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Alamos

2023 Alamos Alamos Cabernet Sauvignon	Argentina, Mendoza	Best of Class	96	Well balanced; great texture; soft; real bargain
2022 Alamos Malbec Seleccion	Mendoza	Best of Class	91	Rich fruit. Generous mouth feel. Very classic Malbec.
2023 Alamos Alamos Cabernet Sauvignon	Argentina, Mendoza	Double Gold	96	Well balanced; great texture; soft; real bargain
2022 Alamos Malbec Seleccion	Mendoza	Gold	91	Rich fruit. Generous mouth feel. Very classic Malbec.

Bluestone Vineyard, INC

2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Cabernet Sauvignon	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Best of Class	91	Dark fruit; depth of flavor; lingering finish
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Merlot	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Best of Class	96	Ripe, juicy, crunchy blue fruits, cola, plum.
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Moscato	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	93	Powerhouse of fruit. Really good acid.
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Petit Verdot	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Best of Class	98	Combination of Bordeaux and grace; Totally represents the best of the east coast; blueberry jam and sassy acids
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Petit Verdot	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Double Gold	98	Combination of Bordeaux and grace; Totally represents the best of the east coast; blueberry jam and sassy acids
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Merlot	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Double Gold	96	Ripe, juicy, crunchy blue fruits, cola, plum.
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Cabernet Sauvignon	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Gold	91	Dark fruit; depth of flavor; lingering finish

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NV Bluestone Vineyard, INC Beau	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	91	Tasty; easy to appreciate; slight spice component	
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Cabernet Franc	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Gold	90	Toasty; herbal finish; cherry cola
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Moscato	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Powerhouse of fruit. Really good acid.
2023 Bluestone Vineyard, INC Houndstooth	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Barrel aged	Gold	91	Dried herbs, tobacco leaf, dusty.
Cherry Creek - Charamar Collection						
2021 Cherry Creek - Charamar Collection Shiraz	Lake Michigan Shore		Double Gold	96	Ultimate drinkability. Very spicy. Very elegant. Graceful. Herbal.	
2024 Cherry Creek - Charamar Collection Vignoles	Lake Michigan Shore		Double Gold	96	High acidity; love the aromatics; rich, good tropical fruit; Balanced; pure essence of peach	
Composure						
2024 Composure Grenache Blanc	South Africa, Western Cape		Gold	93	Spicy pleasant flavor; delicate minerality	
Covert Wineworks						
2023 Covert Wineworks Chardonnay "Charlotte"	Virginia		Gold	92	Complex; French burgundy style and definitely eastern American fruit; great finish with apples	
2022 Covert Wineworks Petit Verdot "Vanessa"	Virginia		Gold	93	Green tea, pine forest, Trace of eucalyptus component	
CrossKeys Vineyards						
2024 CrossKeys Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Shenandoah Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Best of Class	91	Bright balanced floral aroma	

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JOLO Vineyards

2022 JOLO Vineyards Devil's Hill	North Carolina		Best of Class	91	Bright cherry fruit, hint of fennel bulb.
2022 JOLO Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	North Carolina		Best of Class	92	Juicy; richer bodies; fruit forward
NV JOLO Vineyards Muddy Paws	North Carolina		Best of Class	91	Great herbs and spice that offset the sweetness.
2024 JOLO Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina		Best of Class	93	Orange blossom; lemon/lime/grapefruit; "Breakfast of Champions"
2024 JOLO Vineyards Twinkles	North Carolina		Gold	93	Orange blossom; lemon/lime/grapefruit; "Breakfast of Champions"
NV JOLO Vineyards Muddy Paws	North Carolina		Gold	91	Great herbs and spice that offset the sweetness.
2023 JOLO Vineyards Pilot Shadow	North Carolina		Gold	90	Juicy red fruit, BBQ rub spices.
NV JOLO Vineyards Jolotage Reserve	North Carolina		Gold	90	Juicy, good balance, currant and dark cherries.
2022 JOLO Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	North Carolina		Gold	92	Juicy; richer bodies; fruit forward
2022 JOLO Vineyards Devil's Hill	North Carolina		Gold	91	Bright cherry fruit, hint of fennel bulb.
2024 JOLO Vineyards Golden Hallows	North Carolina		Gold	90	Floral and citrus

Kevin O'Leary

2025 Kevin O'Leary Reserve Series Chenin Blanc	Western Cape		Best of Class	97	Stone fruit, pear and peach pit; great grip; bosc pear
2025 Kevin O'Leary Reserve Series Chenin Blanc	Western Cape		Double Gold	97	Stone fruit, pear and peach pit; great grip; bosc pear

Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards

NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Crescendo	Florida	Methode Champenoise	Gold	90	Perfect brunch or wedding wine; so floral with a nice finish
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Laurel Creek Vineyards

2024 Laurel Creek Vineyards Merlot Rosé	North Fork of Long Island	Estate Grown	Gold	90	Red apple skin; unripe summer strawberry
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LAURENTIDE WINERY

