

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Aldina Vineyards

2021 Aldina Vineyards Bacchus Blend Sonoma County Barrel Aged Gold 91 Fun, nice acidity, lovely balance. Cocoa dusted. Ripe fruit, floral. Nice acidity start to finish.

Alexander Valley Vineyards

2020 Alexander Valley Vineyards Merlot Alexander Valley, Sonoma County Gold 92 Nice wine, nice tannins, well balanced, plum, charcoal, graphite.

2019 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon - organically grown Alexander Valley, Sonoma County Estate Grown & Bottled Gold 93 deep cocoa. Rich.

Alma de Cattleya

2022 Alma de Cattleya Alma de Cattleya Sonoma County Barrel Aged Double Gold 95 Restrained - classic, mineral driven Laine Valley style

2021 Alma de Cattleya Alma de Cattleya Sonoma County Barrel Aged Unfiltered Gold 92 Nice aromatics, cloves, cherry

Amphora

2019 Amphora Merlot Dry Creek Valley Gold 91 Big, fruity, savory, jammy and peppery

Anaba

2019 Anaba Sonoma Coast Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Double Gold 97 Nice oak. Fresh apple. people pleasing with a fantastic finish

2022 Anaba Turbine Rosé of Grenache Sonoma Coast Double Gold 95 Pure, fresh, zippy, crisp

2019 Anaba Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Gold 92 Fennel & orange Good oak

Angels & Cowboys

2020 Angels & Cowboys Proprietary Red Sonoma County Gold 90 Nice blend. Enjoyed by all.

2022 Angels & Cowboys Rosé Sonoma County Gold 92 Floral, berry, tight, cherry.

Aratas Wine

2019 Aratas Wine Petite Sirah Napa Valley Single Vineyard Gold 92 Spicy, boysenberry and anise.

AvinoDos Wines

2019 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Merlot - Los Carneros Los Carneros Gold 90 Depth, rich, blackberry fruit, juicy, toasty. Good oak profile

Baldassari Wines

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2019 Baldassari Wines Syrah	Sonoma County, Bennett Valley	Barrel Aged	22 days in open-top fermenters, 20% whole cluster, 100% wild ferment or native yeast	Gold	93	Sweet and sour mixture of fruit and fresh leather, and licorice.
Balletto Vineyards						
2022 Balletto Vineyards Pinot Gris	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Apricot & honey, great clean acidity, clean flavors
Balverne						
2021 Balverne Sauvignon Blanc	Chalk Hill	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	90	Fruit jumps out of the glass, guava.
Banshee						
NV Banshee Ten of Cups Sparkling Wine	California			Disqualified		
2022 Banshee Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County			Double Gold	96	Cilantro, honeydew, beautiful lifted - rays of sunshine, granite freshness
Benziger Family Winery						
2022 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Pinot Noir Rosé	Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		Best of Class	97	Beautiful. Pitch perfect balance. Streak of strawberry that begins with it and ends with it.
2021 Benziger Family Winery Apple Hill Chardonnay	Los Carneros	Estate Produced and Bottled	Sangiacono Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Balanced, well made. Ripe, lush, rounded, layered, and complex.
2022 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Pinot Noir Rosé	Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	97	Beautiful. Pitch perfect balance. Streak of strawberry that begins with it and ends with it.
2021 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Terra Neuma Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Sunshine pinot! Intensity. Juicy finish. Generous fruit.
2022 Benziger Family Winery Frank Johnson Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	92	Grapefruit pita, floral, charming soft acidity - poolside charmer

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Benziger Family Winery Joaquin's Inferno	Sonoma Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Garden in a glass, violets, bubble gum, aromatic, pretty.
Black Stallion Estate Winery						
2020 Black Stallion Estate Winery Limited Release Tempranillo	Calistoga			Double Gold	96	Deep, broad,spicy.
2019 Black Stallion Estate Winery Limited Release Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon	Atlas Peak			Gold	92	Sweet tobacco. Black fruit. Rich and silky.
Blue Farm						
2021 Blue Farm Gap's Crown Vineyard	Petaluma Gap	Single Vineyard Reserve	Estate Farmed	Gold	93	Fresh, nice purity of fruit, nice expression, nice aromatics (sleek Audrey Hepburn)
Bonterra Organic Estates						
2021 Bonterra Organic Estates Cabernet Sauvignon	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Regenerative Organic Certified	Double Gold	96	Fresh dark flavors; Dusty road to harvest near blackberry bush
2020 Bonterra Organic Estates The Butler	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Savory, very meaty, fresh sage, nice layered blend, berry aromas, cherry/raspberry.
Bricoleur Vineyards						
2021 Bricoleur Vineyards Grenache	Fountain Grove	Estate	Kick Ranch	Gold	90	Crowd pleaser; True to variety
2021 Bricoleur Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Fountaingrove District	Estate	Kick Ranch Vineyard Designate	Gold	90	Bright fruit
2021 Bricoleur Vineyards Founder's Block Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	93	Well made and very elegant. Depth. Cranberry, cherry, pomegranate.
2022 Bricoleur Vineyards Rose	Fountaingrove District		Kick Ranch	Gold	91	Lemon square, light floral notes, hint of tangerine.
Brooks Note						
2021 Brooks Note Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Double Gold	96	Citrus, tart apple, and orange peel.
2021 Brooks Note Panther Ridge Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			Gold	94	Sweet, floral and juicy.
2021 Brooks Note Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			Gold	90	Youthful structure.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Bucher

2020 Bucher Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	93	earthy, violet floral, good amount of tannin & long finish, Burgundian style
2022 Bucher Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River	Barrel Aged		Gold	91	Best balance, good at afternoon party.

Buena Vista Winery

2021 Buena Vista Winery The Sheriff	Sonoma County			Double Gold	96	Big, dense, ripe, rich, great balance.
2020 Buena Vista Winery Chateau Buena Vista Chardonnay	Carneros			Gold	90	Spice, balance and a long finish

CALAZOR

2020 CALAZOR Red Blend	Solano County	Barrel Aged	Proprietary, Single Vineyard	Best of Solano County AVA	92	Very well integrated. Well balanced with a long clean finish.
2020 CALAZOR Red Blend	Solano County	Barrel Aged	Proprietary, Single Vineyard	Gold	92	Very well integrated. Well balanced with a long clean finish.

Camp Rose Cellars

2019 Camp Rose Cellars the Prince	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	94	Lychee, floral, pure varietal, honest, green quality, edgy.
2022 Camp Rose Cellars Rosé of Grenache	Sonoma Valley			Gold	94	Complex, pretty and bright

Capo Isetta

2021 Capo Isetta Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard	Roberts Road Vineyard	Gold	92	Silky, elegant.
2022 Capo Isetta Rose	Mendocino	Single Vineyard		Gold	91	Drinkable, talented but quirky.
2021 Capo Isetta Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Gold	91	Clarity, fruit, hints of macadamia nuts

Carol Shelton Wines

2022 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Rendezvous Rose	Mendocino County			Dry Rose	Double Gold	95	Neon pink in dive bar color, clean fruit balance, pure fruit. Not overly sweet, good wine making.
2019 Carol Shelton Wines Wireless Carignane	Alexander Valley	Old Vine	Oat Valley Vineyard	Gold	92	Savory and herbal.	

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2019 Carol Shelton Wines Peaceland Zinfandel	Fountaingrove District		Peaceland Vineyard	Gold	91	Violets, velvety vanilla, generous oak.
Cattleya						
2021 Cattleya 2021 Cattleya Cattleya Cuvée Number One Russian River Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	96	Youth, strong, deep color, blackberry jam, round, plush.
2021 Cattleya Cattleya Cuvée Number Eight Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged	Unfined, Unfiltered	Double Gold	95	Patchouli, smoke bacon character, deep and brooding, cotes du nuits.
2021 Cattleya Cattleya Cuvée Number Five Sonoma Coast Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Fermented	Unfined, Unfiltered	Gold	93	smells like a baguette right out of the oven. Toasty notes
Cazadero Winery						
2019 Cazadero Winery Pinot Noir	Fort Ross - Seaview	Single Vineyard Selection	Parmeter King Ridge Vineyard	Gold	92	Nice ripe fruit, good concentration & structure, nice acidity & long finish
Chacewater						
2022 Chacewater Chacewater Chardonnay	Lake County			Gold	92	Tropical tones, fruity pineapple, fruit cocktail.
2019 Chacewater Chacewater Malbec	Lake County			Gold	91	Deep dark and dangerous. Good with food.
Chalk Hill						
2021 Chalk Hill Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			Double Gold	97	Excellent wine, silky very persistent in the palate. Deep flavors, crowd pleaser, easy to like
Chateau Buena Vista						
2019 Chateau Buena Vista Chateau Buena Vista Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Gold	91	Beautiful expression of cabernet. Aged tobacco, dried cherries, herbal and slightly vegital. Classic cab.
Chavez Family Cellars						
2015 Chavez Family Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Barrel Aged	Ellis Alden Vineyards	Gold	90	Great drinking and enjoyable.
Chris Condos						
2021 Chris Condos Chris Condos Made with Organic Grapes Mendocino Chardonnay 2021	Mendocino			Gold	93	Delicate and elegant
Clay Shannon						

