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Sonoma County, CA August 25, 2026

Best of the Best

Merriam Vineyards	2022 Merriam Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Approachable. Great body. Minty. Soft tannins. Plum.
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Best of Show Red Wine

Merriam Vineyards	2022 Merriam Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Approachable. Great body. Minty. Soft tannins. Plum.
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Best Boxed – Classic

Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Bota Breeze Dry Rose	California		97	Rose petal. Peach. Strawberry. Nice balance. Slight acidity.
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Best Canned – Classic

Genny Products LLC	NV Genny Genny rhubarb sprtiz	California		92	Beautiful color; refreshing nose; actually like biting into a Rhubarb. Crisp and clean.
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Best Canned Package

Genny Products LLC	NV Genny Genny rhubarb sprtiz	California		92	Beautiful color; refreshing nose; actually like biting into a Rhubarb. Crisp and clean.
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Best Day-Drinking Wine

Lost Oak Winery	2024 Lost Oak Winery Roussanne	Texas High Plains	Barrel Fermented	Barlle aged	97	Round, savory and has vibrancy.
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Best Dessert – Classic

GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato	California			98	White peach. Jasmine. Banana. Mango. Great acidity. Balanced. Guava.
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Best Dessert – Prestige

Husch Vineyards	2024 Husch Vineyards Late Harvest Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley			98	Great dessert wine. Good stone fruit. Peachy, melon and honeydew.
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Best Elegant Package

Anarchist Wine Co.

2023 Anarchist Wine Co. Prodigal - Napa
Merlot

Best of Show Boxed Wine

Delicato Family Wines

NV Bota Box Bota Breeze Dry Rose California

97

Best of Show Canned Wine

Genny Products LLC

NV Genny Genny rhubarb spritz California

92

Beautiful color;
refreshing nose;
actually like biting into a
Rhubarb. Crisp and
clean.

Best of Show Dessert

GALLO

NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato California

98

White peach. Jasmine.
Banana. Mango. Great
acidity. Balanced.
Guava.

Best of Show Rose

Lionstone International

2025 Cabalié Rosé Rosé Vin de France

99

Best of Show Sparkling

Breathless Sparkling Wines

NV Breathless Brut Sonoma County

Methode
Champenoise

98

Bubble lovers' bubbles.
Strawberry jam and
lime zest.

Best of Show White Wine

Guadagni Family Wines

2025 Guadagni Family Wines
Marble Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc Dry Creek Valley

Single
Vineyard

98

Classic, guava, stone
fruit, lemon zest,
complex.

Best Overall Package

Dutcher Crossing Winery

2025 Dutcher Crossing Lady Noir
Blanc Dry Creek Valley

Best Red – Classic

Lionstone International

2021 Palacio del Conde Gran
Selección Tempranillo Valencia DO

96

Crunchy red fruits.
Pomegranate. Cocoa;
semi-sweet chocolate
chips.

Best Red – Prestige

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Best Rose - Classic						
Lionstone International	2025 Cabalié Rosé Rosé	Vin de France			99	Light, balanced, bright melon.
Best Rose – Prestige						
McGrail Vineyards and Winery	2025 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rose	Livermore Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Lucky 8 Vineyards	98	Strawberry; Cherry. Gorgeous color. Tropical fruit notes. Pink guava. Really nice mouthfeel.
Best Sparkling – Classic						
Lionstone International	2024 Il Papavero Prosecco Glera	Prosecco DOC			96	Refreshing, white pear, approachable.
Best Sparkling – Prestige						
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		98	Bubble lovers' bubbles. Strawberry jam and lime zest.
Best Storytelling Package						
Chateau Gato	2021 Chateau Gato Meowsling	Monterey County			92	Charred lemon, marjoram, strong ID puckering with bright acid.
Best Weeknight Wine						
Husch Vineyards	2025 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino		Family Farmed	96	Lovely finish, apricots, minerality. Light and fruity, well rounded, good balance.
Best White – Classic						
Husch Vineyards	2025 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino		Family Farmed	96	Lovely finish, apricots, minerality. Light and fruity, well rounded, good balance.
Best White – Prestige						
Guadagni Family Wines	2025 Guadagni Family Wines Marble Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard		98	Classic, guava, stone fruit, lemon zest, complex.

