

# 2026 Sunset International Wine Competition

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## 14 Hands

2022 14 Hands Hot to Trot	Washington State			Gold	93	Charred stone fruit; beautiful finish
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## 1924

2024 1924 Double Black Cabernet Sauvignon	Lodi			Gold	92	Easy drinking; coffee, blackberry; good deensity
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## Aadland Moody Vineyards

2023 Aadland Moody Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Spring Mountain District			Best of Class	99	Violets, black tea, sandalwood; juicy
2023 Aadland Moody Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Howell Mountain			Double Gold	98	Elegant; plum, baked dates, boysenberry, rhubarb
2023 Aadland Moody Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Spring Mountain District			Double Gold	99	Violets, black tea, sandalwood; juicy
2024 Aadland Moody Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Yountville			Gold	93	Grassy, herbaceous.

## Adonna Wines

2023 Adonna Wines Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	Gold	91	Herbaceous and juicy
2024 Adonna Wines Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Russian River Valley - Martaella Vineyard	Gold	92	Beautiful apple and brioche

## Adruni Vineyards

2025 Adruni Vineyards The Argument Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Unoaked		Gold	92	grassy, elegant
2023 Adruni Vineyards The Argument Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown		Gold	91	Blackberry, cedar, cocoa, textured tannins on the palate.

## Aimee

2025 Aimee Moscato	Napa Valley			Gold	93	Delicate floral minerality; spicy quince; balanced and lush
2024 Aimee Merlot	Napa Valley			Gold	93	Lush fruit with blackberry and cassis; fully rounded mouthfeel
2025 Aimee Rosé	Napa Valley			Gold	91	Fun, fruity, rhubarb and plum.
2023 Aimee Bollicine	California			Gold	92	Lemon oil; brown butter and mousse; dusty white flowers

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## Airlie

2025 Airlie Pinot Blanc	Willamette Valley	Estate	LIVE Certified Sustainable	Double Gold	98	Stylish; white peach, gardenia, pear, mousse; reflects AVA; spritz
2025 Airlie Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate	LIVE certified sustainable, Salmon Safe	Gold	93	Green pear, Asian pear, bright lemon; minerality

## Alara Cellars

2021 Alara Cellars Barbera	Chalone	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	98	Complex, ripe, big; blueberry, blackberry, vanilla and mocha
2021 Alara Cellars Tempranillo	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	93	Good depth, dark fruits, dark cherry, nice long finish.
2021 Alara Cellars Barbera	Chalone	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	98	Complex, ripe, big; blueberry, blackberry, vanilla and mocha
2021 Alara Cellars Montepulciano	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Barrel Aged		Gold	92	Racy, complex; lighter body
2021 Alara Cellars Tempranillo	Paso Robles, Adelaida District	Barrel Aged		Gold	93	Good depth, dark fruits, dark cherry, nice long finish.

## Alma Rosa Winery

2023 Alma Rosa Winery Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir	Santa Barbara County, Santa Rita Hills			Gold	91	Blueberry, dried cherry, cranberry, boysenberry, apple skin and currant
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## Amaterra

2023 Amaterra Stark Vineyard Chardonnay	Chehalem Mountains	Single Vineyard		Gold	90	Nice finish; rich; toasted vanilla notes
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## Anthesis

2023 Anthesis Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged	Unfiltered, unfiltered, minimal intervention, natural fermentation, metodo italiano, traditional method	Gold	90	Cranberry sauce, cola, cherry syrup; supple in the mouth
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## ARIEL Vineyards

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2024 ARIEL Vineyards ARIEL Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			Best of Class	91	Plum, dark blackberry; violets
2024 ARIEL Vineyards ARIEL Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			Gold	91	Plum, dark blackberry; violets
<b>Asado</b>						
2025 Asado Malbec	Mendoza			Gold	91	Nice mid-palate, juicy, structured and balanced.
<b>AvinoDos Wines</b>						
2021 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Cabernet Sauvignon	Stags Leap District	Single Vineyard		Best of Class	98	Balanced, blackberry, current, spice oak, long finish. Blueberry cocoa.
2021 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Cabernet Sauvignon	Diamond Mountain District	Founder's Reserve	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	98	Classic varietal; violet and cedar; will cellar well
2021 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Cabernet Sauvignon	Diamond Mountain District	Founder's Reserve	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	98	Classic varietal; violet and cedar; will cellar well
2021 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Cabernet Sauvignon	Stags Leap District	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	98	Balanced, blackberry, current, spice oak, long finish. Blueberry cocoa.
2023 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Blanc De Noir	Los Carneros (Napa)	Traditional Method		Double Gold	97	Full-bodied; classic lemon curd; bright and crisp
2023 AvinoDos Wines Avinodos Syrah	Bennett Valley	Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Plums, thyme; cellar potential; lovely character of the fruit
2022 AvinoDos Wines AvinoDos Blanc De Blanc	Los Carneros (Napa)	Methode Champenoise		Gold	94	Citrus, lemon zing; creamy custard, brioche; lively
<b>AVIVO</b>						
2025 AVIVO Rose	Lodi			Gold	91	Balanced. Bright fruit. Soft wine. Red fruit.
2025 AVIVO White Wine	Lodi			Gold	94	Beautiful aromatics. Little oak, floral citrus, apple and pear.
<b>Baker Vineyards</b>						
2023 Baker Vineyards White Blend	Sonoma Valley	Single Vineyard	Estate Grown	Gold	91	Nice flavors, bright fruit, notes of hibiscus.
<b>Barefoot Bubbly</b>						
NV Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato	California			Best of Class	95	Well-made, balanced, fresh; a peachy crowd pleaser

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NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach	California	Best of Class	94	Fresh and clean; a candy-like quality; nice acid
NV Barefoot Bubbly Pinot Grigio	California	Best of Class	96	Balanced sweetness; tart Kiwi and Gravenstein apple
NV Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato	California	Double Gold	95	Well-made, balanced, fresh; a peachy crowd pleaser
NV Barefoot Bubbly Pinot Grigio	California	Double Gold	96	Balanced sweetness; tart Kiwi and Gravenstein apple
NV Barefoot Bubbly Peach	California	Gold	94	Fresh and clean; a candy-like quality; nice acid
NV Barefoot Bubbly Extra Dry	California	Gold	93	Crowd pleaser; ambrosia; tropical paradise
<b>Barefoot Cellars</b>				
NV Barefoot Cellars Red Moscato	California	Best of Class	95	Clean and balanced; candied pomegranate; "bright and delicious"
NV Barefoot Cellars Riesling	California	Best of Class	90	Banana, apricot, orange blossom and honey
NV Barefoot Cellars Red Moscato	California	Double Gold	95	Clean and balanced; candied pomegranate; "bright and delicious"
NV Barefoot Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	California	Double Gold	96	Nice layers; solid, crisp finish; approachable and friendly
NV Barefoot Cellars Pink Moscato	California	Gold	92	Honey peach, Manuka fruit, white nectarine.
NV Barefoot Cellars Riesling	California	Gold	90	Banana, apricot, orange blossom and honey
<b>Barefoot Fruitscato</b>				
NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	California	Best of Class	93	Tropical and delicious. nice floral notes, crowd pleaser.
NV Barefoot Fruitscato Mango	California	Gold	93	Tropical and delicious. nice floral notes, crowd pleaser.
<b>Barefoot wine-to-go</b>				
NV Barefoot wine-to-go Cabernet Sauvignon	California	Gold	90	Classic Cab nose, floral notes, violet, well balanced.
NV Barefoot wine-to-go Pinot Grigio	California	Gold	94	Interesting complexity; juicy fruit; "a crowd pleaser"

## Barn Raiser

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2024 Barn Raiser Barn Raiser Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Seaton	Best of Class	96	Warm winter spices; strawberry and pine; great fruit
2023 Barn Raiser Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Trecini-John's Vineyard	Best of Class	98	Wonderful dark fruit; cherry spice, cranberry and violet; jammy
2023 Barn Raiser Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Trecini-John's Vineyard	Double Gold	98	Wonderful dark fruit; cherry spice, cranberry and violet; jammy
2024 Barn Raiser Barn Raiser Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Seaton	Double Gold	96	Warm winter spices; strawberry and pine; great fruit
<b>Barrister Winery</b>						
2022 Barrister Winery Carménère	Columbia Valley, Wahluke Slope			Gold	91	Approachable. Beautiful berry fruit.
2022 Barrister Winery Merlot	Columbia Valley, White Bluffs			Gold	94	Classic Merlot; cassis, leather and bold tannins
<b>Barrister Winery</b>						
2022 Barrister Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley	Barrel Aged	Pepper Bridge Vineyard	Gold	91	Well balanced. Floral nose, dark fruit.
2022 Barrister Winery Syrah	Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	94	Richness of depth of the wine; a lot going on and it could age well
<b>Bayernmoor Cellars</b>						
2025 Bayernmoor Cellars Rosè	Washington State					
<b>Belle Fiore</b>						
2023 Belle Fiore Classic Malbec	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Full, rich, dark fruit.
2023 Belle Fiore Icon Souspire	Rogue Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	93	Nice bright red fruit; "A crowd pleaser"
<b>Beltane Ranch</b>						
2024 Beltane Ranch Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown		Gold	93	Complexity, dark color, dark fruit.
<b>Benziger Family Winery</b>						

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2025 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Rosé	Sonoma Coast			Best of Class	93	Bubblegum; nice balance; "light on its feet"
2023 Benziger Family Winery Oonapais	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	98	Forest floor; dark fruit; well done; "a show stopper"
2023 Benziger Family Winery Tribute	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	98	Generous fruit; well-structured with a long finish; "cellar potential, but enjoy now"
2024 Benziger Family Winery Apple Hill Chardonnay	Los Carneros	Estate Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Creamy, tropical, lovely acid, crowd pleaser.
2023 Benziger Family Winery Tribute	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Generous fruit; well-structured with a long finish; "cellar potential, but enjoy now"
2023 Benziger Family Winery Oonapais	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Forest floor; dark fruit; well done; "a show stopper"
2024 Benziger Family Winery West Rows Chardonnay	Los Carneros		Vinted & Bottled by	Gold	94	Sweet pear, round, well integrated, quince and buttery.
2025 Benziger Family Winery de Coelo Rosé	Sonoma Coast			Gold	93	Bubblegum; nice balance; "light on its feet"
<b>Berghold Vineyards</b>						
2021 Berghold Vineyards Syrah/Viognier	Lodi	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	98	Fresh orange blossom; juicy and inky
2021 Berghold Vineyards Syrah/Viognier	Lodi	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Fresh orange blossom; juicy and inky
<b>Big Dog Vineyards</b>						
2023 Big Dog Vineyards Grenache, Zula Mae Vineyard	Amador County	Single Vineyard	Unfiltered	Gold	90	Dark fruits, dried cherry and strawberry; caramel oakiness
2022 Big Dog Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinq Chevaux Vineyard	San Francisco Bay	Single Vineyard		Gold	92	Lovely use of oak; nice dark fruit on the palate; pleasing finish