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2022 Clay Shannon Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County		Betsy's Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Cinnamon, fuji apple, pineapple, funky cheese good way.
Cline Cellars						
2021 Cline Cellars Rock Carved Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Gold	91	Dark black fruit. Hint of coco cedartones -fresh herbs.
Comstock Wines						
2020 Comstock Wines Blanc de Blanc	Dry Creek Valley		Method Champenoise	Gold	93	Nice acid, aromas of orange, green apple, pears. Refreshing.
2019 Comstock Wines Syrah / Bennet Valley /Jemrose	Bennett Valley		Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Enjoyable style
Corner 103						
2019 Corner 103 Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Valley			Gold	92	Full and rich.
2020 Corner 103 Chardonnay	Carneros, Sonoma			Gold	90	Pomelo, buttery, lemon, grapefruit, acid 'matters'.
County Line Vineyards						
2022 County Line Vineyards County Line Rosé Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley	Unfiltered	Single vineyard source Elke Home Ranch, whole cluster pressed Pinot Noir	Double Gold	96	Silky, super pretty. Clean.
Crux						
2020 Crux GSM	Russian River Valley			Gold	94	Herb lovers heaven, bay leaves, sage, eucalyptus, menthol, 'a walk in a coastal forest', connoisseur wine.
2019 Crux Syrah	Russian River Valley			Gold	91	Herbal, spicy, straight forward, nice wine.
Dancing Crow Vineyards						
2022 Dancing Crow Vineyards Farmer's Cuvée	Lake County			Best of Class	97	Earthy yet bright, celery leaf.
2022 Dancing Crow Vineyards Farmer's Cuvée	Lake County			Double Gold	97	Earthy yet bright, celery leaf.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Dancing Crow Vineyards Old Stake 1901 - Old Vine "Field Blend"	Kelsey Bench			Gold	93	Dried mushrooms in aromas, Hoisin flavors, dark red fruit, out of box flavors.
2021 Dancing Crow Vineyards Corbeau Rusé	Lake County			Gold	90	Nice style.
Daryl Groom						
2021 Daryl Groom DRG Daryl Groom Russian River Valley Chardonnay 2021	Russian River			Gold	94	Vanilla, nutty. Oakier end of the spectrum
Dashe Cellars						
2019 Dashe Cellars Zinfandel, Todd Brothers Ranch	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Old Vines	Single Vineyard Series	Gold	93	Food friendly Zin, a mother-in-law that endears you somehow.
Davis Bynum						
2019 Davis Bynum Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	94	Earthiness. Purity of fruit. Freshness. Bing cherry all the way through. Pretty.
Davis Family Vineyards						
2021 Davis Family Vineyards Cuvee Luke	Mendocino County		Alder Springs	Double Gold	96	Novel, elegant, floral. Green tea and peaches. Fantastic.
2020 Davis Family Vineyards Estate Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown		Gold	94	Mineral. Potpourri. good strength of fruit. Delicate ambrosia
2019 Davis Family Vineyards Throne	Mendocino			Gold	91	Effortless, nice integrated, nice toasty oak, well rounded.
2019 Davis Family Vineyards Pinot Noir - Soul Patch	Russian River Valley			Gold	93	Juicy fresh mouth filling
De La Montanya Vineyards & Winery						
2020 De La Montanya Vineyards & Winery Cabernet Franc Sonoma County	Sonoma County			Gold	92	Stand alone, red fruit, licorice, grapefruit.
2020 De La Montanya Vineyards & Winery Dos Amour North Coast	North Coast			Gold	90	Nice example of the style.
deLorimier Winery						
2019 deLorimier Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Rockpile	Estate Bottled Reserve	Rockpile Vineyard	Best of Class	98	dark fruit, cassis, mint, big chocolate

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 deLorimier Winery Primitivo	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Reserve	Best of Class	98	Plush and floral character, generous, really big dog that knocks you over and licks your face.
2020 deLorimier Winery Primitivo	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced	Wedding Cake Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Brassy, cherry blossoms, depth, wine to come back to again and again.
2020 deLorimier Winery Primitivo	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Reserve	Double Gold	98	Plush and floral character, generous, really big dog that knocks you over and licks your face.
2019 deLorimier Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Rockpile	Estate Bottled Reserve	Rockpile Vineyard	Double Gold	98	dark fruit, cassis, mint, big chocolate
Denier-Handal Vineyards						
2018 Denier-Handal Vineyards Don Angelo	Mendocino County/Sonoma County/Amador County	Winemaker Select		Gold	95	Big earthy, complex, stormy and mysterious, age worthy.
DNA Vineyards						
2021 DNA Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate		Gold	92	Lots of oak. Deep and ripe. A touch earthy. High-toned note of rhubarb
Domaine Carneros						
NV Domaine Carneros Cuvee de la Pompadour Brut Rose	Carneros	Methodes Traditionnelles		Double Gold	96	Vibrant and pretty. Great nose and balance.
Dot Wine						
2020 Dot Wine The Zin Zinfandel	Sonoma County		Dry Creek	Double Gold	95	Jammy, berry compote, strawberry, spicy, and savory.
2021 Dot Wine Roan Family Vineyard White	Russian River Valley	Barrel Fermented	Sustainably Certified	Gold	92	Playful succulent wine that will continue to surprise.
DRNK						
2019 DRNK Chardonnay	Sonoma County, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Dutton Mill Station Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Montrachet Style. Nice mineral undertone. Ethereal
2019 DRNK Syrah	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard	Wildwood Vineyards	Gold	93	Forward, plum, nice style, total crowd pleaser all the way around.
2019 DRNK Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bootleggers Hill Vineyard	Gold	94	Rhubarb,nice acidity.
Dry Creek Vineyard						

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2022 Dry Creek Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley			Best of Class	98	Passionfruit, lime leaf, zesty oyster wine, complex-complete food wine-texture
2021 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Vines Zinfandel	Sonoma County			Double Gold	96	Spiciness, bright raspberry, beautiful texture, wine-lovers wine, masterful blending.
2022 Dry Creek Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley			Double Gold	98	Passionfruit, lime leaf, zesty oyster wine, complex-complete food wine-texture
2019 Dry Creek Vineyard Meritage "Benchland"	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	93	Vanilla laced blackberries; lovely finish; Great for a BBQ
2019 Dry Creek Vineyard Historic Blocks Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	91	Fun, well balanced, good layering and acidity.
2019 Dry Creek Vineyard Farmhouse Vineyard Zinfandel	Russian River			Gold	91	Baking spices; blackberry jam; Smooth finish
Dutcher Crossing						
2021 Dutcher Crossing Bacigalupi Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	90	Bright fruit: pear, vibrant...a lot of fruit
Eden Dale						
2019 Eden Dale Eden Dale Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Estate Vineyards	Certified Sustainably Farmed	Gold	92	Notes of orange peel, lavender and earthy tones. Vibrant
Ehret Family Winery						
2019 Ehret Family Winery Bella's Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	Best of Class	98	Sweet oak-pomegranate. Flavor and violet in nose. Blackberry-blueberry cedar tones.
2019 Ehret Family Winery Bella's Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	Double Gold	98	Sweet oak-pomegranate. Flavor and violet in nose. Blackberry-blueberry cedar tones.
2019 Ehret Family Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	Gold	91	Plum, oak, depth creamy
2019 Ehret Family Winery Hillside Reserve Red Wine	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	Gold	90	Balance; Good weight. Long finish and fruity.
2019 Ehret Family Winery Merlot	Knights Valley		Bavarian Lion Vineyards	Gold	91	Nice balance of fruit, oak, and spice.

