

# 2016 Harvest Challenge 2016

Sonoma County, CA November 15, 2016

## Best White

Trecini Winery	2016 Trecini Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River					White pepper, beautiful lemon, extended-finish, perfectly balanced.
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## Best Rose

Brian Arden Wines	2015 Brian Arden Winery Rose of Cabernet Franc	Rutherford			96		Electric, buzzing, strawberry.
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## Best Red

Penrose Hill	2015 Paso Del Tiempo Garnacha	Campo de Borja DO	Old Vine		95		nice mouth feel, structured/balanced, bright acid, dark fruit.
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## Best of Sonoma Valley AVA

St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Malbec	Sonoma Valley			95		
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## Best of Sonoma County AVA

Lawer Family Wines	2015 Lawer Estates Rose	Sonoma County, Knights Valley			95		rose petals, long lingering finish
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## Best of Sonoma Coast AVA

Nicholson Ranch	2014 Nicholson Ranch Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate	Cuvee Natalie	94		Voluptuous like Jessica Rabbit, very popular style, nice acid, honey caramel, balanced
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## Best of Sierra Foothills AVA

Black Sheep Winery	2014 Black Sheep Winery Zinfandel	Amador County			91		Nice zanny, forward fruit, well balanced
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## Best of Show

Brian Arden Wines	2015 Brian Arden Winery Rose of Cabernet Franc	Rutherford			96		Electric, buzzing, strawberry.
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## Best of Russian River Valley AVA

Trecini Winery	2016 Trecini Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River					White pepper, beautiful lemon, extended-finish, perfectly balanced.
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## Best of Paso Robles AVA

Peachy Canyon	2012 Cirque du Vin Cirque du Vin	Paso Robles			95		Oak driven, yeasty, aged in a good way.
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## Best of Monterey County AVA

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Scheid Family Wines	2014 Pareto's Estate Pinot Noir	Monterey	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	93	Rich full bodied, juicy, jammy baking, spicy, silky texture
<b>Best of Mendocino County AVA</b>					
Mia Bea Wines, Inc.	2015 Mia Bea Wines Chardonnay Unoaked	Mendocino	Certified Organic Fruit	95	Rich, lushness.
Spicy Vines	2014 Spicy Vines Carignane	Mendocino County	Special Selection Madame Carignane - Trimble Vineyards	95	Menthol, tart blackberry, holiday spice, Christmas potpourri
<b>Best of Lodi AVA</b>					
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2015 Oak Farm Vineyards Tievoli	Lodi	Certified Green under Lodi Rules	95	Black berry, pepper, majestic finish.
<b>Best of Lake County AVA</b>					
Wildhurst Vineyards	2015 Wildhurst Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County		93	Acid balance, great finish, bordeaux style, red apple
<b>Best of Finger Lakes AVA</b>					
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2015 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		91	Smells like double bubble, spicy, viscous texture with crisp finish.
<b>Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA</b>					
St. Anne's Crossing Winery	2013 St. Anne's Crossing Winery Merlot	Dry Creek Valley		93	front loaded, plums, great varietal character
<b>Best of Columbia Valley AVA</b>					
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2015 Tsillan Cellars Chardonnay	Lake Chelan	Estate	92	Clean; integrated oak
<b>Best of Class</b>					
Ancient Oak Cellars	2012 Ancient Oak Cellars Tò Érgon	Russian River Valley	Reserve Berger Vineyard	91	Big wine, nice dark front, agreeable.
Balletto Vineyards, Inc.	2014 Balletto Vineyards RRV - Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	92	
Bell Wine Cellars	2014 Bell Cabernet Sauvignon, Claret	Napa Valley		91	full bodied mentol

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Black Sheep Winery	2014 Black Sheep Winery Zinfandel	Amador County			91	Nice zanny, forward fruit, well balanced
Boisset Collection	2014 Buena Vista Winery The Sheriff of Buena Vista	Sonoma County			95	vibrant black fruit, fresh herbs
Brian Arden Wines	2015 Brian Arden Winery Rose of Cabernet Franc	Rutherford			96	Electric, buzzing, strawberry.
Bronco Wine Co.	2014 Green Truck Cabernet Sauvignon	Mendocino County		CCOF	94	Big berries, rich.
Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2014 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Petit Verdot	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA	93	Graphite, pencil shavings, it reminded me of bordeaux
Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2014 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Carmenere	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA	94	Balanced flavors, white pepper, juicy, delicious!
<u>Delfino Vineyards</u>	2014 Delfino Tempranillo	Umpqua Valley	Estate Grown		91	
deLorimier Winery	2014 deLorimier Winery Primitivo	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Osborn Ranch	93	
Due Ruscelli	2013 Due Ruscelli Primitivo	Russian River Valley	Estate Reserve		92	
Fortunati Vineyards	2013 Fortunati Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll	Single Vineyard		94	minty rich, nose, screams napa cab.
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2013 Frank Family Vineyards Zinfandel	Napa Valley			97	Ripe, big, noble, its got pedigree.
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2014 Frank Family Vineyards Pinot Noir	Napa Valley			93	Rich, ripe earthy carneros,
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2014 Frank Family Vineyards Chardonnay	Napa Valley			96	This is Napa in a glass.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Malbec	California			92	nice soft palette, easy to drink, blackberry, nice spice
GALLO	NV Barefoot Bubbly Extra Dry	California			92	no comments
GALLO	2015 Dark Horse Sauvignon Blanc	California			94	
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2007 Gloria Ferrer Gloria Ferrer Royal Cuvee	Carneros			91	Brioche, complex, Beautiful Sexy....
Greenwood Ridge Vineyards	2014 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Reserve		97	Perfumed aroma, black cherry, generous