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2021 Big Dog Vineyards Petit Verdot	Alexander Valley	Unfiltered		Gold	94	Fruit was delicious; blackberry and plum
<b>Bitner Vineyards</b>						
2021 Bitner Vineyards Cabernet Franc - Vineyard Select	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Reserve	Rose Cottage Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Intense, fruit driven; bold bright fruit
2021 Bitner Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Reserve	Bee-Friendly Farming. LIVE Certified. Salmon-Safe Certified.	Gold	91	Great fruit. Pretty fruit driven.
2021 Bitner Vineyards Petit Verdot / Merlot	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Estate		Gold	91	Pretty and intense with a big mouthfeel
2021 Bitner Vineyards Syrah	Snake River Valley	Estate Grown	Bitner Vineyards Live Certified, Bee Friendly Farming Certified, Salmon Safe Certified	Gold	93	Sweet fruit; complementary oak; ripe dark plum.
2018 Bitner Vineyards Mi Tierra	Snake River Valley	Barrel Select	Bitner Vineyards Live Certified, Bee Friendly Farming Certified, Salmon Safe Certified	Gold	94	"Aged to perfection with harmonious complexity"
<b>Black Stallion Estate Winery</b>						
2023 Black Stallion Estate Winery North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon	North Coast			Gold	93	Blackberry, boysenberry, vanilla; toasty; balanced
<b>Blue Farm</b>						
2023 Blue Farm Laceroni Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		Best of Class	98	White peach, pear; integrated oak profile with a nice finish
2023 Blue Farm Zio Tony Vineyard	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard Reserve		Best of Class	96	Great color; jammy, rich, round earthy notes; elegant
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2023 Blue Farm Laceroni Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	98	White peach, pear; integrated oak profile with a nice finish
2023 Blue Farm Gap's Crown	Petaluma Gap	Single Vineyard		Gold	92	Yummy; jammy
2023 Blue Farm Estate Anne Katherina Vineyard	Carneros	Estate Single Vineyard		Gold	94	Round lush flavor; black licorice
<b>Bool Sparkling Wines</b>						
2024 Bool Sparkling Wines Bool Brut	California			Best of Class	92	Crisp apple, lemon; light brioche
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<b>Bosma Estate Winery</b>						
2022 Bosma Estate Winery Malbec	Rattlesnake Hills	Estate Grown	Estate Grown, Old Vines	Gold	92	Blueberry; well balanced
<b>Bota Box</b>						
NV Bota Box Pinot Grigio	Australia			Gold	94	White floral aromas; nicely balanced
NV Bota Box Chardonnay	American			Gold	94	Vanilla. Simple clean palate. Good finish.
NV Bota Box Nighthawk Rich Red Wine Blend	American			Gold	92	Earthy; red fruit, cedar and blackberry jam
<b>Bouchaine Vineyards</b>						
2025 Bouchaine Vineyards 2025 Bouchaine Vineyards Alsatian Blend	Los Carneros (Napa)		Clay amphora, neutral French oak, stainless steel, concrete	Best of Class	98	Playful, spicy, floral; apricot, fruit-driven; perfect balance
2025 Bouchaine Vineyards 2025 Bouchaine Vineyards Alsatian Blend	Los Carneros (Napa)		Clay amphora, neutral French oak, stainless steel, concrete	Double Gold	98	Playful, spicy, floral; apricot, fruit-driven; perfect balance

Bowman

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2024 Bowman Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Barrel Fermented	aged Sur lie	Gold	92	Buttery toast; lime zest; white nectarine
2024 Bowman Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley			Gold	91	Grassy, balanced, bright.
<b>Brancott Estates</b>						
2025 Brancott Estates Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			Gold	94	Pure and unadulterated from New Zealand; crisp exhilarating finish
<b>Breathless</b>						
NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		Best of Class	97	Fresh orange, floral; complex minerality
NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		Best Sparkling	97	Fresh orange, floral; complex minerality
NV Breathless Blanc De Noirs	Sonoma County	Methode Champenoise		Double Gold	97	Fresh orange, floral; complex minerality
2021 Breathless Pinot Meunier	Breathless Sparkling	Sonoma County		Gold	93	Brioche, creamy mousse; earthy, savory; strawberry
<b>Brecon Estate</b>						
2023 Brecon Estate Rude Nora	Paso Robles			Best of Class	98	Dark plummy fruit; well-balanced; spiced, earthy, peppery
2025 Brecon Estate True Acacia Head	San Luis Obispo Coast			Best of Class	96	Lusty and bright; crowd pleaser with a "wow factor"
2023 Brecon Estate Rude Nora	Paso Robles			Double Gold	98	Dark plummy fruit; well-balanced; spiced, earthy, peppery
2025 Brecon Estate True Acacia Head	San Luis Obispo Coast			Double Gold	96	Lusty and bright; crowd pleaser with a "wow factor"
2023 Brecon Estate Reserve Sauvignon	Adelaida District	Reserve	Historic Vineyard	Gold	93	White chocolate; sage and white pepper
2025 Brecon Estate Last Sandwich	San Luis Obispo Coast			Gold	92	Well-integrated from start to finish
2023 Brecon Estate Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot	Adelaida District			Gold	94	Concentrated, intense; aging potential; beautiful fruit; long finish
<b>Brian Carter Cellars</b>						
2024 Brian Carter Cellars Oriana	Yakima Valley			Double Gold	95	All around elegant, soft and approachable

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2025 Brian Carter Cellars Abracadabra Rosé	Columbia Valley		Gold	91	Ripe black cherry. Balanced crispy luxurious texture.
2022 Brian Carter Cellars Solesce	Columbia Valley		Gold	91	Cedar and currant on the nose; silky and full-bodied; lengthy finish
<b>Brockmeyer Family Wines</b>					
2023 Brockmeyer Family Wines Grenache	Walla Walla Valley	Los Rocosos Vineyard	Gold	90	Terra cotta; fruit forward; tasty cherry
2025 Brockmeyer Family Wines Flamant Rosé	Yakima Valley	Otis Vineyard	Gold	92	Strawberry, crisp refreshing finish.
2025 Brockmeyer Family Wines Albariño	Yakima Valley		Gold	94	Tropical passion fruit; Asian pear, lime; succulent
<b>BRV Winery / Backroad Vines</b>					
2023 BRV Winery / Backroad Vines Grenache	Solano County	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Black cherry, ripe strawberries, anise, spice and violets; full mouthfeel
2019 BRV Winery / Backroad Vines Petite Sirah	Suisun Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Double Gold	96	Bright, velvet; good tannins; spicy oak
<b>Buena Vista Winery</b>					
2023 Buena Vista Winery Chateau Buena Vista Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Best of Class	97	Black cherry, good acidity, nice finish.
2023 Buena Vista Winery Chateau Buena Vista Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Double Gold	97	Black cherry, good acidity, nice finish.
<b>Bulldog Vineyards</b>					
2022 Bulldog Vineyards Bulldog Vineyards THEO Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged	Gold	92	Intense. Dark cherries. Big mineral notes.
2022 Bulldog Vineyards Bulldog Vineyards Brindle	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Barrel Aged	Gold	93	Delightfully spicy; well-integrated tannins
<b>Calcareous Vineyard</b>					
2023 Calcareous Vineyard 2023 Lloyd	Adelaida District	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	97	Well-structured; chocolate notes, toasty on the nose; long finish
2023 Calcareous Vineyard 2023 Lloyd	Adelaida District	Estate Bottled & Produced	Double Gold	97	Well-structured; chocolate notes, toasty on the nose; long finish
2023 Calcareous Vineyard 2023 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Adelaida District	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	93	Fruity intensity, integrated tannins, spice and oak.

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## Caliche Estate

2025 Caliche Estate Albariño	Columbia Valley, Ancient Lakes	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	100	Notes of exotic juniper; well-balanced varietal character
2025 Caliche Estate Albariño	Columbia Valley, Ancient Lakes	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	100	Notes of exotic juniper; well-balanced varietal character

## Calstar Cellars

2025 Calstar Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley			Best of Class	96	Elegant style; herbal and grassy
2025 Calstar Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	96	Elegant style; herbal and grassy

## Camaraderie Cellars

2023 Camaraderie Cellars Tempranillo	Yakima Valley			Gold	93	Layered. Fruit followed through on the palate.
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## Campo Viejo

2022 Campo Viejo Tempranillo	Rioja DOCa	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	98	Lovely representation of the varietal. Deeply complex. Well integrated. All the judges were smitten with this wine.
2022 Campo Viejo Tempranillo	Rioja DOCa	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	98	Lovely representation of the varietal. Deeply complex. Well integrated. All the judges were smitten with this wine.
2017 Campo Viejo Gran Reserva	Rioja DOCa	Grand Reserva		Gold	92	Cocoa, blackberry, earthy; big tannins, long finish
NV Campo Viejo Brut Cava	Cava DO	Metodo Tradicional		Gold	93	Crisp apple skin; peach pit with minerality; dried pineapple

## Candle Creek

2025 Candle Creek Chardonnay	California			Gold	92	Creamy lemon; quaffable; stone fruit and honeysuckle
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## Carol Shelton Wines

2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Viognier	Placer County			Best of Class	92	Juicy and grassy with stone fruit notes
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2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Chardonnay	Sonoma County			Best of Class	98	Nice texture, lengthy finish; floral, pears and baked apple
2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Chardonnay	Sonoma County			Double Gold	98	Nice texture, lengthy finish; floral, pears and baked apple
2024 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Blanc	Sonoma County			Gold	92	Honeysuckle, nice varietal blend, well balanced.
2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Rendezvous Rosé	North Coast			Gold	91	Black cherry, floral and fresh. Good Excellent crisp, clean easy drinking wine.
2025 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Viognier	Placer County			Gold	92	Juicy and grassy with stone fruit notes
2023 Carol Shelton Wines Monga Zin	Cucamonga Valley (Riverside)	Old Vine	Lopez Vineyard	Gold	93	Yummy; current olive; blueberry jam; straw bales, raisins
2023 Carol Shelton Wines Rockpile Reserve Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Florence Vineyard	Gold	91	Rich and creamy; long; black raspberry; perfumy and spicy
<b>Casino Mine Ranch</b>						
2025 Casino Mine Ranch Reserve Rose	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate		Best of Class	97	Big. Bolder. Red berry. Complex. Soft finish.
2025 Casino Mine Ranch Vermentino	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown		Best of Class	92	Cream, melon, citrus.
2021 Casino Mine Ranch Marcel	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown		Double Gold	97	Full-bodied, deep and rich from beginning to end; age-worthy
2025 Casino Mine Ranch Reserve Rose	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate		Double Gold	97	Big. Bolder. Red berry. Complex. Soft finish.
2023 Casino Mine Ranch Simone	Amador County, Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown		Gold	93	Bursting with fruit flavor and balanced with oak
2022 Casino Mine Ranch Tempranillo	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown		Gold	92	Juicy, fruity, ripe, crowd pleaser.
2025 Casino Mine Ranch Vermentino	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown		Gold	92	Cream, melon, citrus.
2024 Casino Mine Ranch Grenache Blanc	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown		Gold	93	Good aromatics; Playful palate; good long finish; enjoyable
2023 Casino Mine Ranch Grenache Blanc	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown		Gold	91	Lovely mix of florals; this wine is begging for a picnic

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2023 Casino Mine Ranch Grenache Noir	Shenandoah Valley (Amador)	Estate Grown	Gold	91	Well-balanced; vanilla, toasted caramel, green berries
<b>Cellar 13 Winery</b>					
2025 Cellar 13 Winery Sidanelv	Livermore Valley		Best of Class	95	Juicy, tropical, delicate, grapefruit.
2025 Cellar 13 Winery Sidanelv	Livermore Valley		Double Gold	95	Juicy, tropical, delicate, grapefruit.
<b>Cellar Beast Winehouse</b>					
2023 Cellar Beast Winehouse Grand Mélange	Red Mountain	Barrel Reserve	Gold	91	Wonderful nose; slight herbaceousness; dried herbs and plums
<b>Char Vale</b>					
2024 Char Vale Pinot Gris	Russian River Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled	Double Gold	95	Nice, clean; cantaloupe
2022 Char Vale Chardonnay	Green Valley of Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Apple sauce; long and creamy mid long and creamy mid palate; honey graham aroma
<b>Charles Woodson's Intercept</b>					
2025 Charles Woodson's Intercept Chardonnay	Monterey County		Best of Class	96	Apple pie and spices. Really flavorful. Crowd pleaser.
2023 Charles Woodson's Intercept Red Blend	Paso Robles		Double Gold	97	Blackberries, black currants; nice structure
2025 Charles Woodson's Intercept Chardonnay	Monterey County		Double Gold	96	Apple pie and spices. Really flavorful. Crowd pleaser.
<b>Charleston Peak Winery</b>					
2023 Charleston Peak Winery Riesling	Nevada	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	92	Melon, honey and apricot notes; balanced minerality
2025 Charleston Peak Winery Symphony	Nevada	Single Vineyard	Gold	90	Exotic peach, candied ginger
2024 Charleston Peak Winery Symphony Moon	Nevada	Single Vineyard	Gold	91	Perfect balance; bergamot, mango blossom; cara cara orange
2023 Charleston Peak Winery Riesling	Nevada	Single Vineyard	Gold	92	Melon, honey and apricot notes; balanced minerality
2022 Charleston Peak Winery Amargosa Blend	Nevada	Single Vineyard Collection	Barrel Aged Gold	92	Red and black fruit, cherries; soft tannins

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## Chateau Elan Winery

2023 Chateau Elan Winery Choose Your Path	American			Double Gold	96	Good mouthfeel; ripe berry fruit, cocoa and mocha
2022 Chateau Elan Winery BIANCO	American		Riserva	Gold	93	Pale amber color; walnut; sherried; great effort for Muscadine.
NV Chateau Elan Winery Appily Elan	American			Gold	92	Pleasant, well made, notes of stone fruits, floral, lively, spritzy.
NV Chateau Elan Winery DUNCAN CREEK	Georgia			Gold	90	Classic varietal. Sage, sweet but juicy grapes and orange peel.