Ektimo Vineyards

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Ektimo Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir Mt. Eden Clone	Russian River Valley, Green Estate Valley		Gold	94	Aromatic, balance on back, seamless, black cherry, cranberry, tart.
Elizabeth Spencer					
2019 Elizabeth Spencer Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		Gold	93	Beautifully balanced, youthful and gorgeous. Balance of both red and black fruit. Oak frames the rich beautiful fruit.
2019 Elizabeth Spencer Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford	Rutherford		Gold	93	Rich, true fruit, berry pie elegant
Enkidu					
2021 Enkidu Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County	Barrel Aged	Gold	93	Balanced, soft layers of fruit
FATHER & SON WINES					
2021 FATHER & SON WINES Sangiovese	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Barrel Aged	Gold	90	Great food wine.
Ferrari-Carano					
2021 Ferrari-Carano Siena	Sonoma County		Best of Class	98	Big complex, interesting, unique fruit cocktail with bold deep tannins, layering of fruit.
2018 Ferrari-Carano Trésor	Sonoma County		Best of Class	97	Big WOW wine, ripe blackberry, dark plum, olive tapenade, silky tannins.
2021 Ferrari-Carano Siena	Sonoma County		Double Gold	98	Big complex, interesting, unique fruit cocktail with bold deep tannins, layering of fruit.
2018 Ferrari-Carano Trésor	Sonoma County		Double Gold	97	Big WOW wine, ripe blackberry, dark plum, olive tapenade, silky tannins.
2022 Ferrari-Carano Pinot Grigio	Sonoma County		Gold	90	Lovely style, nice wine.
2021 Ferrari-Carano Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County		Gold	94	Floral; Really layered. Super delicate.
Fifth Hill					
2020 Fifth Hill Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley	Late Harvest	Best of Class	97	Stuff dreams are made of, luscious, satisfying, toe curling.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Fifth Hill Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley	Late Harvest		Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest	97	Stuff dreams are made of, luscious, satisfying, toe curling.
2020 Fifth Hill Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley	Late Harvest		Double Gold	97	Stuff dreams are made of, luscious, satisfying, toe curling.
Flambeaux						
2019 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley			Best of Class	98	Beautiful, velvety, plummy, dense, unctuous expensive oak.
2019 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley			Double Gold	98	Beautiful, velvety, plummy, dense, unctuous expensive oak.
2019 Flambeaux Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Gold	93	blackberry toast, spice rhubarb
Florence Vineyard						
2020 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Sonoma County	Best of Class	97	Raspberry jam, nice acidity, inky color, seductive, fresh, rich.
2020 Florence Vineyard Petit Sirah	Rockpile		Sonoma County	Double Gold	96	Elderberry syrup.
2020 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Sonoma County	Double Gold	97	Raspberry jam, nice acidity, inky color, seductive, fresh, rich.
Foley Sonoma						
2019 Foley Sonoma Winemakers Series Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Gold	90	Currant, berry cobbler bright, good mouth feel
Franc Dusak						
2022 Franc Dusak Franc Dusak Gould Family Vineyard Sonoma Valley Riesling 2022	Sonoma Valley			Gold	92	Floral roses, passion fruit.
Francis Coppola Reserve						
2016 Francis Coppola Reserve Dessert Wine Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	Barbara Long Vineyard	Gold	94	Dried cherry, chocolate mocha, toasty, sandalwood, fruitcake.
Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection						
2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			Best of Class	97	Weight on back of the pallet. Juicy citrus, gracefully on point like a ballerina

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			Double Gold	97	Weight on back of the pallet. Juicy citrus, gracefully on point like a ballerina
Fritz						
2019 Fritz Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	96	Chocolate and cocoa; Berry compote; spicy.
2019 Fritz Estate Reserve Malbec	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Reserve	Gold	92	Violets, fresh nice tannins.
Furthermore Wines						
2021 Furthermore Wines Sonoma Coast Riesling	Sonoma Coast	Estate Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	95	Delicate, floral, minerality, layered, balanced.
2019 Furthermore Wines Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Disqualified		
2019 Furthermore Wines Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Disqualified		
2019 Furthermore Wines Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Strong tannins, nice berries, spice component, nice use of oak
2021 Furthermore Wines Sonoma Coast Riesling	Sonoma Coast	Estate Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	95	Delicate, floral, minerality, layered, balanced.
2021 Furthermore Wines Russian River Valley Chardonnay Graton Ridge Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Nice lime characteristics. Fruit driven wine
Girasole Vineyards						
2021 Girasole Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Mendocino County	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes/Vegan friendly	Gold	90	Sweet tobacco. Black tea. Blueberry and currant. Silky.

Goldschmidt Vineyard

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Goldschmidt Vineyard Singing Tree Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Gold	93	Voluptuous like marilyn Monroe
Gowans Heirloom Cider						
NV Gowans Heirloom Cider Cider Macintosh	Mendocino			Best of Class	95	Bones dry, delicate bubbles, refreshing.
NV Gowans Heirloom Cider Cider Macintosh	Mendocino			Double Gold	95	Bones dry, delicate bubbles, refreshing.
NV Gowans Heirloom Cider Gravenstein Cider.	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Non-GMO	Gold	94	Fresh, delicate, apples, apples, apples.
Greenwood Ridge Vineyards						
2020 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards ISLAND IN THE CLOUDS PINOT NOIR	Anderson Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	94	Big and juicy, good acid.
Halleck Vineyard						
2019 Halleck Vineyard Pinot Noir, Haas Vineyard	Sonoma Mountain	Single Vineyard		Gold	92	Fresh, exciting, lively, clean wine, sour cherry.
2019 Halleck Vineyard Pinot Noir, Clone 828	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard		Gold	94	Managed tannins, nice concentration, nice oak
Handley Cellars						
2019 Handley Cellars Pinot Noir, Anderson Vly	Anderson Valley			Gold	91	Rich dark plum
2019 Handley Cellars Pinot Noir, Handley Estate Vineyard	Anderson Valley			Gold	90	Red fruit, complex acid, young.
2018 Handley Cellars Syrah, Kazmet Vnyd	Redwood Valley			Gold	92	Violet and cinnabar, crush wild fruit, wild flower potpourri
Hanna						
2021 Hanna HANNA Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley	Traditional Method		Double Gold	97	Margarite in a glass, harmonious mint, great finish, unique offering.
2021 Hanna HANNA Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Proprietor Grown	Barrel Fermented	Double Gold	97	Beautiful restraint; Elegant
Hans Fahden Vineyards						
2022 Hans Fahden Vineyards Rose	Redwood Valley	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	97	Beautifully made, great florals, lingering tangerine, rose petals.

Head High Wines

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Head High Wines Zinfandel	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	91	Spicy, nicely done.
Hendry						
2018 Hendry Hendry Vineyard Napa Valley RED	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Built to last in the cellar. Pure blackberry jam. Old world style.
2018 Hendry Hendry Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Sexy Cab! Rich, bold, beautiful, opulent, soy component.
Hidden Track						
2019 Hidden Track Hidden Track Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast			Gold	92	Rich, round, juicy and nice texture.
Highway 12						
2019 Highway 12 Merlot	Sonoma County			Gold	91	Dark fruit driven, oaky, warm, varietally correct.
Husch Vineyards						
2022 Husch Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino		Sustainably Farmed	Best of Class	98	Crisp gorgeous acidity. A ferris wheel in my mouth. Mature and round like polished beach stones
2022 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainably Farmed	Best of Class	99	Apricot, turpentine, spicy, textbook Gewurztraminer.
2022 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainably Farmed	Best of Show White Wine	99	Apricot, turpentine, spicy, textbook Gewurztraminer.
2019 Husch Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Garzini Ranch	Double Gold	96	Dark chocolate truffle, balanced varietally correct, long finish
2022 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled	Sustainably Farmed	Double Gold	99	Apricot, turpentine, spicy, textbook Gewurztraminer.
2022 Husch Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino		Sustainably Farmed	Double Gold	98	Crisp gorgeous acidity. A ferris wheel in my mouth. Mature and round like polished beach stones
2021 Husch Vineyards Vine One Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		Gold	90	Bartlet pear, date ripe, good fruit
Imagery Estate Winery						
2020 Imagery Estate Winery Lagrein	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak			Best of Class	96	Like a whole meal, meaty. Beautifully done!

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Imagery Estate Winery Lagrein	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak			Double Gold	96	Like a whole meal, meaty. Beautifully done!
2020 Imagery Estate Winery Estate Merlot	Sonoma Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Lovely, very long finish, dried herbal component, spice, mocha, cloves, well made, "could drink it all day and twice on Sundays."
2022 Imagery Estate Winery Aleatico Rosé	Sonoma Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	"Strawberry fields forever" Very bright and vibrant, jazzy, wakes you up.
2020 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Black and blue fruits. Nice spice-well balanced.
2020 Imagery Estate Winery Grenache	Sonoma County	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Very elegant; Fruit bomb
2022 Imagery Estate Winery Viognier	Russian River Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Honeysuckle, tropical ripe apple. Camomile tea. Pretty wine
2022 Imagery Estate Winery Wow Oui	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Lively fruit notes. Leechee and melon
2020 Imagery Estate Winery Pallas Estate Red Blend	Sonoma Valley			Gold	93	Spicy black cherry; complex.
Inman Family						
2021 Inman Family Pinot Gris	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	OGV Estate	Best of Class	96	Beeswax in the nose, honey mouth feel, lemon-lime zest, very balanced with nice minerality.
2021 Inman Family Pinot Gris	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	OGV Estate	Double Gold	96	Beeswax in the nose, honey mouth feel, lemon-lime zest, very balanced with nice minerality.
2019 Inman Family Blanc de Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Single Vineyard	OGV Estate	Double Gold	98	Cherry notes, complex, joyous aromas of white strawberries.
2021 Inman Family Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Pratt Vine Hill Vineyard	Gold	92	Fruit, deep toast, hazelnut, brown butter
2019 Inman Family Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Pratt Vine Hill Vineyard	Gold	93	Cinnamon, Nice finish. Very smooth. Crowd pleasing style.