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Best Wine for a Party

Tremolo Wine	2024 Tremolo Pinot Noir 667 Clone	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	96	Balanced, nice fruit, red strawberry, cherry.
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Best of Class

Airlie Winery	2025 Airlie Seven	Willamette Valley		98	Tropical fruits. Fruit forward. Refreshing acid. Lychee. Luscious.
Amalgam Wines	2025 Amalgam Catalyst	California		93	Pretty nose, aromatic, nice palate.
Breathless Sparkling Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise	98	Bubble lovers' bubbles. Strawberry jam and lime zest.
Chateau Gato	2021 Chateau Gato Meowsling	Monterey County		92	Charred lemon, marjoram, strong ID puckering with bright acid.
CMB Family of Wines (Martin Ray Winery)	2023 Martin Ray Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon	Diamond Mountain District	Reserve	98	Blackberry in Kentucky. Hints of Cherry. Long lingering finish.
Delicato Family Wines	2024 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Claret	California		93	Bright, good oak, chocolate.
Delicato Family Wines	NV Bota Box Bota Breeze Dry Rose	California		97	Rose petal. Peach. Strawberry. Nice balance. Slight acidity.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Pink Pinot Grigio	California		93	Fresh strawberry, lemon twist.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Malbec	California		97	Menthol. Fennel, anise dipped in spearmint. Juicy red fruit. Jammy. Well balanced.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars White Moscato	California		98	White peach. Jasmine. Banana. Mango. Great acidity. Balanced. Guava.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Watermelon	California		90	Light, fresh, drinkability.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach	California		95	Not fake, festive, acid nice.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rosé	California		95	Strawberry, kiwi, sweet tart peach.