## Chateau Ste Michelle

2024 Chateau Ste Michelle Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay	Horse Heaven Hills			Double Gold	97	Cheerios, caramel baked apple; toasty French bread; custard and dried pear
2024 Chateau Ste Michelle Sauvignon Blanc	Columbia Valley			Gold	91	Nice tropical notes. Bright. Citrus.
2024 Chateau Ste Michelle Chardonnay	Columbia Valley			Gold	93	Apple pie and vanilla. Lovely mouthfeel. Creamy finish.

## Chelsea Vineyards

2018 Chelsea Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Fountaingrove District	Single Vineyard	Single Varietal	Gold	92	Dark cherries, integrated tannins.
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## Chenoweth

2022 Chenoweth Home Ranch Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Cherry cola, plum, cassis; complex
2022 Chenoweth Treehouse Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Complex combination of red fruits, jammy
2022 Chenoweth Green Valley of the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Red fruit, cassis
2022 Chenoweth Bootlegger's Hill Chardonnay	Green Valley of Russian River Valley			Gold	92	Bright, energetic, fine grain tannins. Apple sauce.

## Churon

2023 Churon Syrah	Temecula Valley			Gold	91	Pretty fruit; subtle tannins; nice length; juicy with a clean finish
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## Churon Winery

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2023 Churon Winery Tempranillo	Temecula Valley	Estate	Aged in French and American oak for 21 months	Gold	92	Nice bright spicy fruit. Delightful medium body.
<b>Colle Marianna Soave</b>						
2024 Colle Marianna Soave Garganega	Rosso Conero DOC			Gold	93	Pineapple, lingering finish, light body, tropical fruit.
<b>Collina De Bella</b>						
2025 Collina De Bella Malvasia Bianca	Yolo County	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Great varietal example with florals; Bright and fresh; great for a summer sip
<b>Cotillion</b>						
2023 Cotillion Cotillion Tri County Pinot Noir	Monterey County/Santa Barbara County/Sonoma County			Gold	93	Black and red fruit; cranberry, cedar and oak; complex
<b>Cougar Crest Estate Winery</b>						
2022 Cougar Crest Estate Winery Block 11 Syrah	Walla Walla Valley	Estate Vineyard	Cougar Hills Vineyard - Block 11	Gold	92	Dusty berries, cola, smokey, leathery; good balance
<b>Coyote Sonoma</b>						
2023 Coyote Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Kitchen Hill	Gold	92	Plums, dark chocolate. Big, long finish.
2023 Coyote Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Block 3	Gold	90	Dark chocolate liqueur; great potential; long lasting tannins.
2021 Coyote Sonoma Red Blend	Sonoma County		Velvet Curtain	Gold	91	Light, earthy notes; "tasty"
2023 Coyote Sonoma Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Guido's Block	Gold	91	Briar blackberry, complex and layered, rich body.
<b>Cru Winery</b>						
2023 Cru Winery Paso Robles	Paso Robles					
2023 Cru Winery 2023 Unoaked Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands	Unoaked		Best of Class	97	Tropical; great acid; attention-grabber
2023 Cru Winery 2023 Unoaked Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands	Unoaked		Double Gold	97	Tropical; great acid; attention-grabber
2023 Cru Winery SLH Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands			Double Gold	96	Vermouth herbs, earthy chestnuts, grapefruit. Complex depth.

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2023 Cru Winery Monterey	Monterey County			Double Gold	96	Bright rich and well-balanced; cherry and herbal
2023 Cru Winery 2023 SLH Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands			Gold	91	Stone fruit; big oak style; full-bodied
<b>Cyrus Creek</b>						
2022 Cyrus Creek Cabernet Sauvignon	Diamond Mountain District	Estate Grown		Double Gold	98	Mocha, mushroom, plum and cedar
<b>D &amp; L Carinalli Vineyards</b>						
2023 D & L Carinalli Vineyards Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	D & L Carinalli Vineyards	Gold	90	Crisp unripe pineapple, apple; clean minerality
<b>D'Argenzio Winery</b>						
2023 D'Argenzio Winery D'Alfonso Super Tuscan	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Unfiltered & Unfiltered, Metodo Italiano, Traditional Method	Double Gold	97	Coffee, caramel; black fruit; great finish
2023 D'Argenzio Winery Sangiovese	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	Unfiltered & Unfiltered, Single Vineyard, Metodo Italiano, Traditional Method	Gold	90	Sun dried tomato. Toasty, cigar box, long finish of dried cranberries.
<b>DANCIN</b>						
2024 DANCIN Tribute	Rogue Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Blackberry spice and plums; big, rich mid-palate
2025 DANCIN Cambre	Rogue Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	91	Melon, herbaceous.
<b>Dancing Sonoma</b>						
2024 Dancing Sonoma Duo	Dry Creek Valley	Estate		Gold	93	Black berries. Violets. Rich. Black pepper.
2024 Dancing Sonoma Fresh Take	Dry Creek Valley			Gold	93	Great nose, elegant wine.
<b>Deerfield Ranch Winery</b>						

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2022 Deerfield Ranch Winery 2022 Super T-Rex	Sonoma		Super Tuscan Blend	Double Gold	96	Brown spice, cinnamon toast; melon, berry; long, balanced finish
<b>Del Valle Winery</b>						
2022 Del Valle Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Best of Class	98	Blueberry, blackberry, Bay leaf; peppercorns; great body, herbal finish and finesse
2022 Del Valle Winery Sangiovese	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Best of Class	97	Cara cara orange, dried cherry, pomegranate; well made
2022 Del Valle Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Double Gold	98	Blueberry, blackberry, Bay leaf; peppercorns; great body, herbal finish and finesse
2022 Del Valle Winery Sangiovese	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Double Gold	97	Cara cara orange, dried cherry, pomegranate; well made
2021 Del Valle Winery RJM	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Double Gold	96	Blackberry; toasted oak; herbal tones.
2022 Del Valle Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Gold	92	Herbal notes, green chilis, tarragon, cherry fruit, green pepper; brisk, intriguing
2022 Del Valle Winery Grenache	Livermore Valley		Barrel Aged	Gold	90	Cherry, plum, black olive; slightly sweet
<b>DeLoach Vineyards</b>						
2024 DeLoach Vineyards California Cabernet Sauvignon CSWA	California		Certified Sustainable	Gold	94	Well balanced, currant, cedar, nicely integrated oak.
2024 DeLoach Vineyards California Zinfandel CSWA	California		Certified Sustainable	Gold	91	Full luscious mouthfeel; nicely textured palate
2025 DeLoach Vineyards California Pinot Gris CSWA	California		Certified Sustainable	Gold	92	Vibrant, floral; stunning nose; apricot cream and jasmine
<b>DeLoach Vineyards Fleur de Lys</b>						
2024 DeLoach Vineyards Fleur de Lys Pinot Noir	California			Gold	90	Deep rich plum. Varietally correct.
<b>Denier-Handal Vineyards</b>						
2020 Denier-Handal Vineyards Sangiovese	Mendocino County		Barrel Aged	Gold	91	Nice structure, great tannins; good concentration of fruit; silky

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2020 Denier-Handal Vineyards Family Blend	North Coast	Special Selection	Gold	92	"Soft and very approachable"; tart cherry, blueberry; great balance
<b>DNA Vineyards</b>					
2024 DNA Vineyards Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate	Gold	92	Apple lemon and apricot; toasted bread; big mouth feel
<b>Dobbes Family Winery</b>					
2023 Dobbes Family Winery Grand Assemblage	Van Duzer Corridor		Double Gold	97	Yellow apple, earthy; great integration and balance
NV Dobbes Family Winery Grand Assemblage Brut	Willamette Valley		Gold	92	Honeysuckle; bright lemon
2022 Dobbes Family Winery Grand Assemblage	Willamette Valley		Gold	92	Lighter style. Bright and charming. Cherry, pomegranate and basil.
<b>Doffo</b>					
2023 Doffo Syrah	Temecula Valley	Barrel Aged	Gold	92	Brown sugar; balanced tannins; juicy
<b>Domaine Della</b>					
2023 Domaine Della "4 Amours" Sonoma Coast Special Select Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Special Select	Best of Class	95	Black fruit, orange zest, berries; strong finish
2023 Domaine Della "4 Amours" Sonoma Coast Special Select Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Special Select	Best Red	95	Black fruit, orange zest, berries; strong finish
2023 Domaine Della "4 Amours" Sonoma Coast Special Select Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Special Select	Double Gold	95	Black fruit, orange zest, berries; strong finish
2023 Domaine Della Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Double Gold	96	Excellent mouthfeel and flavor; oak and spice notes; cherry cola, blood orange and rhubarb; soft, full and long
2023 Domaine Della Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast		Double Gold	98	Forest floor nose; raspberry jam; lingering finish.
2023 Domaine Della Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		Gold	93	Cherry, black cherry, spice notes; mellow with a gentle intensity
2023 Domaine Della "Ritchie Vineyard" Russian River Valley Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard Series	Gold	93	Subtle spice, vanilla and custard notes

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2023 Domaine Della "Graham Family Vineyard" Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard Series	Gold	93	Cherry cola, spicy berries; nice acidity; creamy, long finish
2023 Domaine Della "Earl Stephens Vineyard" Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard Series	Gold	92	Christmas spices; nicely balanced; good finish
2023 Domaine Della "Terra de Promissio Vineyard" Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard Series	Gold	93	Rose petal, spicy fruit; balanced, lingering finish
<b>Dono dal Cielo</b>					
2025 Dono dal Cielo Viognier	Sierra Foothills, Placer County	Barrel Aged	Gold	93	Pretty, well-made and balanced.
<b>Donovan-Parke</b>					
2025 Donovan-Parke California Rose	California		Gold	92	Tart cherry juice, bubblegum; clean and elegant; long and tart; great color
<b>Dressage</b>					
2024 Dressage Pinot Noir	Monterey County		Best of Class	95	Nice and clean; spice and pomegranate
2024 Dressage Pinot Noir	Monterey County		Double Gold	95	Nice and clean; spice and pomegranate
<b>Drury's</b>					
NV Drury's Espresso Martini	Ohio		Best of Class	91	Mocha, Irish coffee; great after-dinner drink"
NV Drury's Espresso Martini	Ohio		Gold	91	Mocha, Irish coffee; great after-dinner drink"
<b>Dry Creek Vineyard</b>					
2023 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Vines Zinfandel	Sonoma County		Gold	92	Great spicy berries; big bold dried fruit; blackberry and blueberry
2022 Dry Creek Vineyard The Mariner	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	92	Dark cherries and cocoa; integrated finish
2022 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley		Gold	92	Nice spices; allspice; good integration
<b>Dutcher Crossing</b>					
2025 Dutcher Crossing Winemakers' Cellar Kupferschmid	Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	98	Brilliant Blending; creamy interlocking puzzle; subtle citrus; herbal elements

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2025 Dutcher Crossing 2025 Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley		Double Gold	96	Great oak, lingering finish, true to varietal.
2024 Dutcher Crossing Ferrington Vineyard Chardonnay	Anderson Valley		Double Gold	97	Fresh kiwi, apple, lemon curd mouthfeel. Floral and bright.
2021 Dutcher Crossing Winemakers' Cellar Kupferschmid Red Wine	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	94	Baking spices; black tea; violet and orange zest
<b>Eberle</b>					
2024 Eberle Syrah	Paso Robles	Alta Colina and Steinbeck Vineyards	Gold	93	Complexity; good use of oak; good balance with ripe fruit
2023 Eberle Vineyard Selection	Paso Robles		Gold	91	Sweet tobacco, leather, plum, cocoa, cherry and soy.
2025 Eberle Viognier	Paso Robles	Estate	Gold	92	Beautiful nose; soft palate with floral notes
2025 Eberle Muscat Canelli	Paso Robles	Estate	Gold	91	Candied floral orange; creamsicle; tart finish
2023 Eberle Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles	Estate	Gold	92	Intense, ripe and sweet fruit.
2025 Eberle Chardonnay	Paso Robles	Estate	Gold	92	Floral and tropical; dried peach; fun wine
<b>Elizabeth Spencer</b>					
2025 Elizabeth Spencer North Coast Sauvignon Blanc	North Coast		Gold	90	Grassy, well balanced, herbaceous.
<b>Ermisch Cellars</b>					
2022 Ermisch Cellars Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Red Mountain	Single Vineyard	Gold	93	Plums with rosemary; touch of brambles; textured and herbaceous
<b>Eroica</b>					
2021 Eroica XLC Dry Riesling	Columbia Valley		Best of Class	96	Petrol, citrus, dried apricot, stone fruit; long, crisp finish
2021 Eroica XLC Dry Riesling	Columbia Valley		Double Gold	96	Petrol, citrus, dried apricot, stone fruit; long, crisp finish
<b>Estival</b>					
2024 Estival Sauvignon Blanc	Horse Heaven Hills		Gold	90	Grapefruit. Balanced acidity. Citrus.