J Vineyards

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 J Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	96	Seamless layers of spice. Floral and dark cherry.
2021 J Vineyards Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	95	Restrained peach. Full bodied; balanced and chalky
NV J Vineyards Cuvee 20	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	96	Very fresh, notes of lemon zest, great party wine, velvety mousse.
NV J Vineyards Brut Rose	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	95	Rich, creamy, and luscious. Nice balance of acid.
J. Cage Cellars						
2021 J. Cage Cellars Russian River Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	94	Good funky oak, mulberries, good acid.
2022 J. Cage Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	Tzabaco Rancho Vineyard	Gold	92	Decadent with a lot of layers mid-palate. Delicate and complex. No sharp edges.
J. Rickards Winery						
2022 J. Rickards Winery Sauvignon Blanc - Croft Vineyard	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Double Gold	96	Big and bold. Guava and rhubarb and interesting oak flavor. Creamy lush layers. Fun and ready to roll
2020 J. Rickards Winery Left Bank Cuvee	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	96	Nailed it! Oui, oui! Supple and well put together. Youthful and elegant.
2022 J. Rickards Winery Viognier Il Sogno	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		Dry Creek	Gold	93	Gardenia aromatics. White flower. Nice juicy fruit quality. Well balanced. Good minerality
Jaxon Keys						
2020 Jaxon Keys GPS	Mendocino	Estate		Best of Class	95	Rich tannin, gamey, purple flowers, Lavender, violet, dark fruit.
2020 Jaxon Keys Syrah	Mendocino	Estate	Wilson Vineyards	Best of Class	96	Roast coffee, black boysenberry, rich, well balanced, complex, long persistent finish, nice concentration of berries, hint of black olives.
2020 Jaxon Keys GPS	Mendocino	Estate		Double Gold	95	Rich tannin, gamey, purple flowers, Lavender, violet, dark fruit.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Jaxon Keys Burnee Hill	Dry Creek Valley	Estate		Double Gold	95	Solid warm long finish. Violets, ageability big tannins.
2020 Jaxon Keys Syrah	Mendocino	Estate	Wilson Vineyards	Double Gold	96	Roast coffee, black boysenberry, rich, well balanced, complex, long persistent finish, nice concentration of berries, hint of black olives.
2020 Jaxon Keys Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley	Reserve	Preston Vineyards	Double Gold	97	Seamless layers; polished with a sexy finish. Brilliantly fruit forward and balanced. A pleasure!
2020 Jaxon Keys Grenache	Mendocino	Barrel Aged	Ravzzi Vineyards	Double Gold	96	Crisp acid. Black and red fruit that's well integrated. Kirsch
2020 Jaxon Keys Farmers Son	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	94	Very silky and seamless, fresh flavors, great by the glass wine.
Juggernaut						
2021 Juggernaut Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	96	Lingering finish. Great texture. Balanced between acidity and fruit.
Kanpai Wines						
2019 Kanpai Wines Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			Gold	90	Juicy, balanced, ginger spice.
Kenwood Vineyards						
2019 Kenwood Vineyards Kenwood Vineyards "Rugged Elements" Green Valley Vineyard Chardonnay	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	Barrel Fermented		Gold	93	Clean, balanced. Nice pretty. Green apple.
2019 Kenwood Vineyards Kenwood Vineyards "Jack London" Dry Farmed Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Mountain	Single Vineyard	Dry Farmed	Gold	94	Well balanced, nice fruits, best of the flight.
2019 Kenwood Vineyards Rugged Elements "Yoakim Bridge" Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	barrel aged	Gold	90	Nice cabernet. Classy
Knuttel Family						
2021 Knuttel Family Chardonnay	Russian River Valley		Kate's Pas De Deux	Double Gold	96	Nice balance. Wet concrete and a hint of sweetness.
Kobler Estate Winery						

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Kobler Estate Winery Gewürztraminer	Russian River			Gold	93	Bright, sunny, bone dry, flinty.
LA PRENDA						
2018 LA PRENDA Headstone	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley			Gold	92	Rich, juicy, spicy, black raspberry flavors, very balanced.
2020 LA PRENDA Dulce Amor	Sonoma County			Gold	91	Raspberry, red fruits, red raisin.
La Storia						
2020 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Best of Class	96	Nice combo of fruit and earthiness," heart of Italy in California.
2020 La Storia La Storia Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Best of Class	98	Rich, sweet blackberry, fills mouth with flavor, opulent.
2020 La Storia La Storia Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Double Gold	98	Rich, sweet blackberry, fills mouth with flavor, opulent.
2020 La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Double Gold	96	Nice combo of fruit and earthiness," heart of Italy in California.
2021 La Storia Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Gold	93	Well made. Nice sweet balanced palate.
Landmark Vineyards						
2020 Landmark Vineyards Damaris Reserve Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Best of Class	98	Sex bomb, VA VA VOOM!, crystalized ginger.
2019 Landmark Vineyards Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	96	Juicy, lively crowd pleaser. Savory notes. Charming concentrations and depth.
2020 Landmark Vineyards Damaris Reserve Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Double Gold	98	Sex bomb, VA VA VOOM!, crystalized ginger.
Langhart & Hill						
2019 Langhart & Hill Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Adam & Eve Redwoods Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Rich, complex, silky texture. Dry cranberries, young plum. Varietally on point.
2021 Langhart & Hill Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)		Hill Family Vineyard	Gold	94	Silky texture with a combination of earthy fruit. Nice acidity and strawberry on the finish.

Larson Family Winery

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2019 Larson Family Winery Tempranillo	Sonoma Valley			Best of Class	98	Sophisticated, black fruit, great mouth feel, shameless.
2019 Larson Family Winery Tempranillo	Sonoma Valley			Double Gold	98	Sophisticated, black fruit, great mouth feel, shameless.
Laurel Glen Vineyard						
2019 Laurel Glen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Mountain	Estate Grown		Gold	91	Toasty oak, blackberry
Leghorn Wine Company						
2022 Leghorn Wine Company sauvignon blanc	Petaluma Gap			Gold	91	Crisp and citrusy; refreshing, ripe floral, and perfect for spring
Leto Cellars						
2018 Leto Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Gold	93	Big fruity. Pure fruit with a touch of tobacco.
2017 Leto Cellars Red Wine	Napa Valley			Gold	93	Luscious, rich black red fruits. Beautiful layers.
Little Vineyards						
2020 Little Vineyards Zinfandel	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley			Best of Class	98	Deep concentrated colors. Excellent fruit. Impeccably balanced.
2020 Little Vineyards Zinfandel	Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley			Double Gold	98	Deep concentrated colors. Excellent fruit. Impeccably balanced.
2020 Little Vineyards Syrah-Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley			Gold	91	Big dark and brooders, like alcoholic brownies. Ripe sweet berries, mocha and chewy.
Lobo Wines						
2021 Lobo Wines Chardonnay	Napa	Estate Single Vineyard	Wulff Vineyard	Best of Class	98	Well made. Intense oak. Interesting. Super balanced.
2021 Lobo Wines Chardonnay	Napa	Estate Single Vineyard	Wulff Vineyard	Double Gold	98	Well made. Intense oak. Interesting. Super balanced.
2020 Lobo Wines Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate	Wulff Vineyard	Gold	92	Elegant, fresh, easy style, crunchy, little bit of licorice, dense lovely structure.
Lost Hog						
2022 Lost Hog Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County			Gold	90	Excellent fruit. Nice wine.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Louis M. Martini

2019 Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Gold 90 Rich and classy
Napa

Lula Cellars

2021 Lula Cellars Lula Vineyard Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Double Gold 95 Big, ripe, generous.

LVE: Legend Vineyard Exclusive

2021 LVE: Legend Vineyard Exclusive Carneros Gold 93 Lovely aromas, Chamomile, ripe lemon, McIntosh apples.
Chardonnay

Maker Wine Company

2021 Maker Wine Company Sparkling Lake County Gold 92 Great varietal character, great viscosity and mouth feel, voluptuous
Sauvignon Blanc

2022 Maker Wine Company Sparkling North Coast Gold 92 Rose - Refreshing nose, mountain strawberry, crisp. lingering finish.
Rose

Marimar Estate

2021 Marimar Estate Albariño Sonoma County, Russian Estate Grown & Bottled Gold 93 Lively perfume, linear taste
River Valley pear

Materra | Cunat Family Vineyards

2022 Materra | Cunat Family Vineyards Oak Knoll District Gold 94 Beautiful color, watermelon, jolly rancher, fruity & fun.
Yoshino

Mathis Wine

2019 Mathis Wine Grenache Sonoma County, Sonoma Estate Vineyard Mathis Vineyard Double Gold 96 Its the United Nations of blends. When a blend works.
Valley

Matrix Winery

2020 Matrix Winery Sonoma County Sonoma County Barrel Aged Best of Class 99 Really generous with the fruit. Elegant. This pinot is the "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once" pinot.

2020 Matrix Winery Sonoma County Sonoma County Barrel Aged Double Gold 99 Really generous with the fruit. Elegant. This pinot is the "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once" pinot.

