

2022 Harvest Terroir Challenge

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Best of the Best

Pennyroyal Farm	2019 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Monty In Vineyard	99	Blackberry, undertones of forest floor, awesome texture, very elegant wine.
Best of Virginia AVA						
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2020 Vint Hill Craft Winery Tannat	Virginia	Barrel Aged		96	Dark, chewy, balanced, black pepper, coffee, pretty nose.
Best of Texas AVA						
Texas Heritage Vineyard	2019 Texas Heritage Vineyard Petite Sirah	Texas High Plains	Barrel Aged		92	Upfront complex nose, wonderful viscosity, clean crisp finish.
Best of Temecula Valley AVA						
Poggio Leano Winery and Vineyards	2020 Poggio Leano Montepulciano	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown		96	Deep clean. Powerful cherry flavor. Earthy underlay. Mushroom broth
Best of Tehama County AVA						
New Clairvaux Vineyard	NV New Clairvaux Vineyard White Table Wine	Tehama County			98	complex nose; lively, nice acidity. Nose matches the palate. Superb showstopper
Best of South Coast AVA						
Fallbrook Winery	2019 Fallbrook Winery 33° North Cabernet Franc	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		94	Blackberry, dark earth, well balanced.
Best of South Africa AVA						
Penrose Hill	2021 Maader 99 Viognier	Swartland			91	Bright citrus, lemon flower, waxy, very aromatic.
Best of Sonoma Valley AVA						
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2019 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain District			97	Red ripe fruits; hint of vanilla; Sweet oak, exotic black current. Good tannins

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Soda Rock Winery	2020 Soda Rock Zinfandel Postmaster Reserve	Sonoma County			94	Clean. Easy drinking. Light berries. Good acid.
Best of Sonoma Coast AVA						
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2020 St. Francis Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			97	Really nice expression of Pinot. Cherry cola character.
Best of Sierra Foothills AVA						
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2020 Sierra Starr Vineyards Walker Barbera	El Dorado, Sierra Foothills			97	Toasty, warm, spices that are sophisticated.
Best of Show White Wine						
Barra of Mendocino	2021 Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc	Mendocino County, Redwood Valley	Estate Grown	Vegan friendly	96	Classic varietal character. Floral aromas.
Best of Show Sparkling Wine						
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Grand Cuvee	Russian River			98	Brioche, Bartlett pear, tiny beads, ripe mid palate with a lengthy finish.
Best of Show Rosé Wine						
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Balverne Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		98	Crowd pleaser, layers, white cherry, great forward fruit.
Best of Show Red Wine						
Pennyroyal Farm	2019 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Monty In Vineyard	99	Blackberry, undertones of forest floor, awesome texture, very elegant wine.
Best of Show Fruit						
William Heritage Winery	NV Jersey Jersey Peach	American			98	Lovely, delicious, tastes like fresh white peaches.
Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest						
Trecini Winery	2021 Trecini Moscato	Asti DOCG			98	Floral, honey, apricot, white peach, hint of minerality.
Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA						

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Perrucci Family Vineyard	2018 Perrucci Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation		90	Dark berry. supple. Good all the way through the palate
Best of Russian River Valley AVA					
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Grand Cuvee	Russian River		98	Brioche, Bartlett pear, tiny beads, ripe mid palate with a lengthy finish.
Best of Rogue Valley AVA					
Belle Fiore Winery	2019 Belle Fiore Terramisso Red Blend	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	92	NO SWEEPS. White pepper, soy cause umami, black berry, good structure, age ability.
Best of Rockpile AVA					
St. Anne's Crossing	2020 St. Anne's Crossing Reserve Rockpile Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	92	Briary, cola, cranberry. Well balanced
Best of Paso Robles AVA					
Ragtag Wine Co.	2018 Ragtag Wine Co. Malbec	Paso Robles		97	Full dynamic, blueberry violet cocoa powder.
Best of Ohio AVA					
Hocking Hills Winery	2021 Hocking Hills Winery Leon Millot	Ohio		95	Dense forest berries, nice spice, brambly red currants, underlying notes of orange.
Best of North Carolina AVA					
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2021 JOLO Winery & Vineyards Crimson Creek	North Carolina	Barrel Aged	90	Nice aromatics, olallieberry, boysenberry, blueberry, oyster mushroom.
Best of New Zealand AVA					
GALLO	2021 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		91	Classic New Zealand, lemongrass, green tea.
Best of Napa Valley AVA					
Aimee	2021 Aimee Moscato	Napa Valley		98	I want to drink more of that. White peach, apricot, bright! Honey