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2023 Falkner Syrah	Temecula Valley	Cellar Reserve		Gold	90	Earthy, mushroom, forest floor; well made
<b>Farm Day Family Winery</b>						
2023 Farm Day Family Winery Sanctuary - Primitivo	Santa Cruz Mountains			Gold	90	Succulent; pleasant leathery component; blackberry with nice texture on palate
<b>Farmhand Winery</b>						
2022 Farmhand Winery Due Pasi	Columbia Valley	Barrel Aged	Kennewick Washington	Gold	92	Nice spice, elegant
<b>Farquar Family Winery</b>						
2025 Farquar Family Winery Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Ramona Valley			Gold	90	Blackberry jam, sweet cherry. Lingering finish.
<b>Fathers &amp; Daughters Cellars</b>						
2024 Fathers & Daughters Cellars Sarah's Rustic Bubbles	Anderson Valley		Petillant-Naturel, Ferrington Vineyard	Gold	93	Bright, fruity and zesty; green apple
<b>Field of Stones Sauvignon Blanc</b>						
2025 Field of Stones Sauvignon Blanc Sauvignon Blanc	South Island			Gold	91	"Very drinkable"; honey, grassiness, tropical notes, passionfruit
<b>Fifty-One Weeks Winemaking</b>						
2022 Fifty-One Weeks Winemaking Cabernet Sauvignon,	Columbia Valley		Coyote Canyon Vineyard	Gold	92	Big body, oak on nose. Balanced finish, Black current.
<b>Five Star Cellars</b>						
2019 Five Star Cellars Syrah	Walla Walla Valley			Gold	90	Good structure; fruit forward; well-structured
2019 Five Star Cellars Stellar	Walla Walla Valley			Gold	90	"A crowd pleaser"; notes of white pepper and vanilla
<b>Flambeaux</b>						
2023 Flambeaux Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast,	Sonoma Coast		Sangiaco Vineyards	Double Gold	97	Delicate peach, nectarine, lime; voluminous feel on generous plate.
<b>Florence Vineyard</b>						
2023 Florence Vineyard Petite Sirah	Rockpile				93	Black licorice. Blackberry and blueberry.

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2024 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Jack's Reserve	Best of Class	99	Rich and balanced, silky and layered, well structured, long finish, WOW factor.
2023 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve		Double Gold	96	Complex, bright plum, minerality, nice texture on palate.
2024 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Jack's Reserve	Double Gold	99	Rich and balanced, silky and layered, well structured, long finish, WOW factor.
2024 Florence Vineyard Zinfandel	Sonoma County, Rockpile		30 Year Vines Field Blend	Double Gold	97	Complex, dark fruit, great depth weight, blackberry compote, nice finish.
2023 Florence Vineyard Petite Sirah	Rockpile			Gold	93	Black licorice. Blackberry and blueberry.
<b>Folded Hills</b>						
2024 Folded Hills Wilder Red Blend	Santa Barbara County	Reserve Selection		Best of Class	96	Beautiful blend, well integrated; "all components are here; cherry, herbs and capers
2024 Folded Hills Sundance Reserve Grenache	Santa Ynez Valley	Reserve Selection		Best of Class	95	Red cherry; good balance and round tannins
2024 Folded Hills Sundance Reserve Grenache	Santa Ynez Valley	Reserve Selection		Double Gold	95	Red cherry; good balance and round tannins
2024 Folded Hills Roper Reserve Syrah	Santa Ynez Valley	Reserve Selection		Double Gold	95	Nice clean fruit with textured tannins; well balanced
2024 Folded Hills Wilder Red Blend	Santa Barbara County	Reserve Selection		Double Gold	96	Beautiful blend, well integrated; "all components are here; cherry, herbs and capers
2024 Folded Hills Estate White	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Single Vineyard		Double Gold	97	This is a wine to share; great aromatics; delicious floral aromas; Nice balance; long creamy finish
2024 Folded Hills Estate Marsanne	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Lemon, custard, and brioche give it aa great palate weight
2024 Folded Hills Beauty White Wine	Santa Ynez Valley			Gold	92	Lengthy finish, nice texture and body, well-balanced
2024 Folded Hills Estate Syrah	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Reserve		Gold	94	Red fruit; great texture; long finish
2024 Folded Hills Estate Grenache	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Reserve		Gold	93	Fat, juicy; cinnamon toast; balanced tannins

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## Foppiano

2023 Foppiano Petite Sirah	Russian River Valley		Russian River Valley	Gold	91	Elegant, blueberry, sage, gravely tannin, rustic.
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## Foris

2024 Foris Moscato	Rogue Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	90	Mangosteen; "big, sweet entry but balanced on the finish"
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## Fortunati Vineyards

2022 Fortunati Vineyards Porto Fino Dessert Wine	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Best of Class	98	Chocolaty, candied cherry, cocoa powder.
2024 Fortunati Vineyards Viognier	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Best of Class	97	"Wow factor from start to finish!" Great intensity
2022 Fortunati Vineyards Porto Fino Dessert Wine	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Best Port	98	Chocolaty, candied cherry, cocoa powder.
2024 Fortunati Vineyards Viognier	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Double Gold	97	"Wow factor from start to finish!" Great intensity
2022 Fortunati Vineyards Porto Fino Dessert Wine	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Double Gold	98	Chocolaty, candied cherry, cocoa powder.
2023 Fortunati Vineyards Vinto Syrah	Oak Knoll District	Estate		Double Gold	98	Well structured; beautiful fruit; mixed dark berries; bacon
2023 Fortunati Vineyards Zinfandel	Rockpile		Pritchett Peaks Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Juicy. Blackberries. Dark fruit. Dark chocolate.

## Four Star

2024 Four Star Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Gold	90	Ripe broad palate; coffee and black cherry
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## Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve

2023 Frei Brothers Sonoma Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley			Gold	91	Chocolate on the palate; sage on the nose; food friendly
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## Furthermore Wines

2023 Furthermore Wines Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Spice intensity. Whole mouth. Rounded. Long finish.
2023 Furthermore Wines Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	96	Intense, subtle minerality, great structure.

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2023 Furthermore Wines Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Maria Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Gold	91	Beautiful fruit; great finish
2022 Furthermore Wines Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	92	Ripe and full. Subtle cola notes. Medium body.
2023 Furthermore Wines Gioia Vineyard Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Gold	91	Great nose and color; "a complex, earthy cool climate Pinot"
2023 Furthermore Wines Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Estate Bottled & Produced	Single Vineyard	Gold	92	Sweet, earthy and friendly
2023 Furthermore Wines Nevina's Vineyard Pinot Noir	Sonoma Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard	Gold	93	Pretty great acid; slight heat
2023 Furthermore Wines Blanc de Noirs	Sonoma Coast	Methode Champenoise	.12	Gold	94	Floral hibiscus; strawberry; minerality
<b>Garré Vineyard and Winery</b>						
2022 Garré Vineyard and Winery Cabernet Franc	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		Double Gold	97	Red fruit, cherry and pomegranate; blackberry and "a touch of class"
2022 Garré Vineyard and Winery Sangiovese	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		Gold	92	Herbaceous, currant, peppery
2022 Garré Vineyard and Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Alameda County, Livermore Valley	Estate Grown Reserve		Gold	91	Menthol, chocolate; pretty wine
<b>Golden Star Vineyards</b>						
2024 Golden Star Vineyards Syrah	Ballard Canyon			Gold	91	Great fruit expression; blackberry and dried herbs; nice weight and depth
<b>Granite Hill</b>						
2024 Granite Hill Granite Hill Chardonnay	Lodi			Gold	90	Caramel and soft oak
<b>Great Bear Vineyards</b>						
2025 Great Bear Vineyards Roussanne	Yolo County	Estate Bottled		Double Gold	97	Lemon-sage; floral; long finish and compelling; complex; pretty fruit
2024 Great Bear Vineyards Chardonnay Reserve	Yolo County	Estate Bottled Reserve		Gold	93	Tropical starfruit, pineapple; muddled mint and apple

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2024 Great Bear Vineyards Rose of Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Yolo County	Estate Bottled Reserve		Gold	91	Well made. Lemon, cranberry and plum.
<b>Greenwood Ridge Vineyards</b>						
2023 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER	Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	96	Notes of tobacco, black cherry, cream, pie crust, delicious.
2023 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards DRAGON RESERVE ZINFANDEL	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Spicy, big, black pepper, classic Zin, black berries.
<b>Gwinllan Estate</b>						
2021 Gwinllan Estate Late Disgorged Blanc de Noirs	El Dorado, Fair Play	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Strawberry, kiwi; great nose
<b>Half Moon Bay Winery</b>						
2024 Half Moon Bay Winery Chardonnay	Monterey		50% barrel fermented and aged in 3 year old French oak barrels with 50% malolactic fermentation and 50% stainless steel for 12 months	Double Gold	97	Mango, apple pie, tropical; Holds your interest; great aromatics; very well balanced
2024 Half Moon Bay Winery Pinot Noir	Monterey	Barrel Aged	Barrel aged in 10% new French oak and 90% neutral French oak barrels for 12 months	Double Gold	97	Deep fruit; red cherry; strawberry rhubarb, ginger and cinnamon. Great finish.

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2023 Half Moon Bay Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Monterey	Barrel Aged	Barrel aged in 10% new French oak and 90% neutral French oak barrels for 12 months	Gold	92	Herbal notes; complexity; green chili and peppercorn; bay leaf
<b>Harney Lane</b>						
2025 Harney Lane Albarino,	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Henry Ranch, Certified Sustainable	Double Gold	97	Spicy, floral; apricot and peach; "dry but not austere"
2023 Harney Lane Petite Sirah, Henry Ranch	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable	Gold	90	Old world flair, with sweet berry. Structured tannins.
<b>Heaven's Gate Vineyard</b>						
2023 Heaven's Gate Vineyard Petite / Petit	Borden Ranch	Estate Grown and Produced	Co fermented	Gold	91	Boysenberry on the palate; savory herbs and cucumbers
<b>Hendry</b>						
2023 Hendry Napa Valley Chardonnay	Napa Valley		Barrel Fermented	Gold	92	yellow apple; gold pear; bubble gum; vanilla custard; crisp and long
<b>Holesinsky Winery</b>						
2021 Holesinsky Winery Purple Sasquatch	Snake River Valley			Gold	90	Cherry cola, black current, good structure, long balanced finish. Jammy.
<b>Housley's Century Oak Winery</b>						
2021 Housley's Century Oak Winery Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Single Vineyard Old Vines	Gold	90	Savory, serious, grapey, black cherry. Nice flavors.
<b>Hoyt Family Vineyards</b>						
2022 Hoyt Family Vineyards Petit Verdot	Paso Robles Willowcreek District	Barrel Aged		Best of Class	96	Great fruit structure, dark fruit, plum notes, well integrated oak.
2022 Hoyt Family Vineyards Petit Verdot	Paso Robles Willowcreek District	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	96	Great fruit structure, dark fruit, plum notes, well integrated oak.