2020 Matrix Winery Holmes Ranch Anderson Valley Barrel Aged Gold 93 Red fruits, bigger style. Licorice.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Matrix Winery Matrix Estate Zin	Russian River Valley		Gold	93	Blackberry and Asian five spice, slightly racy.
2020 Matrix Winery Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		Gold	92	High-tone fruit. Tangy finish. Cherry, current, and cranberry.
2020 Matrix Winery Forchini ZIN	Russian River Valley		Gold	94	Depth of structure. Classic example of Zinfandel. Combo of fresh and dry fruit.
Matt Parish					
2020 Matt Parish Matt Parish Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020	Napa Valley		Double Gold	96	Full complexity. If Cohen Brothers made wine, this would be it. Memorable and makes you want more.
Mazzocco Sonoma					
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Maria	Dry Creek Valley		Best of Class	98	Really delicious, bold blackberry aromas, savory edges, chewy texture.
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Maria	Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	98	Really delicious, bold blackberry aromas, savory edges, chewy texture.
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Tombstone	Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	97	Very complete, big showy Zinfandel tastes good in the mouth, dried fruit.
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Florence Reserve	Rockpile		Gold	92	Nice acid, juicy, ponderous.
Mazzocco Sonoma					
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel Verano	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	93	Nice structure & component, straight forward, elegant, easy drinking.
Mazzocco Sonoma					
2020 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel West Dry Creek	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	93	Raspberries, cranberry, brambly wild mixed berries, great complexity, fresh acidity.
McGee's Mead Co					
NV McGee's Mead Co Beltane Blossom	Napa Valley, St. Helena	mead-metheglin style	Double Gold	94	Tropical.

McIlroy Cellars

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 McIlroy Cellars Reserve Pinot Noir Vines & Roses Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Vines & Roses Vineyard	Gold	93	Miss America wine. Lovely concentration and a beautiful finish.
McNab Ridge						
2022 McNab Ridge Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino County			Gold	91	Dry, hits on all cylinders.
Merriam Vineyards						
2018 Merriam Vineyards Windacre Vineyard Merlot	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Juicy blackberry, red plum. Rich dark fruit integration.
2019 Merriam Vineyards Miktos	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Balance of tannins. Racy raspberry. Good integration of fruit.
Meyer Family Cellars						
2021 Meyer Family Cellars Elke Vineyard Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Barrel Fermented	Elke Vineyard	Gold	92	Very clean and well balanced. Oak forward. Gala apple notes.
Mimosa Royale						
NV Mimosa Royale Flavored white wine - Apple	Napa Valley			Gold	90	Nice orchard characteristics.
Miro						
2021 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino		Chevalier Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Lush nice structure. Fruit forward. Beautiful wine. The Syrah shows its face. Lovely textured finish.
2020 Miro Miro Zinfandel	Alexander Valley			Double Gold	96	Purity of fruit, zesty, gutsy, feisty but polite.
2021 Miro Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	90	Typical of style. Nice.
Mitchell Masotti						
2021 Mitchell Masotti Mitchell Masotti Napa County Cabernet Sauvignon 2021	Napa County			Gold	92	Polished fruit with vanilla. A young wine that can age.
Moondance Cellars						
2021 Moondance Cellars Moondance Cellars Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Wild berry, toasty notes.
Naidu Wines						
2021 Naidu Wines Cabernet Franc	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard	Cassata Vineyard	Best of Class	96	Lychee, floral, purity, rich, fluffy, crowd pleasing, maintains varietal integrity.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Naidu Wines Cabernet Franc	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard	Cassata Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Lychee, floral, purity, rich, fluffy, crowd pleasing, maintains varietal integrity.
2021 Naidu Wines Estate Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Estate Grown	Naidu Estate	Double Gold	96	Earthy, sweet tobacco, vibrant and soft.
2022 Naidu Wines Viognier, Catie's Corner Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Catie's Corner Vineyard	Gold	92	Wild, spiced varietal character. Nice tropical notes of chamomile. Hint of apricot and honey
Navarro Vineyards						
2021 Navarro Vineyards Malbec Mendocino	Mendocino			Best of Class	93	Red fruit , vivid floral notes.
2022 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Grenache, Mendocino	Mendocino			Best of Class	98	Delicate, floral, juicy, strawberry, "enchanted Southern Belle".
2022 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Grenache, Mendocino	Mendocino			Double Gold	98	Delicate, floral, juicy, strawberry, "enchanted Southern Belle".
2021 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			Double Gold	95	Dark cherry, layered red fruits, earthy character.
2021 Navarro Vineyards Chardonnay, Première Reserve	Anderson Valley			Gold	91	Great balance.
2022 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Blanc, Mendocino	Anderson Valley			Gold	92	Fun notes of citrus and wild flowers. Fruity. Like a trip to Alsace
2022 Navarro Vineyards Rosé of Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			Gold	92	Fresh, bright, clean, strawberry notes, long lingering finish.
2021 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer	Anderson Valley		Deep End	Gold	92	Delicate, refined, hint of petroleum.
2021 Navarro Vineyards Malbec Mendocino	Mendocino			Gold	93	Red fruit , vivid floral notes.
2021 Navarro Vineyards Navarrouge, Mendocino County	Mendocino			Gold	90	Pleasant, fun and festive.
2022 Navarro Vineyards Rose of Sangiovese	Mendocino			Gold	93	Rose petals, young bubblegum candy, jolly rancher, cherry.

Nelson Family Vineyards

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Nelson Family Vineyards Chardonnay	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Double Gold	95	Smooth silky texture. Restaurant oriented style. Restrained use of oak. Light touch. A "drink now" kind of wine.	
2020 Nelson Family Vineyards Zinfandel	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Excellent acidity, good varietal spice, old school Zinfandel.	
O'Connell Vineyards						
2021 O'Connell Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown	Lily Clare Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Full and rich, great color, nice oak frames the fruit.
OPR						
2021 OPR Red Blend	California			Disqualified		
Orchard Station Winery						
2019 Orchard Station Winery Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Best of Class	97	Chamomile, peppery, nudge of bitter dried herbs.
2019 Orchard Station Winery Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	97	Chamomile, peppery, nudge of bitter dried herbs.
Orsi Family Vineyards						
2021 Orsi Family Vineyards Fiano	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		Double Gold	95	Green almond, cantaloupe
2019 Orsi Family Vineyards Schioppettino	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	92	
2018 Orsi Family Vineyards Aglianico	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	93	Balanced, delicious, spicy black fruit.
Outerbound						
2020 Outerbound Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Double Gold	97	Well made. Oak driven style. Elegant and balanced.
2019 Outerbound Pinot Noir	Russian River			Gold	90	Enjoyable on all levels
Panza						
2020 Panza Red Wine	Stags Leap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	94	Substantial blend using petite syrah substance. inky. dark plum, cocoa powder, relatively complex.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Panza Cabernet Sauvignon	Stags Leap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Tarry, grip, inky, savory note of green onion, youthful longevity.
2020 Panza Red Wine	Stags Leap District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Substantial blend using petite syrah substance. inky. dark plum, cocoa powder, relatively complex.
Papapietro Perry						
2020 Papapietro Perry Pommard Clones Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	98	juicy, balanced, well drinkable, power and elegance. Charisma, acidity.
2020 Papapietro Perry Peters Vineyard Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Balance, complexity, juicy, warmth.
2020 Papapietro Perry Nunes Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Single Vineyard	Gold	93	Complex, nice oak, rich cherry, clove component, five spices.
2020 Papapietro Perry 777 Clones Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	90	Nice Style
Paper Planes						
2021 Paper Planes Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Soft red cherry, nicely oaked.
Paradise Ridge						
2019 Paradise Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon	Rockpile			Gold	91	Grippy; Good tannins. Quince flavor with bright fruit.
Pech Merle Winery						
2021 Pech Merle Winery Russian River Valley Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	95	Creamy, concrete. Citrus, lemon lime, Bartlett pear
2019 Pech Merle Winery Rouge Red Blend	North Coast			Gold	92	Fresh red fruits, blackberry, blueberry, fennel aromas, silky presentation.
Pedroncelli						
2020 Pedroncelli Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Mother Clone	Double Gold	96	Richness, sweetness, lushness, ripe yet structured. Purple floral perfume.
2022 Pedroncelli Rose	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Tart watermelon, silky on palate, "pink paradise" hint of mint.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Peju

2019 Peju Cabernet Franc	Napa Valley	Reserve		Double Gold	95	Sexy, oaky, texturally evolved.
2022 Peju Sauvignon Blanc, Legacy Collection	North Coast			Double Gold	96	Gorgeous minerality. Tangy and sassy. Undercurrent of caramel. Tropical, beautiful acidity. Minerality ties it up.

Pennyroyal Farm

2022 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Best of Class	97	Floral, pomegranate, white fruit. Floral quince. Sweet pea. Long sexy finish.
2020 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Jeansheep Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Red fruit brilliance. Lifted bright acidity. Classic; Supple and pretty,
2020 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Double Gold	95	Earthy, well structured, bright, expressive
2022 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Double Gold	97	Floral, pomegranate, white fruit. Floral quince. Sweet pea. Long sexy finish.
2022 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir Rosé	Anderson Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Gold	92	Rose petals, strawberry, floral, pretty nose.

Peterson Winery

2018 Peterson Winery Petit Verdot	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, Unfiltered	Gold	93	Generous fruit; Firm tannins
2018 Peterson Winery Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, Unfiltered	Gold	90	Well made. Typifies, varietal.

