, hints of herbs, juicy
Pennyroyal Farm	2025 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley			98	Creamy, silky texture; guava, peach, citrus
Penrose Hill	2025 Masterworks Series Sauvignon Blanc	Nelson			98	Minty, mineral; well-done
Penrose Hill	2024 Comarca Tempranillo	Spain			91	Spicy and juicy; red cherry
Plata Wine Partners, LLC	2023 Verada Reserve Pinot Noir	Santa Barbara County/Monterey County			93	Pretty nose; concentrated; dark toast; lingering finish
Raymond Burr Vineyards	2022 Raymond Burr Vineyards Malbec	Dry Creek Valley			95	Violets and blackberries, juicy; nice texture and finish
Scheid Family Wines	2022 Scheid Vineyards Reserve Merlot	Monterey			94	Dark cherry, meaty
Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Sunblush	Florida			93	Nice acid, nice balance, fusel
Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Southern Red	Florida			97	Good structure and texture; lingers on the palate
Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Chablis	Florida			96	Bright lemon, hint of the tropics; well-balanced
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2023 Starr Rising Starr	Sierra Foothills			94	Herbaceous, graphite; strawberry, mint, white pepper
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2023 Starr Super Nova	Sierra Foothills	Estate		97	Dark chocolate and black pepper
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2024 St. Francis Appellation Collection Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			98	Apple, pear, white peach and toast on the nose; juicy lingering finish; nice balance of oak and fruit on the palate
Talisman Wine	2024 Talisman Wine Sangiacomo Green Acres Vineyard Chardonnay	Los Carneros	Single Vineyard	Sangiacomo Green Acres Vineyard Chardonnay	94	Oak flavors; vanilla, toasted marshmallow, pear; nice acid on the finish

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Terranean Wines	2024 Terranean Wines Grenache	Paso Robles			95	Ripe dark fruit., cherry; chewy with nice acid, herby toast
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WE KNOW JACK!	2022 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown	SINGLE BLOCK	98	Bing cherry; very fragrant, jammy, nice structure and tannins; depth to the nose.
Wyldewood Cellars Illinois	NV Wyldewood Cellars, Illinois Strawberry Rhubarb Sweet	Illinois			94	Flavorful; true to fruit