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2023 Hoyt Family Vineyards Hoyt 2 Hoyt Bubbles	Central Coast	Methode Traditionnelle	Gold	93	Classic brioche, dried banana chips; tropical notes with great acid
<b>Husch Vineyards</b>					
2025 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino	Family Farmed	Best of Class	97	Full broad palate; floral and lime juice with apple and pear; good pairing
2025 Husch Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino	Sustainably Farmed	Best of Class	95	Bright, grassy, guava. Balanced. Show stopper.
2025 Husch Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Mendocino	Sustainably Farmed	Double Gold	95	Bright, grassy, guava. Balanced. Show stopper.
2025 Husch Vineyards Chenin Blanc	Mendocino	Family Farmed	Double Gold	97	Full broad palate; floral and lime juice with apple and pear; good pairing
2023 Husch Vineyards Special Reserve Chardonnay	Mendocino		Gold	91	Nice finish; nice balance; o nice mouthfeel and crisp at the same time
<b>Imagery Estate Winery</b>					
2023 Imagery Estate Winery Barbera	Sonoma County	Produced and Bottled By	Double Gold	96	Dark fruit; toasted oak; plum and dark cherry
2024 Imagery Estate Winery White Burgundy	North Coast	Produced and Bottled By	Double Gold	96	Rich, round and well-balanced; great oak; floral and buttery
2025 Imagery Estate Winery Albariño	Sonoma Valley	Produced and Bottled By	Double Gold	96	Good balance; nectarine, peach, mandarin, lychee.
2023 Imagery Estate Winery Malbec	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Produced and Bottled By	Gold	90	Black cherry, well balanced, nice layers and structure.
2025 Imagery Estate Winery Wow Oui Sauvignon Blanc	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Produced and Bottled By	Gold	91	Refreshing, juicy lemon peel
2023 Imagery Estate Winery Tempranillo	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak		Gold	91	Nice spice profile. Well structured. Nice finish.
2023 Imagery Estate Winery Pallas	Sonoma Valley	Produced and Bottled By	Gold	93	Generous fruit; ample on the palate; big tannins

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2023 Imagery Estate Winery Cabernet Franc	Sonoma County		Produced and Bottled By	Gold	93	Gorgeous balance, silky tannin; green peppercorn; great nose of leather; classic to varietal
<b>Inman Family</b>						
2025 Inman Family Endless Crush	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	OGV Estate	Gold	93	Soft rose nose, dusty strawberry ice cream, pleasing pomegranate.
<b>INTERCOASTAL Vineyards</b>						
2025 INTERCOASTAL Vineyards Pinot Grigio	Clarksburg			Gold	94	Lemongrass, floral note, long finish, lychee; Great color
2023 INTERCOASTAL Vineyards Aglianico Lodi		Estate Bottled & Produced	Lodi Rules Certified	Gold	91	Bright cherry; dense, chewy, minerality
<b>Ironstone Vineyards</b>						
2022 Ironstone Vineyards Ironstone Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Sierra Foothills	Estate Grown	Reserve	Gold	92	Pine forest; roasted meat
<b>J Dusi Wines</b>						
2025 J Dusi Wines Pinot Grigio	Paso Robles			Best of Class	97	Full bodied, dried straw, stone fruit, savory spice; Vanilla
2025 J Dusi Wines Pinot Grigio	Paso Robles			Double Gold	97	Full bodied, dried straw, stone fruit, savory spice; Vanilla
<b>J Opi Reserve Malbec</b>						
2024 J Opi Reserve Malbec Malbec	Mendoza			Gold	91	Black cherry, dried cocoa, big and chewy wine.
<b>J Rickards Winery</b>						
2023 J Rickards Winery Kindred	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	95	Dark fruit, balanced; concentrated vanilla
2023 J Rickards Winery Malbec, Zanzi Reserve	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled		Double Gold	98	Vanilla oak; rich and full; black and blueberry; full mid-palate; good acid balance

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2024 J Rickards Winery Carignane	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown and Produced		Double Gold	97	chocolate covered blueberry; black fruit; silky smooth with a long finish
2023 J Rickards Winery Kindred	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	95	Dark fruit, balanced; concentrated vanilla
2023 J Rickards Winery Old Vine Zinfandel, Brignole Vineyard	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled		Gold	92	Red and black fruit. Tart.
2023 J Rickards Winery Petite Sirah, Wild Yeast Reserve	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Reserve, Estate Bottled		Gold	94	White pepper, blueberry and sage. Good structure. Restrained tannins.
2024 J Rickards Winery Sauvignon Blanc Pauli & Croft	North Coast		Pauli & Croft Vineyards	Gold	91	Floral, stone fruit, white peach, nice balance.
2023 J Rickards Winery La Cosecha	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Gold	92	Food friendly. Blackberries. Rich tannins.
<b>J. Lohr</b>						
2023 J. Lohr South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	97	Jammy fruit; black pepper; chocolate.
2023 J. Lohr Carol's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	St. Helena	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Double Gold	96	Bright cherry, long finish.
2023 J. Lohr South Ridge Syrah	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Jammy fruit; black pepper; chocolate.
2023 J. Lohr Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Double Gold	95	Herbaceous, good fruits, nicely done.
2023 J. Lohr Los Osos Merlot	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Gold	94	Great structure, nice finish

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2024 J. Lohr Riverstone Chardonnay	Arroyo Seco	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Gold	93	Citrus. Complex finish. Nutty, vanilla, oak.
2025 J. Lohr Bay Mist White Riesling	Arroyo Seco	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Gold	91	Honeysuckle, luscious fruit and honeycomb notes
2024 J. Lohr October Night Chardonnay	Arroyo Seco	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified California Sustainable	Gold	90	Bright acidity; floral, apple and green pineapple
<b>Jeremy Nickel Cellars</b>						
2025 Jeremy Nickel Cellars Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District			Gold	92	Bright and juicy; grassy with a nice finish
<b>JMC Cellars</b>						
2022 JMC Cellars Reserve Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands			Double Gold	96	Beautiful; Burgundian; earthy; dark plum; sweet body.
<b>John Mark Avant-Courier</b>						
2024 John Mark Avant-Courier Merlot	Mendocino County			Gold	93	Clean blackberry and tannins; "plush on the palate" with great oak integration
<b>Jordan Vineyard &amp; Winery</b>						
2022 Jordan Vineyard & Winery 2022 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			Gold	93	Blackberry and cocoa; great texture on the palate; Nice3 finish
<b>Just Enough Wines</b>						
2024 Just Enough Wines Chardonnay	Central Coast			Gold	91	Fresh, ripe pineapple; good aromatics; nice texture; classic
<b>Kamaris</b>						
2023 Kamaris Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley					
<b>Kim Crawford</b>						
2025 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			Best of Class	98	New Zealand style and terroir; fresh citrus, lemon
2025 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			Double Gold	98	New Zealand style and terroir; fresh citrus, lemon

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## King Estate

2023 King Estate Chardonnay	Willamette Valley		Double Gold	97	Spicy notes; elegant; lemon peel and meringue
2025 King Estate Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		Double Gold	96	Asian pear; vanilla citrus cream; classic
2024 King Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Oregon		Double Gold	96	Floral, coconut, zesty grapefruit; well-balanced with perfect structure
2021 King Estate Brut Cuvee	Willamette Valley	Method Champenois e	Double Gold	97	Balanced, bright cherry and apple notes; clean finish, crowd pleaser
2025 King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley		Gold	94	Watermelon, pretty, orange zest, long finish.
2024 King Estate Four Nobles Cuvée Blanc	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Floral, balanced, complex; great finish.
2025 King Estate Artisan Series Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Stone fruit; white peach; great acid; kiwi

## Kings Mountain Vineyards

2023 Kings Mountain Vineyards Clone 13	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown	Best of Class	97	Lavender, violet and cocoa mocha. Easy drinking.
2025 Kings Mountain Vineyards Boathouse Rosé	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown	Double Gold	95	Strawberry. Pretty. Complex grape.
2023 Kings Mountain Vineyards Clone 13	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown	Double Gold	97	Lavender, violet and cocoa mocha. Easy drinking.

## Koenig Vineyards

2022 Koenig Vineyards Petite Sirah	Snake River Valley		Double Gold	96	Smooth, balance, 5-spice, complexity, sage, nutmeg. Multi layers, dried herbs and blueberry.
2025 Koenig Vineyards Chardonnay	Idaho, Snake River Valley		Double Gold	97	Layered tropical fruit; layered spicy oak; lemon meringue pie,; creamy and rich
2022 Koenig Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon / Syrah	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Double Gold	95	Toasty, with dark fruit, a long finish and great intensity

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2025 Koenig Vineyards Viognier	Snake River Valley			Gold	92	Super pretty floral; soft fruit and well-balanced
<b>Korbel</b>						
NV Korbel Brut Rosé	California			Gold	91	Rhubarb and ripe cranberry; a real crowd pleaser
<b>Kriselle Cellars</b>						
2024 Kriselle Cellars Viognier	Rogue Valley			Gold	91	Floral; nicely balanced.
<b>La Follette</b>						
2023 La Follette La Follette Los Primeros Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			Double Gold	95	Elegant, tobacco leaf, cedar on finish, nice wine.
<b>La Voûte</b>						
2024 La Voûte Chardonnay	France			Gold	91	Earthy notes and good acidity; apple cider and lemon curd
<b>Le Vigne Estate</b>						
2022 Le Vigne Estate Grenache	Paso Robles			Double Gold	96	Earthy notes with gentle smokiness; cherry, apple, plum skin; long finish
2022 Le Vigne Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles		di Domenico	Gold	90	Blackberries, well integrated tannins, dark, bright, concentrated.
<b>Le Vigne Paso</b>						
2025 Le Vigne Paso Rosé of Sangiovese	Paso Robles			Best of Class	98	Nectarine skin, bright red fruit, nice mouth feel.
2025 Le Vigne Paso Rosé of Sangiovese	Paso Robles			Double Gold	98	Nectarine skin, bright red fruit, nice mouth feel.
2022 Le Vigne Paso Petite Sirah	Paso Robles			Gold	94	Raspberry, pretty tannins, mouthfeel.