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Greenwood Ridge Vineyards	2014 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards Merlot	Mendocino Ridge	Estate		93	varietal just like merlot.
J. Baldwin Wines	2013 J. Baldwin Petite Sirah	Moon Mountain District	Single Vineyard Selection		94	A lot going on.
J. Baldwin Wines	2013 J. Baldwin Zinfandel Block 31	Moon Mountain District	Single Vineyard Selection	Block 31	91	
Landa Vineyards	2013 Landa Vineyards Syrah	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown		92	Pretty fruit, good pepper, clean, direct, forward
Lawer Family Wines	2015 Lawer Estates Rose	Sonoma County, Knights Valley			95	rose petals, long lingering finish
Mazzocco Sonoma Winery	2013 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Smith Orchard	92	little red riding hoods basket of berries and spice
Mcllroy Wines	2015 Mcllroy Cellars Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			92	
Mia Bea Wines, Inc.	2015 Mia Bea Wines Chardonnay Unoaked	Mendocino		Certified Organic Fruit	95	Rich,lushness.
Miro Cellars	2014 Miro Zinfandel	Russian River Valley	Old Vines	Alegria Vineyard	95	zammy fruit,pepper spice.
Mueller Winery	2014 Mueller Syrah "Block Eleven"	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Block 11	94	chocolate,cocoa, nice mouth feel,layer,hint of meatiness.
Navarro Vineyards	2015 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		97	Lychee, jasmine, lacey acidity
Navarro Vineyards	2015 Navarro Vineyards Barbera	Mendocino			93	Perfectly ripe, layered fruit
Nicholson Ranch	2014 Nicholson Ranch Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate	Cuvee Natalie	94	Voluptuous like Jessica Rabbit, very popular style, nice acid, honey caramel, balanced
Nicholson Ranch	2014 Nicholson Ranch Chardonnay	Sonoma Valley	Estate		92	
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2015 Oak Farm Vineyards The Corset (Red Blend)	California			92	
Peachy Canyon	2014 Peachy Canyon Winery Westside Zinfandel	Paso Robles			92	Well balanced, varietally correct, no wimpy wine
Peachy Canyon	2012 Cirque du Vin Cirque du Vin	Paso Robles			95	Oak driven,yeasty,aged in a good way.

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Pearmund Cellars, LLC	2015 Effingham Manor Chambourcin	Virginia			95	Bright strawberries, watermelon, "summertime in a glass" just enough off dry
Penrose Hill	2015 Paso Del Tiempo Garnacha	Campo de Borja DO	Old Vine		95	nice mouth feel,structured/balanced ,bright acid,dark fruit.
Red Fox Winery	NV Red Fox Winery Blackberry	Missouri			92	Italian bonbon, true to its nose,balanced
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2015 Rodney Strong Vineyards Charlotte's Home, Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Northern Sonoma	Estate Vineyards		96	vibrant melon,herbs,good expression
Scheid Family Wines	2014 Pareto's Estate Pinot Noir	Monterey	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		93	Rich full bodied, juicy, jammy baking, spicy, silky texture
Scheid Family Wines	2015 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Juicy, wonderful fruit, great acids
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American			90	
Soda Rock Winery	2015 Soda Rock Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley			95	Classic!
Soda Rock Winery	2013 Soda Rock Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley		Spur Hill	98	Ripe black fruit, opulent
Spicy Vines	2014 Spicy Vines Carignane	Mendocino County	Special Selection	Madame Carignane - Trimble Vineyards	95	Menthol, tart blackberry,holiday spice,Christmas potpourri
St. Anne's Crossing Winery	2013 St. Anne's Crossing Winery Merlot	Dry Creek Valley			93	front loaded,plums, great varietal character
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Cabernet Franc	Sonoma Valley			92	
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Malbec	Sonoma Valley			95	
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2014 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Valley, Moon Mountain District			90	
Tabor Hill Winery	NV Tabor Hill Winery Classic Demi Sec	Lake Michigan Shore			96	Tinkerbelle on your palate
Tedeschi Family Winery	2012 Tedeschi Family Winery Merlot	Napa Valley		Stargazer Vineyard	94	

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Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2015 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		91	Smells like double bubble,spicy,viscous texture with crisp finish.
Trecini Winery	2016 Trecini Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River			White pepper,beautiful lemon,extended-finish,perfectly balanced.
Trinchero Family Estates	2015 Menage a Trois Pinot Noir	California		92	
Trinchero Family Estates	NV Sutter Home Pinot Grigio	California		91	
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2015 Tsillan Cellars Chardonnay	Lake Chelan	Estate	92	
Volcanic Hills Estate Winery	2015 Volcanic Hills Estate Winery Reserve Viognier	British Columbia, Okanagan VQA		95	
Wildhurst Vineyards	2015 Wildhurst Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County		93	Acid balance, great finish, bordeaux style,red apple
<b>Best of Carneros AVA</b>					
Boisset Collection	2014 Buena Vista Winery Carneros Chardonnay	Carneros		98	juicy,purity,suede texture.
<b>Best of California AVA</b>					
GALLO	2015 Dark Horse Sauvignon Blanc	California		94	
<b>Best of Anderson Valley AVA</b>					
Greenwood Ridge Vineyards	2014 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Reserve	97	Perfumed aroma, black cherry, generous
Navarro Vineyards	2015 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	97	Lychee, jasmine, lacey acidity
<b>Best of Alexander Valley AVA</b>					
Soda Rock Winery	2013 Soda Rock Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley	Spur Hill	98	Ripe black fruit, opulent