

2026 International Eastern Wine Competition (East Meets West)

Santa Rosa, CA October 20, 2026

Best of the Best

Lucas Vineyards	2025 Lucas Vineyards Vignoles	Finger Lakes	Estate Grown & Bottled		97	BEST HYBRID - Lemon curd cheesecake; Golden Delicious apple; hint of pineapple
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Best Canned Wine

Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery	NV S.A.S.S. Wine Cellars RED FLAG	Virginia		American	93	Beautiful on nose, structure and full varietal with blackberry spice.
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Best Fruit Wine

Spring Hill Vineyards	2026 Spring Hill Vineyards 11 Trees - Apple wine	Western Connecticut Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced		97	Pure golden delicious; fresh vanilla; cinnamon stick
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Best Grape/Fruit Distilled

Lanthier Winery	NV Lanthier Winery Lemon Liqueur	Indiana			96	Lively, expressive, electric and bright.
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Best Native American Wine

Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Vintners White	Florida			96	Light and lively; balanced; floral; honeysuckle; guava
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Best Red

Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2023 Raffaldini Sagrantino	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Direct; bright; black cherry; well-balanced spice; full body; fine and elegant
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Best White

Lucas Vineyards	2025 Lucas Vineyards Vignoles	Finger Lakes	Estate Grown & Bottled		97	BEST HYBRID - Lemon curd cheesecake; Golden Delicious apple; hint of pineapple
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Best of Class

Bluestone Vineyard	2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Cabernet Franc	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	98	Tarragon; tea; fresh olives; good balance and acidity
Bluestone Vineyard	2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Cabernet Sauvignon	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	93	Ideal varietal character; great handling of tannins; black currant

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Bluestone Vineyard	2024 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Chardonnay	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	97	Oak; citrus; rich and full palate; long finish
Bluestone Vineyard	2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Moscato	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		91	Expressive; tropical; candied orange
Lanthier Winery	NV Lanthier Winery Lemon Liqueur	Indiana			96	Lively, expressive, electric and bright.
<u>Lemon Creek Winery</u>	2022 Lemon Creek Meritage Reserve	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Blackberry and currant; elegant style; very well integrated and balanced
<u>Lemon Creek Winery</u>	2022 Lemon Creek Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced	Barrel Select	97	Complex varietal character; dried herbs and black cherry; spice
<u>Lemon Creek Winery</u>	2022 Lemon Creek Malbec	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Spice; black cherry; blueberry; rich long finish and balance
Lucas Vineyards	2025 Lucas Vineyards Vignoles	Finger Lakes	Estate Grown & Bottled		97	BEST HYBRID - Lemon curd cheesecake; Golden Delicious apple; hint of pineapple
Lucas Vineyards	2024 Lucas Vineyards Semi Dry Riesling	Finger Lakes			97	Honeysuckle; peach; petrol; bright acidity; lovely herbal finish
Pearmund Cellars	2025 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia		South River Vineyards	96	Citrus; fresh apple; crisp finish; bright floral notes; well balanced.
Penrose Hill	2025 Bodewell Pinotage	Western Cape			97	Blackberry, herbal and savory
Penrose Hill	2024 7 Batéis Red Blend Reserve	Vinho Regional Lisboa	Reserva		97	Lingering finish; great nose; rose petals; peppercorns; beautiful blend
Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery	NV Prince Michel LIBERTAS	Virginia	Estate Cellared and Bottled	American	97	Lively berries; integrated oak; vanilla bean; earthy; rhubarb
Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery	NV S.A.S.S. Wine Cellars RED FLAG	Virginia		American	93	Beautiful on nose, structure and full varietal with blackberry spice.

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Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2023 Raffaldini Patrimonio	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Blackberry notes; full body; balanced and elegant with subtle tannins
Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2023 Raffaldini Mezzogiorno	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	90	Oak and ripe fruit; full-bodied palate
Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery LLC	2023 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	94	Bright red fruit and approachable.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Vintners White	Florida		96	Light and lively; balanced; floral; honeysuckle; guava
Spring Hill Vineyards	2026 Spring Hill Vineyards 11 Trees - Apple wine	Western Connecticut Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	97	Pure golden delicious; fresh vanilla; cinnamon stick