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2025 Le Vigne Paso Sauvignon Blanc	Paso Robles	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Nice juice; floral, stone fruit, neutral oak, lime
<b>Ledson</b>					
2022 Ledson Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Gold	93	Blackberry, cola; soft entry; very balanced and long
<b>Libellus</b>					
2024 Libellus Pinot Grigio	Sicilia IGT		Best of Class	97	White pears, floral; savory, complex palate; delightful aromas; pleasing finish.
2024 Libellus Pinot Grigio	Sicilia IGT		Double Gold	97	White pears, floral; savory, complex palate; delightful aromas; pleasing finish.
2024 Libellus Red Blend	Puglia IGT		Gold	92	Dry with good aromatics; approachable; red cherry, tabasco and pepper
<b>Line 39</b>					
2023 Line 39 Red Blend	California		Best of Class	96	Exciting; violets with a nice finish
2023 Line 39 Red Blend	California		Double Gold	96	Exciting; violets with a nice finish
2023 Line 39 Pinot Noir	California		Gold	94	Cherry cola, pomegranate and spice.
<b>Liquid Light</b>					
2025 Liquid Light Rose	Washington State		Best of Class	96	Tart cherry, pepper jelly, crushed red pepper; "a touch of whimsy"
2025 Liquid Light Rose	Washington State		Double Gold	96	Tart cherry, pepper jelly, crushed red pepper; "a touch of whimsy"
<b>Long Barn</b>					
2024 Long Barn Pinot Noir	California		Gold	93	Raspberries and black tea; good balance
<b>Lula Cellars</b>					
2023 Lula Cellars CVR Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley		Best of Class	97	Deep color, rich bold flavor, complex. Winner - WOW factor

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2023 Lula Cellars CVR Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley			Double Gold	97	Deep color, rich bold flavor, complex. Winner - WOW factor
2023 Lula Cellars Pinot Noir Special Selection	Anderson Valley	Lula Vineyard		Gold	93	Jammy blue fruit ripe; Brown spice ripe.
2023 Lula Cellars Anderson Valley Chardonnay	Anderson Valley			Gold	93	Apple pie; lemon, honeysuckle and pineapple; classic varietal
<b>Magnus James</b>						
2025 Magnus James "The Homesteader"	Russian River Valley	Barrel Select		Gold	91	Juicy, floral, citrus blossom.
<b>Main &amp; Geary</b>						
2025 Main & Geary Sauvignon Blanc	California			Double Gold	95	Herbal notes; good mouthfeel; "food oriented"
<b>Maison Jussiaume</b>						
2020 Maison Jussiaume Maison Jussiaume BRUT NATURE	Rogue Valley	Method Traditionnelle		Best of Class	98	Classic, sophisticated; brioche, ginger and citrus; minerality
2020 Maison Jussiaume Maison Jussiaume BRUT NATURE	Rogue Valley	Method Traditionnelle		Double Gold	98	Classic, sophisticated; brioche, ginger and citrus; minerality
2020 Maison Jussiaume Maison Jussiaume Blanc de Blancs	Rogue Valley	Method Traditionnelle		Gold	92	Lemon; bright acid with a floral nose
<b>Maker Wine Company</b>						
2025 Maker Wine Company Bubbly Rose	Paso Robles	Single Vineyard	SIP Certified	Gold	94	Bright, soft and creamy; berry bramble, plum and pomegranate
<b>Martin Ray</b>						
2024 Martin Ray Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast			Gold	91	Lemon pith, baked apple, pineapple
2023 Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Gold	91	Cassis, cherry cream, dark chocolate and tar.
<b>Masterworks Series</b>						
2025 Masterworks Series Sauvignon Blanc	Nelson			Gold	90	Zingy, herbal notes, floral notes, citrus.
<b>Matrix Winery</b>						
2023 Matrix Winery Shiloh Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Best of Class	98	Beautiful; strawberry pie, maple syrup, carbonic; beautiful fruit, body and texture

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2023 Matrix Winery Shiloh Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	98	Beautiful; strawberry pie, maple syrup, carbonic; beautiful fruit, body and texture
2023 Matrix Winery R.Buoncristiani Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	91	Sarsaparilla, spice notes, cranberry sauce
2023 Matrix Winery Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	91	Huckleberry; nice mouthfeel; floral finish; fat and luscious.
2023 Matrix Winery Martin Pinot Noir	Carneros			Gold	92	Supple and smooth; black cherry and cranberry; savory notes
2023 Matrix Winery Four Valley Pinot Noir	Sonoma County			Gold	90	Chocolate, tootsie pop, vanilla; gentle oak; oak spice; chocolate covered cherries
2023 Matrix Winery Barrel Select Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Reserve		Gold	90	Spicy toasty cherry; cherry cola; nice smooth finish
<b>Mazzocco Sonoma</b>						
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Florence RSV	Rockpile		Florence RSV	Double Gold	98	Big, rich, dark fruit, dark fruits, brambly, awesome wine.
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Verano Old Vine RSV	Dry Creek Valley	Old Vine	Verano RSV	Gold	92	Pleasant sweetness, complex, classic Dry Creek.
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Seaton RSV	Dry Creek Valley		Seaton RSV	Gold	93	Sweet briar nose, well balanced, juicy rich fruit.
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Pony RSV	Dry Creek Valley		Pony RSV	Gold	93	Blackberry, blueberry, summer ripe fruits.
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Sullivan	Dry Creek Valley		Sullivan	Gold	93	Pretty and tasty, dark, approachable.
2023 Mazzocco Sonoma Zinfandel, Serracino RSV	Dry Creek Valley		Serracino RSV	Gold	93	Rich texture, pleasant tobacco leaf, peppery, classic Zin.
<b>McCarter Cellars</b>						
2024 McCarter Cellars Pink-ish Rosé of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			Gold	91	Caramelized berries; good acidity; grapefruit
2025 McCarter Cellars Gewurztraminer	Russian River Valley		Balletto Vineyard	Gold	90	Citrus, apple, pear

## McGrail Vineyards

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2022 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Livermore Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Best of Class	97	Cranberry, stuffing meal in a glass. Vibrant.
2022 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Livermore Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	97	Cranberry, stuffing meal in a glass. Vibrant.
<b>McPrice Myers Wines</b>						
2023 McPrice Myers Wines Beautiful Earth Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			Best of Class	98	Plums and blackberries; good structure; nice oak integration; cellar potential.
2023 McPrice Myers Wines Beautiful Earth Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			Double Gold	98	Plums and blackberries; good structure; nice oak integration; cellar potential.
2023 McPrice Myers Wines Beautiful Earth Red	Paso Robles			Double Gold	97	Big inky, raspberry pastry; balanced and delicious
<b>Mews</b>						
2021 Mews Estate Red Blend	Chalk Hill	Estate Single Vineyard		Gold	94	Herbs de Provence; cedar and sage; lovely tannins; good use of oak
2021 Mews Cabernet Sauvignon	Chalk Hill	Estate Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Ripe pomegranate, cherry cola
<b>Meyer Family Cellars</b>						
2023 Meyer Family Cellars Fluffy Billows Cabernet	Oakville	Barrel Aged	Single Vineyard, Proprietor Grown	Double Gold	97	Black currant, vanilla, dense
2024 Meyer Family Cellars Elke Vineyard Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Barrel Fermented	Barrel Aged, Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Well balanced; nice mouthfeel; nice minerals; variety of apples; soft creamy entry
<b>Mill Creek</b>						
2022 Mill Creek Waterwheel Red Wine Blend	Dry Creek Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	98	Boysenberries; nice tannins; rich and concentrated; will age well
2022 Mill Creek Waterwheel Red Wine Blend	Dry Creek Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Boysenberries; nice tannins; rich and concentrated; will age well
2025 Mill Creek Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	Gold	92	New Zealand style. Grassy. Lingering finish.

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2025 Mill Creek Chardonnay	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	Gold	90	Green melon; nice mineral; toasty brioche
<b>Miramonte Winery</b>						
2020 Miramonte Winery Opulente	Temecula Valley			Gold	93	Spices; complex finish
2019 Miramonte Winery Member's Reserve	California			Gold	91	Eucalyptus, cassis; beautiful Christmas spices
<b>Miro</b>						
2023 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	Chevalier Vineyard	Best of Class	99	Quaffable, juicy, long finish; great texture, well-balanced; great fruit
2023 Miro Miro Zinfandel Reserve	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Coyote Ridge	Best of Class	96	Blackberry and black cherry; soft middle; long finish; oatmeal cookie and tar
2023 Miro Miro Zinfandel Reserve	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve	Coyote Ridge	Double Gold	96	Blackberry and black cherry; soft middle; long finish; oatmeal cookie and tar
2022 Miro Pine Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Pine Mountain Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Boysenberry, cedar, vanilla, full body, very ripe.
2023 Miro Cuvee Sasha	Mendocino	Single Vineyard	Chevalier Vineyard	Double Gold	99	Quaffable, juicy, long finish; great texture, well-balanced; great fruit
2023 Miro Cabernet Sauvignon a CURE eSTATE	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Single Vineyard	a CURE eSTATE Vineyard	Gold	90	Sweet chocolate/cherry. faint green herbs; basil and tarragon
2024 Miro Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Olivet Ranch Vineyard	Gold	91	Full-bodied; mineral and apricot; smokey oak; sweet and sour
2024 Miro Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Reserve	Anderson Ross	Gold	90	Violet in nose, dried rose, nice fruit compote, pretty.
<b>Monserate Vineyards and Winery</b>						
2025 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Vermentino	San Luis Rey	Estate		Best of Class	98	Vanilla, rich mid palate, complex, apple, floral orange blossoms.
2025 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Fiore	San Luis Rey	Estate		Best of Class	96	Floral nose; crisp, good acidity and nice weight
2025 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Vermentino	San Luis Rey	Estate		Double Gold	98	Vanilla, rich mid palate, complex, apple, floral orange blossoms.

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2025 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Fiore	San Luis Rey	Estate		Double Gold	96	Floral nose; crisp, good acidity and nice weight
2025 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Fiano	San Luis Rey			Double Gold	97	Approachable, balanced. Citrus finish. Perfect food wine.
2024 Monserate Vineyards and Winery Ruscello	San Luis Rey	Estate		Gold	92	Plum, red fruit notes
<b>Montse Reece Wines</b>						
2023 Montse Reece Wines Montse 2023 Tempranillo	Lake County	Single Vineyard	Luchsinger Vineyards	Double Gold	97	Pretty. Integrated. Smooth. Nice finish. Deep plum fruit. Take this to dinner.
<b>Moody Press Cellars</b>						
2023 Moody Press Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa County	Barrel Aged		Gold	92	Black cherry and current. Cola, cocoa and mocha.
<b>My Italian Cousin</b>						
2023 My Italian Cousin My Italian Cousin - Eugenio	Coombsville			Gold	91	Chocolate and cherries
<b>Native Flora</b>						
2024 Native Flora Pinot Blanc - Loh Samah Bay	Dundee Hills	Estate		Double Gold	97	Clean, fresh and flawless; hint of strawberry
<b>Native9</b>						
2023 Native9 Pinot Noir	Santa Maria Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	94	Lighter style; higher acid
<b>Naumes Family</b>						
2024 Naumes Family Fly Line Chardonnay	Rogue Valley			Gold	93	Minerality; melon, dusty lemon; reserved
<b>Navarro Vineyards</b>						
2025 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Cluster Select	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		Best Dessert Wine	96	Notes of Honey Suckle and Lychee, great mouth feel, exceptionally well made.
2025 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Cluster Select	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		Best of Class	96	Notes of Honey Suckle and Lychee, great mouth feel, exceptionally well made.
2025 Navarro Vineyards Edelzwicker, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			Best of Class	97	Complex, great fruit, floral
2025 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer, Deep End	Anderson Valley			Best of Class	92	Floral, melon; "spring in the bottle"

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2025 Navarro Vineyards Riesling, Cluster Select	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest		Double Gold	96	Notes of Honey Suckle and Lychee, great mouth feel, exceptionally well made.
2025 Navarro Vineyards Grüner Veltliner	Anderson Valley			Double Gold	97	Gorgeous nose; white pepper and citrus; refreshing
2025 Navarro Vineyards Edelzwicker, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			Double Gold	97	Complex, great fruit, floral
2025 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Gris	Anderson Valley			Gold	94	Intense floral perfume; classic Pinot Gris
2024 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Noir, Méthode à l'Ancienne	Anderson Valley			Gold	93	Complex and satiny. Cinnamon, red cherry and almond biscotti.
2025 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley			Gold	91	Overripe apple, yellow apple, pear
2025 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer, Deep End	Anderson Valley			Gold	92	Floral, melon; "spring in the bottle"
2024 Navarro Vineyards Sangiovese Mendocino	Mendocino			Gold	91	Bright plum; dusty rose petals
<b>Nelson Family Vineyards</b>						
2024 Nelson Family Vineyards Viognier	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Big palate, complex; bright citrus
2024 Nelson Family Vineyards Pinot Grigio	Mendocino County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Pretty fruit, nice acid; Melon, sour white cherry, honeysuckle
<b>New Clairvaux Vineyard</b>						
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Assyrtiko	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Best of Class	99	White pepper; spiced; juicy; fresh cut lemongrass; pineapple and candied ginger
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Assyrtiko	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Best of the Best	99	White pepper; spiced; juicy; fresh cut lemongrass; pineapple and candied ginger
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Assyrtiko	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Best White	99	White pepper; spiced; juicy; fresh cut lemongrass; pineapple and candied ginger