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Nichelini Family Winery	2019 Nichelini Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled Reserve		98	Dynamic; hard hitting. Full bodied. Sour Bing cherries. Bittersweet chocolate
Best of Monterey County AVA						
Pelio Vineyards	2021 Pelio Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé	Carmel Valley			95	Delicious, food friendly, porch pounder, pretty, white cherries.
Best of Michigan AVA						
St. Julian Wine Company, Inc.	2020 Braganini Reserve Syrah	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled Reserve	Single Barrel	97	Deep dark and delicious. Tobacco leaf; very cote Rotie
Best of Malibu Coast AVA						
Whatever Vineyards	2019 Whatever Vineyards Syrah	Malibu Coast	Estate Grown and Produced	Barrel Aged	90	Round mouth feel, full bodied, jammy.
Best of Livermore Valley AVA						
Fenestra Winery	2017 Fenestra Petite Sirah	Livermore Valley			98	Huge wine. Iron fist in a velvet glove. Ripe blackberry
Best of Lake County AVA						
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2020 Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery Majestic Elk	Lake County	Single Vineyard Reserve	Cache Creek Vineyards	97	Varietally spot on. Jammy fruit with smooth tannins
Best of Italy						
Trecini Winery	2021 Trecini Moscato	Asti DOCG			98	Floral, honey, apricot, white peach, hint of minerality.
Best of France						
Penrose Hill	2020 Le Temps des Récoltes Bordeaux Blanc	Bordeaux Blanc AOC			94	Classic Bordeaux, complex nose, well structured, floral, grassy, grapefruit.
Best of Finger Lakes AVA						
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2021 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Semi-Sweet Riesling	Finger Lakes			94	Slate, lemon pith, peachy body and very complex.
Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA						

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Peterson Winery	2018 Peterson Winery Merlot	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard	98	Floral on nose, cherry cordial, aging well, ripe, round long finish.
Best of Class						
Aimee	2021 Aimee Moscato	Napa Valley			98	I want to drink more of that. White peach, apricot, bright! Honey
Barra of Mendocino	2021 Girasole Vineyards Pinot Blanc	Mendocino County, Redwood Valley	Estate Grown	Vegan friendly	96	Classic varietal character. Floral aromas.
Belle Fiore Winery	2019 Belle Fiore Terramisso Red Blend	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	NO SWEEPS. White pepper, soy cause umami, black berry, good structure, age ability.
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2020 Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery Majestic Elk	Lake County	Single Vineyard Reserve	Cache Creek Vineyards	97	Varietally spot on. Jammy fruit with smooth tannins
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2021 Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County	Estate Grown	Cache Creek Vineyards	96	Fresh - great mouth feel
Carneros Wine Company	2021 Fleur de California Vermentino	Carneros	Estate Vineyard		98	An amazing wine. Nice fruit, nice body, lots of layers of flavors.
Delicato Family Wines	2021 Francis Coppola Reserve Viognier	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Catie's Corner Vineyard	97	Lovely stone fruit, dried apricot, perfect example, floral.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2019 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Vineyard Chardonnay	Alexander Valley			98	River rock, saline, orange peel, minerality and bright.
Fallbrook Winery	2019 Fallbrook Winery 33° North Cabernet Franc	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		94	Blackberry, dark earth, well balanced.
Fenestra Winery	2017 Fenestra Petite Sirah	Livermore Valley			98	Huge wine. Iron fist in a velvet glove. Ripe blackberry
GALLO	2021 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			91	Classic New Zealand, lemongrass, green tea.

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GALLO	2020 Alamos Malbec 2020	Mendoza		93	Great structure, good fruit, great representation.	
GALLO	2021 Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile		96	Not to sweeps. Crowd pleaser, balanced hint of cinnamon and baking spices.	
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Moscato Spumante	California		90	Honey, good mouth feel with a hint or orange peel	
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Herzog Lineage Malbec	Clarksburg		95	Round and delicious; Lovely quaffing	
Herzog Wine Cellars	2021 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California		95	Great varietal character. Floral and crisp; Balanced	
Hocking Hills Winery	2021 Hocking Hills Winery Leon Millot	Ohio		95	Dense forest berries, nice spice, brambly red currants, underlying notes of orange.	
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2021 JOLO Winery & Vineyards Crimson Creek	North Carolina	Barrel Aged	90	Nice aromatics, olallieberry, boysenberry, blueberry, oyster mushroom.	
Kenwood Vineyards	2018 Six Ridges Chardonnay	Russian River Valley		98	Very rich, bold. smooth, satisfying and elegant	
New Clairvaux Vineyard	NV New Clairvaux Vineyard White Table Wine	Tehama County		98	complex nose; lively, nice acidity. Nose matches the palate. Superb showstopper	
Nichelini Family Winery	2019 Nichelini Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled Reserve	98	Dynamic; hard hitting. Full bodied. Sour Bing cherries. Bittersweet chocolate	
Notre Vue Estate Wine Group	2021 Balverne Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Crowd pleaser, layers, white cherry, great forward fruit.	
Okapi	2018 Okapi Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll	Estate Vineyard	Jungle Love Vineyard	97	Cassis & fresh leather, very savory, awesome textured wine, very structured, great color, bright fruit.