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Garre Vineyard and Winery	2022 Garré Vineyard and Winery Sangiovese	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	92	Smooth lasting vibrancy.
Genny Products LLC	NV Genny Genny rhubarb spritz	California		92	Beautiful color; refreshing nose; actually like biting into a Rhubarb. Crisp and clean.
Graziano Family of Wines	2024 Monte Volpe Vermentino	Mendocino County	Barrel Fermented	95	Good fruit, lemon, freshness, round mouthfeel. Pulpy with no friction.
Guadagni Family Wines	2024 Grace & Grit Wines Grace & Grit Wines Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Old Vines	96	Bramble boysenberry, raisin, spice and cacao notes.
Guadagni Family Wines	2025 Grace & Grit Wines Grace & Grit Wines Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley		97	Good balance and smooth, approachable, acidity, lingering finish, blossom, floral.
Guadagni Family Wines	2025 Guadagni Family Wines Marble Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	98	Classic, guava, stone fruit, lemon zest, complex.
Hendry Winery	2025 Hendry Hendry Vineyard Napa Valley Albarino	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	97	Interesting, memorable, refreshing and lasting. Food's best friend.
Hendry Winery	2023 Hendry Napa Valley Barrel Fermented Chardonnay	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Lemon curd, fresh coconut, long finish, key lime, graham cracker.
Husch Vineyards	2025 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino	Family Farmed	96	Lovely finish, apricots, minerality. Light and fruity, well rounded, good balance.
Husch Vineyards	2024 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Regeneratively Farmed	93	Floral; violet; lychee, opulent with shining light; spice on the backside.
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Kara Marie	2025 Ra Ra Wine Co. Pinot Noir Nouveau	Sonoma Coast			96	Aromatic, vibrant, spice, baking spice, ripe fruit.
Lionstone International	2025 Cabalié Rosé Rosé	Vin de France			99	Light, balanced, bright melon.
Lionstone International	2024 La Révélation Roussanne Roussanne	Vin de France			96	Floral, stone fruit aromas, spicy, fresh on the palate, racy acid, delicious summer sipper.
Lionstone International	2021 Palacio del Conde Gran Selección Tempranillo	Valencia DO			96	Crunchy red fruits. Pomegranate. Cocoa; semi-sweet chocolate chips.
Lionstone International	2024 Charles Cros Red blend	Haut-Médoc AOC			98	Food friendly tannin, acidity balanced.
Lionstone International	2024 Cuvée du Vatican Réserve de l'Abbé Côtes du Rhône Syrah-based blend	Côtes du Rhône AOC			97	Great fruit. Nice acid. Peppercorn. Both sweet and savory. Dark chocolate, elegant fruit, lots of blackberry and brambly.
Lionstone International	2024 Il Papavero Prosecco Glera	Prosecco DOC			96	Refreshing, white pear, approachable.
Lost Oak Winery	2024 Lost Oak Winery Roussanne	Texas High Plains	Barrel Fermented	Barrel aged	97	Round, savory and has vibrancy.
McCarter Cellars	2024 McCarter Cellars Zinfandel Leigh Thomas Vineyard	Sonoma County, Rockpile			98	Summer wine. Refreshing, bright, jammy and dried cherry notes.
McCarter Cellars	2025 McCarter Cellars Gewurztraminer	Russian River Valley		Balletto Vineyard	96	Nice balanced acidity. Good nose. Grapefruit. Tropical fruit. Rose water.
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New Clairvaux Vineyard	2023 New Clairvaux Vineyard Petite Sirah	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	Poor Souls Block	97	Cured olive and fig. Big dark fruit. Great textures. Mocha notes.
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2024 Pedroncelli Syrah	Dry Creek Valley		Vineyard Select	93	Warming spices; apricot; good tannin structure.
Penrose Hill	2024 Eprè Vituro Semillion	Los Carneros			95	Really bright acidity. Note's of cream toasted marshmallow.
Rocky Pond Estate Winery	2023 Rocky Pond Estate Winery Stratastone Red	Columbia Valley	Estate Vineyards	Sustainabl eWA certified grapes; Barrel aged.	94	Well integrated into darker fruit, peppery, salty tannins.
Rolling Forks Vineyards	2024 Rolling Forks Vineyards Lady Slipper	Minnesota			90	Tropical, refreshing, pineapple.
Rolling Forks Vineyards	NV Rolling Forks Vineyards 70th Waterama	Minnesota			95	Floral. Very expressive on the nose.
Rolling Forks Vineyards	2024 Rolling Forks Vineyards Marquette	Minnesota			90	Tart. cranberry, brambly fruit, very creamy mouthfeel.
Rutherford Wine Company	2025 Rutherford Ranch Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley			97	Classic, dusty, well made, grassy, quince.
Slater Run Vineyards	2025 Slater Run Vineyards Pétillant Naturel Sparkling Rosé	Virginia, Fauquier County	Grown, Produced and Bottled	Méthode Ancestrale	96	Impressive, layered, strawberry, kiwi, sweet pepper.
Stoller Family Estate	2025 Chemistry Oregon Pinot Gris	Oregon	Unoaked		97	Honey, floral, lemon merengue pie, honeydew.
Tongue Dancer Wines	2023 Tongue Dancer Wines Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Select		98	Plum. Good texture. Mineral driven.
Vino Voyage	2024 Butterfly Farm Chardonnay Butterfly Field	California			94	Aromatic, bright, balanced, tropical, mouthwatering.
Wenyon Winery	2023 Wenyon Winery Super Bloom Red Blend	Napa Valley	Winemaker 's Reserve Blend	Super Bloom Red Blend	97	Cherry juicy fruit complements vibrant structure.