2020 LAURENTIDE WINERY Sweet Riesling	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate	Best of Class	95	Classic fruity and floral; white stone fruit
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2020 LAURENTIDE WINERY Sweet Riesling	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate	Double Gold	95	Classic fruity and floral; white stone fruit
2023 LAURENTIDE WINERY Bubble de Bubble	Leelanau Peninsula	Estate	Gold	90	Good structure in terms of acidity; floral with lime blossom component; nice pleasant flavors
Lemon Creek					
2022 Lemon Creek Shiraz	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	98	Smoky note. Potent peppers. Dried herbs. Fennel. "Cool climate Syrah that kicks ass."
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2022 Lemon Creek Petit Verdot	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	93	Incredible character, grit and stature. Dark Australian licorice
2022 Lemon Creek Carmenere	Lake Michigan Shore	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	94	One of the best of the batch; dusty berry; good acid and plums
Loquet					
2024 Loquet Rhone Style Red Wine	Coastal Region		Best of Class	98	Plum, cherry, berry, brambly juicy tart fruit.
2024 Loquet Rhone Style Red Wine	Coastal Region		Double Gold	98	Plum, cherry, berry, brambly juicy tart fruit.
Lucas Vineyards					
2024 Lucas Vineyards Vidal Iced	Finger Lakes		Best Dessert Wine	97	Pineapple, lip smacker.
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2022 Lucas Vineyards Dry Riesling	Finger Lakes		Best of Class	97	Fusel oil; classic Riesling aroma
2023 Lucas Vineyards Cabernet Franc Reserve	Finger Lakes	Estate Collection	Best of Class	97	Hearty, full bodied yet silky; cherries and plums
NV Lucas Vineyards Extra Dry Sparkling Wine	Cayuga Lake		Best of Class	97	Pineapple juice; classic Cayuga
2023 Lucas Vineyards Cabernet Franc Reserve	Finger Lakes	Estate Collection	Best Red	97	Hearty, full bodied yet silky; cherries and plums
2022 Lucas Vineyards Dry Riesling	Finger Lakes		Best Riesling	97	Fusel oil; classic Riesling aroma

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NV Lucas Vineyards Extra Dry Sparkling Wine	Cayuga Lake		Best Sparkling	97	Pineapple juice; classic Cayuga
NV Lucas Vineyards Extra Dry Sparkling Wine	Cayuga Lake		Double Gold	97	Pineapple juice; classic Cayuga
2024 Lucas Vineyards Riesling Iced	Finger Lakes		Double Gold	96	Candied apricot, lots of stone fruit, bright.
2023 Lucas Vineyards Cabernet Franc Reserve	Finger Lakes	Estate Collection	Double Gold	97	Hearty, full bodied yet silky; cherries and plums
2022 Lucas Vineyards Dry Riesling	Finger Lakes		Double Gold	97	Fusel oil; classic Riesling aroma
2024 Lucas Vineyards Vidal Iced	Finger Lakes		Double Gold	97	Pineapple, lip smacker.
2023 Lucas Vineyards Syrah	Finger Lakes	Estate Collection	Double Gold	95	Light elegance. Balanced and refreshing. Fruit forward. Notes of old spices.
2024 Lucas Vineyards Seyval Blanc	Finger Lakes		Gold	91	Peachy, tarte, stone fruit.
Miletta Vista Winery					
2024 Miletta Vista Winery Stubentiger	Nebraska		Gold	93	Lovely fruit; succulent wild tropical fruits
Nassau Valley Vineyards					
NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	91	Rich mouthfeel, floral
NV Nassau Valley Vineyards NVV Naked Chardonnay	Delaware	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Best of Class	97	Pure chardonnay flavors; great balance' good mouthfeel
NV Nassau Valley Vineyards NVV Naked Chardonnay	Delaware	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Double Gold	97	Pure chardonnay flavors; great balance' good mouthfeel
NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Meadow's Edge White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Rich mouthfeel, floral
NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Delaware White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Pear, almond meringue. Decent acid.
Paradise Hills					
NV Paradise Hills Sunset	Georgia		Best of Class	92	Summer fruits, pears, raspberries, strawberry shortcake.

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NV Paradise Hills Eclipse	Georgia	Winemaker's Reserve	Best of Class	91	Chambourcin lifting up the Cabernet. Vidal adds aromatic interest.
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NV Paradise Hills Sunset	Georgia		Gold	92	Summer fruits, pears, raspberries, strawberry shortcake.
Pearmund					
2021 Pearmund Cabernet Franc Reserve	Virginia	Barrel Aged	Gold	90	Balanced, herbal, hint of anise; wild strawberries
2022 Pearmund Old Vine Chardonnay	Virginia, Fauquier County	Barrel Aged	Meriwether Vineyard	Gold	92 Great acid and apple
Potomac Point Winery					
2023 Potomac Point Winery Tannat	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	95	Soft mellow silky blueberries
2024 Potomac Point Winery Albarino	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	98	Tropical lime; orange with good minerality; Salinity; exhibits stylish pizzaz
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2024 Potomac Point Winery Albarino	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of the Best	98	Tropical lime; orange with good minerality; Salinity; exhibits stylish pizzaz
2024 Potomac Point Winery Albarino	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best White	98	Tropical lime; orange with good minerality; Salinity; exhibits stylish pizzaz
2023 Potomac Point Winery Tannat	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Double Gold	95	Soft mellow silky blueberries
2024 Potomac Point Winery Albarino	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Double Gold	98	Tropical lime; orange with good minerality; Salinity; exhibits stylish pizzaz
2024 Potomac Point Winery Petit Manseng	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	93	Peach melba, apricot and pear