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2024 New Clairvaux Vineyard Barbera	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	Poor Souls Block	Double Gold	95	Red berries; full spicy cinnamon, candied vanilla mocha
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Assyrtiko	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Double Gold	99	White pepper; spiced; juicy; fresh cut lemongrass; pineapple and candied ginger
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Albarino	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Double Gold	98	Floral, exotic fruit; star anise; good texture; Asian pear and Buddha's hand fruit
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Moschofilero	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	St. James Block	Double Gold	98	Exotic almond marzipan; peach skin finish
2025 New Clairvaux Vineyard Trebbiano	Tehama County			Gold	94	Super varietally correct; pear; ripe and finish with lime
NV New Clairvaux Vineyard Petite Temptation Lot 14	Tehama County		Vina Ranch	Gold	90	Red apple skins; earthy, chewy and juicy
<b>Nichelini Family Winery</b>						
2024 Nichelini Family Winery Primitivo	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Best of Class	96	Bright acidity; blueberry pie filling and raspberry jam notes
2024 Nichelini Family Winery Caterina Reserve	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Best of Class	94	Great aromatics, classic varietal characteristics, rich lemon curd
2023 Nichelini Family Winery Petite Sirah	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Best of Class	98	Blue fruit; live oak; allspice; dusty; rich black tea; long and complex; marionberry
2023 Nichelini Family Winery Petite Sirah	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Double Gold	98	Blue fruit; live oak; allspice; dusty; rich black tea; long and complex; marionberry
2024 Nichelini Family Winery Primitivo	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Double Gold	96	Bright acidity; blueberry pie filling and raspberry jam notes
2024 Nichelini Family Winery Caterina Reserve	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Gold	94	Great aromatics, classic varietal characteristics, rich lemon curd
2025 Nichelini Family Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Gold	91	Concentrated on the ripe side. Approachable.
2024 Nichelini Family Winery Muscadelle	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		Gold	94	Orange; fresh cut pine; juicy and fun

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2025 Nichelini Family Winery Moscato	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled	Gold	92	Orange peel, floral; balanced and long; nice finish.
2023 Nichelini Family Winery Caterina	Napa Valley	Reserve	Gold	91	Good acidity; notes of fig, toasty oak, vanilla
2023 Nichelini Family Winery 136th Vintage Brut	Napa Valley		Gold	94	Zesty lemonade, lemon lime; grassy, lemongrass
<b>Nicholson Vineyards</b>					
2023 Nicholson Vineyards Petite Sirah	Santa Clara Valley		Gold	93	Fresh fruit, bright notes, coastal, elegant.
<b>Noble Vines</b>					
2024 Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay	California		Double Gold	96	Stone fruit, pastry, toasty finish; maturity; nice finish.
2024 Noble Vines 337 Cabernet Sauvignon Lodi			Gold	90	Nicely integrated oak, made smart.
<b>Northstar</b>					
2022 Northstar Premier Merlot	Columbia Valley		Best of Class	95	Sophisticated; nicely balanced and cellar-worthy
2023 Northstar Merlot	Columbia Valley		Best of Class	97	Classic Old World style with balanced cloves, cassis and tannins
2022 Northstar Premier Merlot	Columbia Valley		Double Gold	95	Sophisticated; nicely balanced and cellar-worthy
2023 Northstar Merlot	Columbia Valley		Double Gold	97	Classic Old World style with balanced cloves, cassis and tannins
<b>Obelisco Estate Winery</b>					
2022 Obelisco Estate Winery Electrum	Red Mountain	Estate Grown	Gold	92	Dried plum, dried lemon peel, tart cherry
2021 Obelisco Estate Winery Merlot	Red Mountain		Gold	94	Complex wine with nice structure; cassis; lush and rich
<b>Obsession Wines</b>					
2024 Obsession Wines Obsession Symphony	Lodi		Gold	91	Perfume on rose; gardenia; papaya and guava; Great acid
<b>Oliver</b>					
NV Oliver Strawberry Hibiscus Spritz	NONE		Gold	91	Bright strawberries, peaches

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## Optio Vineyards

2024 Optio Vineyards Chardonnay	San Luis Obispo Coast	Barrel Aged		Gold	94	Varietally correct; delicate sea spray
2023 Optio Vineyards Grenache	San Luis Obispo Coast	Barrel Aged		Gold	91	Blackberry; rich, full-bodied and balanced
2023 Optio Vineyards Aer	Paso Robles Geneseo District	Barrel Aged	LaMar Vineyard	Gold	92	Boysenberry and black currants; nice finish; complex palate
2023 Optio Vineyards Inmesceo	Paso Robles Geneseo District	Barrel Aged		Gold	93	Lovely ripe dark fruit; delightful finish; will age well; oak is spot-on

## Oso Libre

2022 Oso Libre Querida	Paso Robles	Barrel Aged		Gold	93	Ripe, juicy blackberry. Black currant, plum and cedar.
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## Papapietro Perry

2023 Papapietro Perry Russian River Valley	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged		Gold	93	Red cherry. Complex palate. California style. Good food wine.
2023 Papapietro Perry Sonoma Coast	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Aged		Gold	92	Bright cherry fruit.

## Pearmund

2024 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia		South River Vineyard	Gold	92	Lovely aromatics; nicely balanced; wonderful example of the varietal; easy to drink
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## Pennyroyal Farm

2025 Pennyroyal Farm Rose of Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	97	Great salinity, vision of the beach. Raspberry, refreshing, tamarind.
2025 Pennyroyal Farm PinoTrio	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Gold	93	Stone fruits, apricot; "Great wine to pair with food"
2025 Pennyroyal Farm Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley			Gold	91	Grassiness, citrus and green fruits

## Perennial Vintners

NV Perennial Vintners Sparkling Melon de Bourgogne	Puget Sound	Estate		Gold	93	Bright lemon; minerality; linear and focused: FUN
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2023 Perennial Vintners Siegerrebe	Puget Sound	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Floral perfume on the nose makes this wine quite special; Nice finish
<b>Perrucci Family Vineyard</b>						
2022 Perrucci Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate		Double Gold	96	Dark chocolate, dried apricot. Depth and elegance. Wow factor.
<b>Peter William Vineyard</b>						
2021 Peter William Vineyard Malbec - PWV Reserve	Rogue Valley	Proprietor Grown	PWV Reserve	Best of Class	99	Lavender and spice; jam; little oak, ashen, earthy; rich full body
2021 Peter William Vineyard Malbec - PWV Reserve	Rogue Valley	Proprietor Grown	PWV Reserve	Double Gold	99	Lavender and spice; jam; little oak, ashen, earthy; rich full body
<b>Piazza Wines</b>						
2022 Piazza Wines Estate Syrah	Ballard Canyon	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Unfiltered	Gold	93	Rosemary herbs and ripe plums; great complexity and aging potential
<b>Picchetti Winery</b>						
NV Picchetti Winery Vino di Vicino	Santa Cruz Mountains			Double Gold	95	Boysenberry; herbaceous; blackberry and chocolate
2023 Picchetti Winery Malbec	Paso Robles Estrella District			Gold	92	Classic Paso Robles, bright fruit, clean finish.
2024 Picchetti Winery Super Tuscan	California			Gold	90	Warm, toasty, earthy; tart, cherries; long crisp finish.
<b>Piezo Winery</b>						
2020 Piezo Winery Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Barrel Fermented	Black Knight Vineyard	Gold	94	Almond butter; spiced pear; rich and layered
<b>Pink Moon</b>						
2025 Pink Moon Rose	California		CCSW	Gold	90	Easy to drink, quaffable; cherry pie
<b>Poggi</b>						
2023 Poggi Cabernet Dominant Bordeaux Style Blend	Napa Valley, Calistoga	Estate Grown	Twin Palms	Double Gold	97	Dark, complex fruit; beautiful spices
<b>Priest Ranch</b>						

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2022 Priest Ranch Snake Oil	Napa	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Chocolate, violet, raspberry, and wild blueberry; elegant and plush
<b>Prima Foglia</b>						
NV Prima Foglia Prosecco	Italy			Gold	90	Peaches, nectarine and candied lemon
<b>Quady Winery</b>						
2024 Quady Winery Red Electra Moscato	California			Best of Class	91	Cherries, fresh berries, strawberries; jammy and balanced
2024 Quady Winery Red Electra Moscato	California			Gold	91	Cherries, fresh berries, strawberries; jammy and balanced
<b>Quivira Vineyards</b>						
2025 Quivira Vineyards Estate Rosé	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Made from CCOF Certified Vineyards	Best of Class	96	Watermelon, complex fruit, nice structure.
2025 Quivira Vineyards Estate Rosé	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Made from CCOF Certified Vineyards	Best Rose	96	Watermelon, complex fruit, nice structure.
2025 Quivira Vineyards Estate Rosé	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Made from CCOF Certified Vineyards	Double Gold	96	Watermelon, complex fruit, nice structure.
2024 Quivira Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown & Bottled	Fig Tree Vineyard, Made from CCOF Certified Vineyards	Gold	91	Grassy, guava, fig, jalapeno.
<b>Ramona Ranch Winery</b>						
2022 Ramona Ranch Winery Tannat	Ramona Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable Winery	Best of Class	98	Dark chocolate; blueberry, vanilla; ripe rounded and balanced
2022 Ramona Ranch Winery Tannat	Ramona Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable Winery	Double Gold	98	Dark chocolate; blueberry, vanilla; ripe rounded and balanced

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## Rancho Vinedo

2023 Rancho Vinedo Chardonnay	Santa Barbara County, Santa Maria Valley	Barrel Aged	Gold	92	Light and bright; lemon, kiwi and grapefruit
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## Rapp Ranch

2021 Rapp Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	93	Oak really supports the fruit; well balanced; dark juicy fruit
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## Raymond Burr Vineyards

2022 Raymond Burr Vineyards Cabernet Franc	Dry Creek Valley		Best of Class	97	Sassy, spicy and silky; green bell pepper; elegant, vibrant finish
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2022 Raymond Burr Vineyards Cabernet Franc	Dry Creek Valley		Double Gold	97	Sassy, spicy and silky; green bell pepper; elegant, vibrant finish
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## Raymond Vineyards

2024 Raymond Vineyards R Collection Chardonnay	California		Gold	92	Pleasant mouthfeel. Clean finish. Bright citrus.
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2024 Raymond Vineyards R  Collection Merlot	California		Gold	93	Boysenberry; good texture and tannins; nice structure
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## Rellik Winery

2024 Rellik Winery Cosmic Raven	Rogue Valley		Best of Class	92	Tart plum, watermelon
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2024 Rellik Winery Cosmic Raven	Rogue Valley		Gold	92	Tart plum, watermelon
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2022 Rellik Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Rogue Valley	Reserve	Gold	92	Elegant, smooth, soft palate.
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## Rescue Dog Wines

2024 Rescue Dog Wines Rose'	Lodi		Certified Lodi Rules	Gold	92	Pretty, beautiful fruit, approachable.
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2024 Rescue Dog Wines Chardonnay	Lodi		Certified Lodi Rules	Gold	92	Full-bodied; floral, pear
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## Résolu Cellars

2022 Résolu Cellars Syrah	Columbia Valley	Barrel Aged	Unfined, French & Hungarian Oak barrel aged for two years	Gold	94	Bright fruit; thyme, marjoram; great length
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## Retzlaff

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2024 Retzlaff Merlot	Alameda County, Livermore Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Hand picked	Gold	93	Complex fruit; cassis and smooth tannins
2023 Retzlaff Cabernet Sauvignon 1 year	Alameda County, Livermore Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Hand picked	Gold	90	Blackberries, cassis, dark fruit.
<b>Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards</b>						
2024 Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards Gruner Veltliner	Umpqua Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Best of Class	98	Lemon cream and meringue; bright aromatics; nice bright palate; crowd pleaser
2024 Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards Gruner Veltliner	Umpqua Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	98	Lemon cream and meringue; bright aromatics; nice bright palate; crowd pleaser
2024 Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards Gloria's Syrah	Umpqua Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Dark roast coffee or espresso; Blueberries and thyme
<b>Rhiannon</b>						
2024 Rhiannon Sauvignon Blanc	North Coast			Gold	92	Stone fruit, juicy, citrus feel, lingering finish.
<b>Risata</b>						
NV Risata Amare Pinot Grigio	Delle Venezie DOC			Gold	92	Tropical; bright vivid acid
<b>Robert Hall</b>						
2025 Robert Hall Regenerative Organic Sauvignon Blanc	Paso Robles Geneseo District	Estate Grown	Regenerative Organic	Gold	91	Grassy, nice structure.
<b>Rock and Clay Wines</b>						
2025 Rock and Clay Wines White Blend	Sonoma Valley			Best of Class	95	Great balance, nice acid, lots of citrus, standout wine.
2025 Rock and Clay Wines White Blend	Sonoma Valley			Double Gold	95	Great balance, nice acid, lots of citrus, standout wine.
<b>Rockpile Vineyards</b>						
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Rockpile Ranch Reserve	Rockpile	Reserve		Best of Class	98	Great spice: juicy boysenberry and pomegranate