Pezzi King

2020 Pezzi King Hunny Hill Reserve Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve		Best of Class	97	Crowd pleaser, very fruity, jammy, ripe fruit, hints of bittersweet chocolate, spicy.
--	------------------	---------	--	---------------	----	---

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Pezzi King BACIGALUPI CHARDONNAY	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	96	Voluptuous, pretty. Perfectly rounded. Distinctive aromas. As seductive as a drop dead gorgeous blonde.
2020 Pezzi King Newsome Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley			Double Gold	95	Blueberry expression, cedar, blackberry.
2020 Pezzi King Hunny Hill Reserve Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve		Double Gold	97	Crowd pleaser, very fruity, jammy, ripe fruit, hints of bittersweet chocolate, spicy.
2020 Pezzi King Old Vine Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	94	Classic Zinfandel character, soft, silky, blackberry/raspberry aromas.
2020 Pezzi King Row 22 Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	90	Pleasure in a glass.
2020 Pezzi King Hales Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	92	Savory quality, blackberry flavors, delicious, peppery.
Philo Ridge Vineyards						
2020 Philo Ridge Vineyards 2020 Zinfandel	Mendocino County, Redwood Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	92	Red fruit forward; Spice on the finish. Zippy.
Portalupi						
2021 Portalupi Barbera, Pauli Ranch	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged	Pauli Ranch	Best of Class	95	Rich flavors, lovely finish, pretty expression of Barbera. Bursting with fruit flavors.
2021 Portalupi Petite Sirah	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged	L. Venturi Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Colorberry, cocoa powder, creme, layers of spice.
2021 Portalupi Barbera, Pauli Ranch	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged	Pauli Ranch	Double Gold	95	Rich flavors, lovely finish, pretty expression of Barbera. Bursting with fruit flavors.
Ra Ra Wine Co.						
2022 Ra Ra Wine Co. Dry Riesling	Sonoma Mountain			Gold	91	Easy drinker.
Raymond Vineyards						
2020 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Best of Class	98	Opulent, hardy and full bodied.
2020 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Merlot	Napa Valley			Best of Class	98	Black plum, smooth, varietal, velvety tannins, espresso, classic merlot, comfort wine to sip in front of a fireplace.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Double Gold	98	Opulent, hardy and full bodied.
2020 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Merlot	Napa Valley			Double Gold	98	Black plum, smooth, varietal, velvety tannins, espresso, classic merlot, comfort wine to sip in front of a fireplace.
2021 Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Chardonnay	Napa Valley			Gold	90	Nice chardonnay, crowd pleaser.
Rivino						
2022 Rivino Viognier	Mendocino	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	RIVINO Ranch	Best of Class	97	White flowers, jasmine. Very floral. Wild spice component. Delicious wine that keeps you coming back for more.
2022 Rivino Viognier	Mendocino	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	RIVINO Ranch	Double Gold	97	White flowers, jasmine. Very floral. Wild spice component. Delicious wine that keeps you coming back for more.
2022 Rivino Pinot Blanc	Mendocino	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	RIVINO Ranch	Double Gold	96	White gummy bear, honey dew
Robert Young Estate Winery						
2019 Robert Young Estate Winery Thomas Meek Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	Natural Ferment	Double Gold	98	Plum, toasty, dusty, long finish, dark fruit
2020 Robert Young Estate Winery Alexander Valley Malbec	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	90	Nice richness.
2020 Robert Young Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	93	Soft, elegant, BBQ food wine, pretty fruit, exotic.
2020 Robert Young Estate Winery Alexander Valley Chardonnay	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Balanced subtle oak. Nice fruit, citrus. Slight spicy oak.
Robledo Selección Reserva						
2021 Robledo Selección Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake County, Red Hills	Estate Grown Reserve		Best of Class	99	To sweeps. Aromatic, licorice, eucalyptus, succulent, and seamless.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Robledo Selección Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake County, Red Hills	Estate Grown Reserve	Best of Lake County	99	To sweeps. Aromatic, licorice, eucalyptus, succulent, and seamless.
2021 Robledo Selección Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake County, Red Hills	Estate Grown Reserve	Double Gold	99	To sweeps. Aromatic, licorice, eucalyptus, succulent, and seamless.
2021 Robledo Selección Reserva Pinot Noir	Carneros	Estate Bottled & Produced	Double Gold	96	Silky; Good length. Violet, framboise (baby raspberry)
Roche					
2021 Roche Brut Rose	Sonoma Valley	Methodé Champenoise	Best of Class	98	Lovely stone fruit, white flowers. Lovely from start to finish.
2021 Roche Chardonnay American Oak Reserve	Carneros		Best of Class	97	rich toasty. Nicely matches the oak and fruit. Citrus, tart apple, pineapple and lemon curd
2021 Roche Chardonnay American Oak Reserve	Carneros		Double Gold	97	rich toasty. Nicely matches the oak and fruit. Citrus, tart apple, pineapple and lemon curd
2021 Roche Chardonnay	Carneros		Double Gold	97	Perfectly rounded. Beautiful. Very well sculpted. Pretty oak.
2021 Roche Brut Rose	Sonoma Valley	Methodé Champenoise	Double Gold	98	Lovely stone fruit, white flowers. Lovely from start to finish.
2020 Roche Merlot Reserve	Carneros		Gold	90	Jammy, juicy blackfruit. Forward and bright.
2022 Roche Rose	Sonoma Valley		Gold	90	Peach, strawberry.
Rock and Clay Wines					
2020 Rock and Clay Wines Tannat	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	97	Dry, yet full bodied, black peppery and velvety texture.
2020 Rock and Clay Wines Tannat	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Dry, yet full bodied, black peppery and velvety texture.
Rockpile Vineyards					
2020 Rockpile Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	herbaceous sage and nutmeg
2019 Rockpile Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Park's Domain	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Gold	95	Dusty, herbal, good depth. Seamless.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Jack's Block	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Gold	90	Well made; nice fruit
2019 Rockpile Vineyards Petit Verdot, Carriage House	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Gold	92	Super elegant; Big with good tannins.
Rodney Strong Vineyards					
2017 Rodney Strong Vineyards Symmetry	Sonoma County		Best of Class	98	Bold and big. Rubenesque and lusty.
2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Best of Class	98	Hints of peach, pear, and strawberry. Crisp, easy drinking.
2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Best of Show Rosé Wine	98	Hints of peach, pear, and strawberry. Crisp, easy drinking.
2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma Coast Rosé of Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Double Gold	98	Hints of peach, pear, and strawberry. Crisp, easy drinking.
2017 Rodney Strong Vineyards Symmetry	Sonoma County		Double Gold	98	Bold and big. Rubenesque and lusty.
2020 Rodney Strong Vineyards Chalk Hill, Estate Chardonnay	Chalk Hill	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	94	Nice acidity, juicy with lime zest. Well balanced, refreshing. Palate cleanser. A very complete wine.
2022 Rodney Strong Vineyards "Charlotte's Home" Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County		Gold	93	Clean, lemon lime, lemon peel, exotic, fresh sorbet, fresh herb, bright palate
2019 Rodney Strong Vineyards Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		Gold	90	Coco bean-pecan. Black fruit. Brooding richness.
Rowen Wine Company					
2018 Rowen Wine Company Rowen, Red Blend	Sonoma County		Double Gold	97	Aromatics are very savory, blackberry and soy notes, black tea leaf, very silky yet intense.
Russian River Vineyards					
2018 Russian River Vineyards Austin Vineyard, Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley		Gold	91	Fine example of vintage, wild berry, maturity, true to its varietal, old world.
Saini Vineyards					
2021 Saini Vineyards Sangiovese	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Best of Class	97	Structured, balanced, bright, cranberry, authenticity.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Saini Vineyards Angelo's Paint Brush	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Double Gold	97	Tutti fruity, bright plum, raspberries, lovely wine, nice tannins.
2021 Saini Vineyards Sangiovese	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Double Gold	97	Structured, balanced, bright, cranberry, authenticity.
2022 Saini Vineyards Nonno's Bianco	Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	96	Floral, cantaloupe. Balanced with a smooth finish.
2021 Saini Vineyards Carignane	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Gold	94	Zippy cranberry, spicy cherry and balanced.
2021 Saini Vineyards Grenache	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Gold	93	Light on its feet but why should all wines have a stampede? Punching above its color.
Sassoferrato					
2022 Sassoferrato Vermentino	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	97	Asian pear, watermelon rind mouth watering
2022 Sassoferrato Vermentino	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Asian pear, watermelon rind mouth watering
Sawyer Cellars					
2018 Sawyer Cellars 2018 Merlot	Napa Valley		Best of Class	98	Great dynamic; floral aromatics; Plush mouthfeel. Dark anise notes
2018 Sawyer Cellars 2018 Merlot	Napa Valley		Best of Napa County	98	Great dynamic; floral aromatics; Plush mouthfeel. Dark anise notes
2018 Sawyer Cellars 2018 Merlot	Napa Valley		Double Gold	98	Great dynamic; floral aromatics; Plush mouthfeel. Dark anise notes
Scharffenberger Cellars					
NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Rosé Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle	Best of Class	97	Creamy with a great aftertaste. Apricot and pear on the finish.
NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle	Best of Class	99	Toasty, buttery, aged quality, sunshine in a glass, elegant, beautiful texture.
NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle	Best of Mendocino County	99	Toasty, buttery, aged quality, sunshine in a glass, elegant, beautiful texture.
NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle	Best of Show Sparkling Wine	99	Toasty, buttery, aged quality, sunshine in a glass, elegant, beautiful texture.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Rosé Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle		Double Gold	97	Creamy with a great aftertaste. Apricot and pear on the finish.
NV Scharffenberger Cellars Brut Excellence	Mendocino County	Method Traditionnelle		Double Gold	99	Toasty, buttery, aged quality, sunshine in a glass, elegant, beautiful texture.
Schug						
2021 Schug Schug Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			Double Gold	96	Cherry compote, big viscous, crowd pleaser.
2022 Schug Schug Sonoma Coast Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			Gold	92	Tropical pineapple. Good acid
2022 Schug Schug Sonoma Coast Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)			Gold	92	Golden berry mixed with floral, lingered on tongue.
Schweiger Vineyards						
2017 Schweiger Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Spring Mountain District	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	98	Dark fruit, plum, chewy firm structure. Great tannins
2021 Schweiger Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma Valley		Uboldi Vineyards	Gold	90	Easily enjoyed by everyone
Screen Door						
2021 Screen Door Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	99	Lemony, tangy, graphite. Mineral
2021 Screen Door Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	99	Lemony, tangy, graphite. Mineral
Sea Bird						
2019 Sea Bird Aphrodite	Napa Valley, Atlas Peak District	Single Vineyard Reserve	Broken Rock Vineyard	Gold	90	Pencil lead, generous oak, long warm finish.
Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery						
2021 Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley			Gold	92	Plummy, spicy and ripe.
Selby Winery						
2018 Selby Winery Grenache	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley			Best of Class	98	Savory, balanced. Nice acid. Super well made. Complexity. It's like the surf....crisp and sublime.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2018 Selby Winery Grenache	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	98	Savory, balanced. Nice acid. Super well made. Complexity. It's like the surf....crisp and sublime.	
2021 Selby Winery Chardonnay	Russian River Valley		Gold	91	Cantaloupe, peach, and melony notes.	
2021 Selby Winery Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		Gold	93	Creamy texture, big cherry, long finish.	
2021 Selby Winery Grenache Blanc	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley		Gold	90	Elegant...peach and cantaloupe	
Sequoia Grove Winery						
2020 Sequoia Grove Winery Montaña Dorada Vineyards Chardonnay	Los Carneros		Double Gold	97	Texture, citrus driven, meyer lemon, subtle opulence, well played, intriguing.	
2020 Sequoia Grove Winery Winemaker Series Oak Knoll District Cabernet Sauvignon	Oak Knoll District		Gold	94	Plush, fresh expressive style, big, rich, voluptuous.	
2020 Sequoia Grove Winery Napa Valley Cabernet Franc	Napa Valley		Gold	92	Rich, stand alone, fresh, floral, silky, elegant texture.	
Serres Ranch						
2018 Serres Ranch Watriss	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown	Double Gold	96	Complex; good fruit; oaked cherry wrapped in chocolate.	
Smith Story Wine Cellars						
2022 Smith Story Wine Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County		Gold	92	Earthy and herbal, passion fruit and orange.	
NV Smith Story Wine Cellars Smith Story Wine Cellars	Mendocino, Anderson Valley	Method Champenoise	BRUT	Gold	94	Crowd pleaser, rich and smooth, biscuit, toasty, touch of caramel.
Soda Rock						
2020 Soda Rock Meritage	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley		Best of Class	99	Elegant and lovely like an old jaguar sedan. Lucious with gorgeous texture and a long sexy finish	
2020 Soda Rock Maple Zinfandel Reserve	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley	Reserve	Double Gold	96	Super well balanced, well made.	
2020 Soda Rock Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Five Star General	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley		Double Gold	96	Sexy. Still tightly bound. Years of appeal to come. Lucious.	