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2022 Potomac Point Winery Cabernet Franc	Virginia	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Violets, red berries, bright and plummy
Prince Michel					
NV Prince Michel Constellata	American	Winemaker's Reserve	Best of Class	92	Blueberry and blackberry, nice texture.
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Raffaldini					
2022 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Best of Class	94	Juicy, big, rich, plum skin.
2024 Raffaldini Vermentino Superiore	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Double Gold	96	Juniper berry; spice, very complex' great body; pear
2022 Raffaldini Grande Riserva	Swan Creek	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	94	Juicy, big, rich, plum skin.
2024 Raffaldini Girasole	Swan Creek	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Cranberry and crunchy red fruits; rich fruit
Rayson					
NV Rayson Sweet Vermouth Blanc	North Carolina		Best of Class	92	Great herbs. Super pleasant. Ideal for cooking and drinking while you are cooking.
2023 Rayson Chardonnay	North Carolina		Best of Class	94	Great apple and pear; intense; great balance and structure
2024 Rayson Riesling	North Carolina, Yadkin Valley		Double Gold	95	White stone fruit; lemon zest, bright!
2024 Rayson Rkatsiteli	North Carolina		Double Gold	96	Bright, spicy and fruity; spot on varietally; green tea
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2023 Rayson Chardonnay	North Carolina	Gold	94	Great apple and pear; intense; great balance and structure	
NV Rayson Cabernet Sauvignon	North Carolina	Gold	90	Plummy, black fruits; sweet finish	
2024 Rayson Pearl D Blanc	North Carolina	Gold	92	Lovely depth; floral nose; daffodil and gardenias; nice middle and good finish; well made	
Rienzi Estate Vineyard & Winery					
2024 Rienzi Estate Vineyard & Winery Rose	Pennsylvania	Gold	91	Dry and easy; rich flavors; caramel notes	
San Sebastian Winery					
NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American	Best of Class	91	Very nutty. Dried pear. Slice of New York.	
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NV San Sebastian Winery Blanc De Fleur	Florida	Methode Champenoise	Gold	Jasmine and gardenia; good acidity	
Spoon River Junction					
NV Spoon River Junction Bramble	Illinois	Best of Class	93	Charming. Delightful berry aroma. Very pleasant cordial.	
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Spring Hill Vineyards					
2024 Spring Hill Vineyards SHAG - ROSE	Connecticut	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	92	Watermelon rind; tastes like summer
2024 Spring Hill Vineyards SHAG - ROSE	Connecticut	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	92	Watermelon rind; tastes like summer
2024 Spring Hill Vineyards Cabernet Franc	Connecticut	Cellar Select	Gold	91	Great texture; round fruit; juicy with deep dark plum
2024 Spring Hill Vineyards Chardonnay	Western Connecticut Highlands	Cellar Reserve	Gold	93	Pure apples; orchard; pure representation of the terroir
Thirsty Owl Wine Company					

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2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	New York, Finger Lakes	Best Native American Wine	97	All the charm of a Gewurztraminer. Carnations. Great acid. Very punchy fun wine.	
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2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Snow Owl	New York, Finger Lakes	Best of Class	96	Pleasant bright and fresh; orange creme soda	
2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Traminette	Finger Lakes	Plane Vineyard	Best of Class	97	Well balanced. Stone fruit. Sunny and sweet.
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2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Snow Owl	New York, Finger Lakes		Double Gold	96	Pleasant bright and fresh; orange creme soda
2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	New York, Finger Lakes		Double Gold	97	All the charm of a Gewurztraminer. Carnations. Great acid. Very punchy fun wine.
2024 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Vidal Blanc	Finger Lakes	Plane Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Lemon curd, bright, ripe pear fruit.
Three Hammers Winery					
2024 Three Hammers Winery Swift Waters	Pennsylvania		Best of Class	98	Fantastic aromas; bright and fresh
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2024 Three Hammers Winery Grüner Veltliner	Pennsylvania		Gold	94	Exotic aroma; peach pit character; ginger and nutmeg spice
Vint Hill Craft Winery					
2024 Vint Hill Craft Winery Viognier "Vivian"	Virginia		Best of Class	90	Spritz, lemonade; herbal
2024 Vint Hill Craft Winery Viognier "Vivian"	Virginia		Gold	90	Spritz, lemonade; herbal
2024 Vint Hill Craft Winery Petit Manseng "Madison"	Virginia		Gold	94	French in style; fruit bowl; generous viscosity; rich and stylish