

2018 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Sonoma County, CA April 10, 2018

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Best of Show Sparkling

Domaine Carneros	2013 Domaine Carneros Brut	Carneros			96	Rich, yellow apple; Bartlett pear; complex golden apple.
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Best of Show Rose

Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2017 Rodney Strong Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate		98	I would buy this wine for my cellar, done well, fresh outdoor quality, delicate pink, beautiful acidity.
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Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2015 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Late Harvest Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley			95	Luscious, delicious notes of honey, beautiful gold color.
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Best of Show - White

J. Rickards Winery	2017 J. Rickards Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley		Croft Vineyard	98	Delicate, aromatic, floral red apple. Sauvignon Blanc at it's best.
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Best of Show - Red

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Best of Napa County

Mudita Wines	2014 Mudita Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa		Atlas Peak Barrel aged Circle s ranch	95	Iris. Cassis. Layers of decadent chocolate.
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Best of Mendocino County

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Soda Rock Winery	2016 Soda Rock Chardonnay, Mendocino	Mendocino County	Estate Bottled & Produced	98	I'd swipe right for this wine.
Best of Marin County					
Boisset Collection	2015 DeLoach Vineyards Marin County Pinot Noir	Marin County		91	Brown, Christmas type spice notes. Good varietal character.
Best of Lake County					
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2014 Cache Creek Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake County	Barrel Aged	94	Chambourd :red fruit,butterscotch,caram elized wood tones.