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2020 Soda Rock Meritage	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley		Double Gold	99	Elegant and lovely like an old jaguar sedan. Luscious with gorgeous texture and a long sexy finish
2020 Soda Rock Zinfandel Marshall	Alexander Valley		Double Gold	96	Briary, feisty, no nonsense Zin, savory, bright, plentiful.
2020 Soda Rock Rockpile Zinfandel RSV	Rockpile	Barrel Aged	Gold	94	Aromatic, light & breezy, nice structure & balance
2020 Soda Rock Boar D'eaux	Sonoma County		Gold	90	Wonderfully tannic with plenty of fruit. Good structure to balance the fruit
2020 Soda Rock Zinfandel Postmaster Reserve	Sonoma County		Gold	93	Chocolate, minty flavors, juicy elegant.
2020 Soda Rock Lord Snort	Sonoma County		Gold	91	Hardy aromatic varietal evolves into oak spice.
2020 Soda Rock Chardonnay, Reserve West Soda Rock	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley	Reserve	Gold	90	Integrated oak, pear, apricot, ripe melon. Perky acidity.
2020 Soda Rock Chardonnay, Mendocino	Mendocino County	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	92	Sunlight & linen, brightness, lemon lime character, lemon peel
Solo Nostro					
2021 Solo Nostro Raga	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	93	Delicious! Succulent and sassy. Salubrious. Fun bright and beautiful food wine for all summer events.
Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards					
NV Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Simply Cutrer	California		Disqualified		
2020 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Founders Reserve Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	Double Gold	98	Luscious Intense. Multi-layered. Nice cherry balance. Well managed oak.
2020 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Founders Reserve Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Estate Bottled Reserve	Double Gold	96	Fresh fruit; rich mid-palate. Lemon citrus with nice acidity. Long finish with a trace of pineapple
2019 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Grand Brut Rose of Pinot Noir Sparkling Wine	Russian River Valley	Methodre Traditionnelle	Gold	94	Lychee nut in the nose. Provencal finish. Savory tones. Very French in style.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2022 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	93	Zesty, fresh, clean, and brilliant
2020 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Le Pierres	Sonoma Coast (Sonoma)	Estate Grown and Produced		Gold	92	tropical fruit and creme brulee
2020 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Owsley Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Owsley Vineyard	Gold	91	Lavish, rich, bold. (Liberace at age 73)
2020 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Grown, Vinted and Bottled		Gold	90	Crowd pleaser
Sonoma Highway						
2020 Sonoma Highway Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			Gold	91	Soft, drinkable, good mouth feel.
St. Anne's Crossing						
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Angelo Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Angelo	Double Gold	96	Briary. Juicy. Complexity .Very tasty. Like someone in shackles that kicks free.
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Old Vine Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			Double Gold	96	Elegant, touch of mint, pepper, black forest cake, cherry cola, well made.
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Angel's Share Petite Sirah	Russian River			Double Gold	98	Pistachio skin, soft and giving. Grows on you.
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Rowe Reserve Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley	Reserve		Double Gold	96	Red berries, spice, lots of boysenberry, rich, expressive mouth feel, nice structure, very juicy.
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Split Rail Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	92	Yummy, big juicy berry, minty and cocoa tones.
2019 St. Anne's Crossing Este Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma Valley		Este	Gold	90	Earthy , blackberry, heart of brett.
2020 St. Anne's Crossing Bacigalupi Zinfandel	Russian River		Bacigalupi	Gold	90	rich style
St. Francis						
2021 St. Francis Sonoma County Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			Best of Class	97	Great color, balance, firm tannins and complex.
2021 St. Francis Wild Oak Chardonnay	Sonoma Valley			Double Gold	96	Understated beauty, floral, spring flower, honeysuckle, lees-y.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 St. Francis Sonoma County Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			Double Gold	97	Great color, balance, firm tannins and complex.
2022 St. Francis Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County			Gold	90	Citrusy fruity and fun.
2020 St. Francis Behler Vineyard Merlot	Sonoma Valley		Artisan Collection	Gold	90	Pleasant style.
2020 St. Francis "Old Vines" Zinfandel	Sonoma County			Gold	92	Rhubarb/strawberry pie.
Stuhlmuller Vineyards						
2020 Stuhlmuller Vineyards Sonoma County Cabernet	Sonoma County			Best of Class	98	Solid Cabernet. Complex, Rutherford dust. Rusty; red fruits. Youthful.
2020 Stuhlmuller Vineyards Sonoma County Cabernet	Sonoma County			Double Gold	98	Solid Cabernet. Complex, Rutherford dust. Rusty; red fruits. Youthful.
Sutro						
2019 Sutro Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Alexander Valley	Estate Grown		Gold	92	Chocolate covered blackberry
Taft Street						
2021 Taft Street 2021 Chardonnay Garagistes	Russian River Valley	Barrel Select	Garagistes	Gold	92	Elegant wine. Varietally correct. Delicate, creamy and fruity.
2022 Taft Street Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Peach and strawberry flavors, fresh and clean, pretty wine.
Talisman Wine						
2018 Talisman Wine Adastra Vineyard Pinot Noir	Los Carneros (Napa)	Single Vineyard	Adastra Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Lush. Carneros meets Burgundy
2021 Talisman Wine Dawson Vineyard Rose of Pinot Noir	Los Carneros	Single Vineyard	Dawson Vineyard	Gold	94	Very sophisticated. Nice herbal character.
The.Grenachista						
2019 The.Grenachista Mathis Grenache Noir	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Violet, floral, tangy fruit. Crisp finish. Well crafted
2022 The.Grenachista Grenache Noir Pet-Nat	Dry Creek Valley		Pétillant Naturel	Gold	93	Great texture, Nice acidity. Great color. Fresh, bright, energetic.