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Pelio Vineyards	2021 Pelio Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé	Carmel Valley			95	Delicious, food friendly, porch pounder, pretty, white cherries.
Pennyroyal Farm	2019 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Monty In Vineyard	99	Blackberry, undertones of forest floor, awesome texture, very elegant wine.
Penrose Hill	2020 Le Temps des Récoltes Bordeaux Blanc	Bordeaux Blanc AOC			94	Classic Bordeaux, complex nose, well structured, floral, grassy, grapefruit.
Penrose Hill	2021 Sir Oscar Darby Sauvignon Blanc – Sémillon	South Australia			96	Very varietally correct. Nice balance and tropical fruit
Penrose Hill	2021 Dita Akello Vermentino	South Eastern Australia			95	Sweet and elegant. Well Balanced
Peterson Winery	2018 Peterson Winery Merlot	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard	98	Floral on nose, cherry cordial, aging well, ripe, round long finish.
Poggio Leano Winery and Vineyards	2020 Poggio Leano Montepulciano	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown		96	Deep clean. Powerful cherry flavor. Earthy underlay. Mushroom broth
Ragtag Wine Co.	2018 Ragtag Wine Co. Petite Sirah	Paso Robles	Single Vineyard		97	Inky, graphite, savory spices.
Ragtag Wine Co.	2019 Ragtag Wine Co. Albariño	Central Coast, Edna Valley	Single Vineyard		93	Good intensity; White flowers on the nose. Juicy fruit
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2021 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			96	Really nice clean Pinot-like character. Nice bright acids. Great expression of Pinot rose. Macerated strawberries.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Pinot Grigio	NONE			93	Fine example of varietal, perfect picnic wine.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2020 Sierra Starr Vineyards Walker Barbera	El Dorado, Sierra Foothills			97	Toasty, warm, spices that are sophisticated.
Soda Rock Winery	2020 Soda Rock Postmaster Reserve Zinfandel	Sonoma County			94	Clean. Easy drinking. Light berries. Good acid.

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Soda Rock Winery	2019 Soda Rock Cabernet Franc, Reserve Warm Spring Ranch	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Warm Springs Ranch	95	Blackberry, little smoke, herbaceous, black tea, annatto, full body, rich and balanced.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Grand Cuvee	Russian River			98	Brioche, Bartlett pear, tiny beads, ripe mid palate with a lengthy finish.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir Sparkling Wine	Russian River Valley	Methodie Traditionne lle		97	SWEEPS. Very floral, raspberry coulis. Lemon verbena, starfruit, and lingering finish.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2020 St. Francis Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			97	Really nice expression of Pinot. Cherry cola character.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2019 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain District			97	Red ripe fruits; hint of vanilla; Sweet oak, exotic black current. Good tannins
St. Julian Wine Company, Inc.	2020 Braganini Reserve Syrah	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled Reserve	Single Barrel	97	Deep dark and delicious. Tobacco leaf; very cote Rotie
Taylors Wines	2020 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale			98	Really good example of Australian Shiraz. Pretty fruit. Well balanced. Lingering mouth feel
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2021 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Semi-Sweet Riesling	Finger Lakes			94	Slate, lemon pith, peachy body and very complex.
Trecini Winery	2021 Trecini Moscato	Asti DOCG			98	Floral, honey, apricot, white peach, hint of minerality.
Trecini Winery	2018 Trecini BOASSO BAROLO	Barolo DOCG	Barrel Aged	SERRALU NGA D'AUBA	97	Red cherry, rustic and elegant, modern barolo.
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2020 Vint Hill Craft Winery Tannat	Virginia	Barrel Aged		96	Dark, chewy, balanced, black pepper, coffee, pretty nose.
William Heritage Winery	NV Jersey Jersey Caramel Apple	American			97	Mom's apple pie in a glass.

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William Heritage Winery	NV Jersey Jersey Peach	American		98	Lovely, delicious, tastes like fresh white peaches.
William Heritage Winery	NV Jersey Jersey Blue	American		92	Soft blueberry turnovers.
Best of Clarksburg AVA					
Herzog Wine Cellars	2020 Herzog Lineage Malbec	Clarksburg		95	Round and delicious; Lovely quaffing
Best of Chile					
GALLO	2021 Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile		96	Not to sweeps. Crowd pleaser, balanced hint of cinnamon and baking spices.
Best of Central Coast AVA					
Ragtag Wine Co.	2019 Ragtag Wine Co. Albariño	Central Coast, Edna Valley	Single Vineyard	93	Good intensity; White flowers on the nose. Juicy fruit
Best of Carneros AVA					
Carneros Wine Company	2021 Fleur de California Vermentino	Carneros	Estate Vineyard	98	An amazing wine. Nice fruit, nice body, lots of layers of flavors.
Best of California AVA					
Herzog Wine Cellars	2021 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California		95	Great varietal character. Floral and crisp; Balanced
Best of Australia					
Taylors Wines	2020 Wakefield Taylors Wines Masterstroke Shiraz	Australia, McLaren Vale		98	Really good example of Australian Shiraz. Pretty fruit. Well balanced. Lingering mouth feel
Best of Argentina AVA					
GALLO	2020 Alamos Malbec 2020	Mendoza		93	Great structure, good fruit, great representation.
Best of Anderson Valley AVA					

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Pennyroyal Farm	2019 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Monty In Vineyard	99	Blackberry, undertones of forest floor, awesome texture, very elegant wine.
Best of Alexander Valley AVA						
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2019 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Vineyard Chardonnay	Alexander Valley			98	River rock, saline, orange peel, minerality and bright.