Thirty-Seven

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2019 Thirty-Seven Syrah	Petaluma Gap			Double Gold	98	Yummy, Indian spice fruitcake, black current, creme du cassis, nice balance, total package.
2019 Thirty-Seven Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap	Reserve		Double Gold	97	nice complexity, little spice, silky, good acidity, expressive nice long finish
2020 Thirty-Seven Chardonnay	Petaluma Gap	Reserve		Gold	90	Integrated, nice fruit, oak balance.
2019 Thirty-Seven Malbec	Petaluma Gap	Reserve		Gold	92	Woody ,powerful and polished.
2019 Thirty-Seven Petit Verdot	Petaluma Gap	Reserve		Gold	94	Velvety tannins. Longevity. Cherry notes
2020 Thirty-Seven Riesling	Petaluma Gap			Gold	91	Lovely Riesling.
Tongue Dancer Wines						
2021 Tongue Dancer Wines Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast	Sonoma Coast	Winemaker Select		Best of Class	99	Vivid, hold nothing back, harmonious, well balanced, last forever. really pretty.
2021 Tongue Dancer Wines Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast	Sonoma Coast	Winemaker Select		Double Gold	99	Vivid, hold nothing back, harmonious, well balanced, last forever. really pretty.
Trecini						
2022 Trecini GRENACHE BLANC	Rockpile	Barrel Fermented	Branham Vineyard	Best of Class	96	Bright balanced party summer. Orchard fruit. Beautiful texture. Gorgeous finish.
2022 Trecini GRENACHE BLANC	Rockpile	Barrel Fermented	Branham Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Bright balanced party summer. Orchard fruit. Beautiful texture. Gorgeous finish.
2022 Trecini SAUVIGNON BLANC	Russian River Valley			Gold	93	Zippy, clean/fresh, passionfruit textural
2020 Trecini CHARDONNAY	Russian River Valley			Gold	90	I could drink all day
Trentadue						
2021 Trentadue OPR S. Blanc	California			Disqualified		
Trestle Glen Vineyards						
2021 Trestle Glen Vineyards California Rose	California			Disqualified		
2021 Trestle Glen Vineyards Trestle Glen Vineyards Chardonnay	Los Carneros (Sonoma)			Gold	93	Decadent, vanilla on the back end, cream caramel

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Trione Vineyards & Winery

2019 Trione Vineyards & Winery Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	96	Bright, fresh, silky, rich & concentrated (versatile like Michael Keaton)
---	----------------------	--	--	-------------	----	---

UPSHOT Wines

2020 UPSHOT Wines Upshot Red Blend	Sonoma County			Gold	90	Pure fruit, fresh and balanced.
------------------------------------	---------------	--	--	------	----	---------------------------------

vanZ Wines

2018 vanZ Wines Cabernet	Napa Valley, St. Helena	Single Vineyard	Barrel Aged	Gold	95	Rich, black fruit, plums, caramel toast.
--------------------------	-------------------------	-----------------	-------------	------	----	--

Vaughn Duffy Wines

2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	Best of Class	99	ripe watermelon. Textured, hits all the senses. Rich, floral, well made and complete.
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Best of Class	98	Wild boysenberry, tremendous potential, good structure, dramatic, intense fruit seductive and still classic
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	Best of Show Red Wine	99	ripe watermelon. Textured, hits all the senses. Rich, floral, well made and complete.
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	Best of Sonoma County	99	ripe watermelon. Textured, hits all the senses. Rich, floral, well made and complete.
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	Best of the Best	99	ripe watermelon. Textured, hits all the senses. Rich, floral, well made and complete.
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard	Double Gold	99	ripe watermelon. Textured, hits all the senses. Rich, floral, well made and complete.
2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			Double Gold	97	Powerful, lush concentration.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 Vaughn Duffy Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	98	Wild boysenberry, tremendous potential, good structure, dramatic, intense fruit seductive and still classic
Vezer Family Vineyard						
2021 Vezer Family Vineyard Blue Victorian Rose	Suisun Valley			Best of Solano County AVA	92	Perfect pink wine, summertime sip.
2020 Vezer Family Vineyard Petite Sirah / Cassie	Suisun Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	90	Beautiful structure, all in balance.
2020 Vezer Family Vineyard Sammy Basci	Suisun Valley			Gold	90	Nice example of Syrah.
2021 Vezer Family Vineyard Blue Victorian Rose	Suisun Valley			Gold	92	Perfect pink wine, summertime sip.
Villein						
2021 Villein Pinot Noir	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	98	Red cherry, blueberry, plump fruit, delicate yet creamy.
2021 Villein Pinot Noir	Mendocino County	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	98	Red cherry, blueberry, plump fruit, delicate yet creamy.
2019 Villein Syrah	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Sustainable farming	Gold	91	Nice color, nice aromatics, cola and little graphite, nice minerality.
Vineyard of Pasterick						
2018 Vineyard of Pasterick Syrah	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	Sonoma County	Gold	93	Nice acidity, hints of chocolate, trace of anise, cassis, leather and smoke.
Wayne Donaldson						
2020 Wayne Donaldson W. Donaldson Sonoma Blanc de Blancs 2020	Sonoma			Gold	93	Pretty as a peach, complex citrus, tangerine, orange zest.
William Hill Estate Winery						
2020 William Hill Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Napa	Napa Valley			Double Gold	97	Chocolate covered cherries, Smooth. Nice complexity. Beautiful concentrations and polish tied together.
William Knuttel						

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2021 William Knuttel Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard Series	Ziblatt Vineyard	Gold	92	Ripe apricot, sweet herbal, spicy, basil.
Wilson of Dry Creek						
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Nolan	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Best of Class	97	Big, balanced, savory.
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Tombstone	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Best of Class	96	Exciting. All up front. Stewed cherries with umami. A lot to unravel and exciting to go back to.
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Verdot/Sydney	Petite Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Best of Class	97	Super great nose. Yummy deep black fruit. Going to age better than any of us. Like James Dean but with a cause.
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Nolan	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Double Gold	97	Big, balanced, savory.
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Tombstone	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Double Gold	96	Exciting. All up front. Stewed cherries with umami. A lot to unravel and exciting to go back to.
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Verdot/Sydney	Petite Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled		Double Gold	97	Super great nose. Yummy deep black fruit. Going to age better than any of us. Like James Dean but with a cause.
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Heartland	Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	97	Belgium chocolate notes. Kirsch, nectar. Heavy satiny texture.
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Carl's	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	96	Black fruit, brown sugar finish, very pretty.
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Sirah/Sawyer	Petite Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Boysenberry syrup on funnel cake.
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Syrah / Dorothy's	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Vanilla, bourbon, allspice, cowboy juice.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Sirah/Snake Patch	Petite	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Blackberry compote. Baking spices.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Molly's RSV		Dry Creek Valley	Estate Bottled Reserve	Gold	94	Integrated oak, lush in the mouth, nice white pepper.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Cypress Ridge		Dry Creek Valley	Single Vineyard	Gold	93	Jammy raspberry, red & black fruits, bright.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Sawyer		Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Gold	90	Massive tannins with hint of Smokey BBQ. Bramble.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Molly's		Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Gold	94	Easy drinking, classic Zin characters, black pepper and fruit, savory.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Wedding Cake		Alexander Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Gold	93	Black crush berry juicy, old world. Juicy, classy.	
2019 Wilson of Dry Creek Sauvignon / Coyote	Cabernet	Sonoma County	Winemaker's Reserve	Gold	92	Decadent blackberries and chocolate with a rich profile.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Red	Wilson Family	Dry Creek Valley	Winemaker Select	Gold	92	Chocolate aroma; Spicy, soft and approachable. Juicy	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Cypress Ridge RSV	Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Gold	92	Crisp and tart, lively strawberry,, hint of spice, smooth.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Treborce RSV		Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Gold	93	Nice layers; Pretty expression of fruit. Lovely spice on the finish.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Zinfandel/Thomas		Rockpile	Reserve	Gold	94	Well balanced, food friendly.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek Creek Valley	Zinfandel/Dry Creek Valley	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	93	Beautifully balanced. Sexy blend of boysenberry and red current. Ripe cherries in a brown paper bag left in the sun.	
2020 Wilson of Dry Creek	Zinfandel/Buzz	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	90	Tart, cranberry, very focused, will age well.	
Wonderment Wines							
2018 Wonderment Wines	Wonderment Wines	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bacigalupi Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel	Gold	92	Sweet dense black fruit, dried herbs, silky finish.

2023 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Santa Rosa, CA April 04, 2023

Woodenhead

2019 Woodenhead Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley

Unfined &
Unfiltered

Gold

91

Balanced, bright, vibrant