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2023 Rockpile Vineyards Petite Sirah, Buffalo Hollow	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Best of Class	97	Black licorice, gingersnap cookies, sage, dark ripe plum. Unrestrained tannins.
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Petite Sirah, Buffalo Hollow	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Double Gold	97	Black licorice, gingersnap cookies, sage, dark ripe plum. Unrestrained tannins.
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Buffalo Hollow Reserve	Rockpile	Reserve	Double Gold	96	Vanilla spice, blackberry pie; complex palate and structured finish
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Rockpile Ranch Reserve	Rockpile	Reserve	Double Gold	98	Great spice: juicy boysenberry and pomegranate
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Botticelli	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Gold	91	Long finish, soft, jammy notes, nice blend of fruit and spice, approachable.
2023 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Florence	Rockpile	Single Vineyard	Gold	93	Bold, bright fruit, fragrant nose, heady and brooding yet very elegant.
<b>Rodney Strong Vineyards</b>					
2023 Rodney Strong Vineyards Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley		Gold	91	Spicy, dark chocolate, juicy, herbal cherry. Easy to drink.
<b>Rolling Hills Vineyard</b>					
2023 Rolling Hills Vineyard Syrah	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Barrel Aged	Gold	93	Good cellar potential; coffee notes; ripe dark stone fruit
2022 Rolling Hills Vineyard Azzurro	Idaho, Snake River Valley	Barrel Aged	Gold	90	Blackberry; elegant and pretty with great body
<b>Rutherford Ranch</b>					
2022 Rutherford Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		Gold	93	Great length; very nice fruit; blueberry, blackberry, cassis; pleasant finish
<b>Ryan Patrick</b>					
2025 Ryan Patrick Pinot Grigio	Columbia Valley, Ancient Lakes	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Gold	93	Lovely texture; bright fruit; refreshing
<b>s2s</b>					
2021 s2s Mouvedre	Lodi		Gold	93	Great example; earthy; ripe cherry, cedar; medium body; long finish

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## San Simeon

2023 San Simeon Trident Series Red Blend      El Pomar District      Gold      93      Meaty, sweet, oaky

## Scalon Cellars

2021 Scalon Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon      Coombsville      Barrel Aged      Double Gold      97      Blueberry, vanilla; creamy, sweet; toasty oak, touch of cinnamon; great aromas

## Scarlett

2023 Scarlett The Pennant      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Best of Class      97      Elegant; "The wow factor!"; great fruit and creamy; dark color, long finish

2023 Scarlett Proprietary Red Wine      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Best of Class      97      Big black fruit, leather

2022 Scarlett Petit Verdot      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Best of Class      97      Boysenberry, cedar; beautiful structure and balance; drink now or lay down in the cellar to meet again

2023 Scarlett Proprietary Red Wine      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Double Gold      97      Big black fruit, leather

2023 Scarlett The Pennant      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Double Gold      97      Elegant; "The wow factor!"; great fruit and creamy; dark color, long finish

2022 Scarlett Petit Verdot      Rutherford      Estate Grown      Double Gold      97      Boysenberry, cedar; beautiful structure and balance; drink now or lay down in the cellar to meet again

## Schermeister Winery

2023 Schermeister Winery Pinot Noir      Petaluma Gap      Barrel Aged      Native Fermented, Unfiltered, Roberts Road Vineyard      Best of Class      99      Rhubarb, currant; savory and herbal, like very good stuffing

2023 Schermeister Winery Pinot Noir      Petaluma Gap      Barrel Aged      Native Fermented, Unfiltered, Roberts Road Vineyard      Double Gold      99      Rhubarb, currant; savory and herbal, like very good stuffing

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## SCORIA Vineyards

2023 SCORIA Vineyards Syrah	Snake River Valley	Estate	Gold	94	Great varietal character; rich and savory; bring this to the BBQ
2023 SCORIA Vineyards Malbec	Snake River Valley	Estate	Gold	94	Blueberry; oak; light smoke; leather, chocolate; long finish
2022 SCORIA Vineyards Petit Verdot	Snake River Valley	Estate	Gold	93	Cassis, chocolate and tannins; a big wild and fun wine

## Scott Family Estate

2024 Scott Family Estate Pinot Noir	Arroyo Seco		Best of Class	98	Bright, herbal, intense without losing varietal. Lovely pomegranate and cranberry.
2024 Scott Family Estate Pinot Noir	Arroyo Seco		Double Gold	98	Bright, herbal, intense without losing varietal. Lovely pomegranate and cranberry.

## Sean Minor

2024 Sean Minor Grenache - Rossi Ranch, Invited	Sonoma Valley		Double Gold	98	Dried fruit with spice and hibiscus; grippy and dense
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## Seka Hills

2018 Seka Hills Cabernet Franc	Yolo County	Estate Grown and Produced	Gold	91	Smoky, BBQ notes; complex and complete
2021 Seka Hills Syrah	Yolo County	Estate Grown and Produced	Gold	94	Juicy with so much flavor; a worthy addition to the cellar

## Sendero de Campos

2023 Sendero de Campos Albariño	Spain		Gold	93	Minerality; spice and marine mist
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## Sequoia Grove

2023 Sequoia Grove Malbec	Napa Valley		Best of Class	98	Black cherry, notes of cocoa and chocolate, classic Napa Valley, delicious.
2023 Sequoia Grove Malbec	Napa Valley		Double Gold	98	Black cherry, notes of cocoa and chocolate, classic Napa Valley, delicious.

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2023 Sequoia Grove Merlot	Napa Valley		Double Gold	96	Black currants with savory duck fat; voluptuous notes of leather	
2023 Sequoia Grove Syrah	Napa Valley		Gold	94	Big and rich; espresso, floral; good aging potential	
<b>Serial</b>						
2023 Serial Willow Creek District Syrah	Paso Robles, Willow Creek District		Co-Fermented	Best of Class	99	Fruit forward with plum notes; peppers and bacon; nice tannins that taper; long finish
2023 Serial Willow Creek District Syrah	Paso Robles, Willow Creek District		Co-Fermented	Double Gold	99	Fruit forward with plum notes; peppers and bacon; nice tannins that taper; long finish
2023 Serial Serial Hawks Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaida District	Adelaida District		Co-Fermented	Gold	94	Structured dark fruit; nice nose, nice grip.
<b>Seven Rings</b>						
2023 Seven Rings Cabernet Sauvignon	Oak Knoll District		CCSW	Double Gold	97	Gracefulness and elegance; green peppercorn
<b>Shale Oak Winery</b>						
2023 Shale Oak Winery Syrah	Paso Robles			Best of Class	98	Great fruit: cherry; creamy rich finish with a touch of plum; chewy tannins
2023 Shale Oak Winery Syrah	Paso Robles			Double Gold	98	Great fruit: cherry; creamy rich finish with a touch of plum; chewy tannins
2023 Shale Oak Winery Petit Verdot	Paso Robles Estrella District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	SIP Certified	Gold	92	Toasty oak, baked fruits, silky finish.
2024 Shale Oak Winery Albariño	Paso Robles Estrella District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	SIP Certified	Gold	91	Deep aroma; big wine with a nice finish
2023 Shale Oak Winery Grenache	Paso Robles, Willow Creek District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	SIP Certified	Gold	92	Big style; vanilla, cranberry and oak
<b>Shumacher Wines</b>						
2023 Shumacher Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	Rutherford	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	98	Pretty; sweet raisin; blackberry and almond

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2025 Shumacher Wines Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley, Carneros	Single Vineyard		Gold	93	Grassy, balanced, lingering, complex.
2023 Shumacher Wines Blanc de Blancs	Sonoma Valley	Methodé Champenoise	Single Vineyard	Gold	92	Creamy with bright lemon
<b>Sidereus</b>						
2025 Sidereus Roussanne	Columbia Valley			Double Gold	98	Elegant creamy texture; peach blossom component
<b>Silverback Estate Winery</b>						
2022 Silverback Estate Winery Uptown Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Estate	Block 1 Pommard	Gold	90	Smokey oaky rich, cherry.
<b>Six Sigma Winery</b>						
2025 Six Sigma Winery Marianne's Rose	Lake County			Gold	93	Pretty. Allspice. Red fruit. Earthy.
<b>Skinner</b>						
2024 Skinner Syrah	El Dorado County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Blackberry and plum; nice tannins and a long finish
2024 Skinner Blanc de Blanc	El Dorado County	Estate Grown and Produced		Double Gold	96	Custard brioche; lemon zest; balanced acid; dances in the mouth
2025 Skinner Rose	El Dorado County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Salmon color. Round. Great finish.
2024 Skinner Bourboulenc	El Dorado County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Really fresh palate with the citrus; lovely quaffing wine
2025 Skinner Picpoul Blanc	El Dorado County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	94	Complex, but light on its feet; full bodied
2025 Skinner Grenache Blanc	El Dorado County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Well made; balance with lovely aromas

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2025 Somnium Danica	Côtes de Provence AOP	Unoaked		Gold	93	Very complex, wet stone, integrated balance.
<b>Soquel Vineyards</b>						
2024 Soquel Vineyards Estate Grown Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains		Soquel Vineyards	Double Gold	96	Flavor, great, intense. Well made. Great fruit.
2024 Soquel Vineyards Pinot Grigio	American			Gold	93	Delightful aromas, lovely mouthfeel; apple strudel; nice complexity
2024 Soquel Vineyards Trinity Rosso	California			Gold	92	Fresh cherries, sharp berries, spicy; heavy tannin profile, clean finish
<b>Soter Vineyards</b>						
2023 Soter Vineyards Soter Vineyards Estates Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	LIVE	Double Gold	95	Deep great color. Concentrated fruit. Elegant style. Subdued.
2022 Soter Vineyards Soter Vineyards Estates Chardonnay	Willamette Valley	Estate		Gold	92	Lean style, well-balanced; lanolin and restrained oak
<b>South Coast Winery</b>						
2025 South Coast Winery 2025 Verdelho	Temecula Valley			Double Gold	96	Clean minerality; refreshing; nice body; varietally correct
2025 South Coast Winery 2025 Pinot Grigio Sparkling	Temecula Valley			Gold	92	Fun and flirty; cotton candy, mango and pears
NV South Coast Winery Spumante Diamante	Temecula Valley			Gold	91	Sweet, refreshing; apricot; "vacation in a glass"
2024 South Coast Winery 2024 Big Red Sunshine Primitivo	South Coast	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	92	Ripe red fruit, raspberry
NV South Coast Winery 2025 Sparkling Gewürztraminer	Temecula Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	93	Bright fruit, orange blossom, stone fruit, violet.
<b>Spring Valley Vineyard</b>						
2023 Spring Valley Vineyard Uriah Red Wine	Walla Walla Valley			Gold	91	Cherries; nicely balanced; good oak
<b>St. Anne's Crossing</b>						
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Split Rail Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Split Rail Zinfandel	Best of Class	96	Delicious, raspberry, jammy, soft finish, lingering.
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Split Rail Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Split Rail Zinfandel	Double Gold	96	Delicious, raspberry, jammy, soft finish, lingering.

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2023 St. Anne's Crossing Tripi Zinfandel	Russian River Valley		Gold	91	Well made, juicy sweet fruit, long finish, fresh and lively.	
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Los Chamizal Primitivo	Sonoma Valley	Los Chamizal	Gold	94	Great color, depth and complexity; brambly, blueberries and tobacco notes	
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Black Oak Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Black Oak	Gold	92	Red dark fruit, integration, spice, bold nose.	
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Angelo Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Angelo Zin	Gold	92	Bright nose, lingering, balanced, dark and brooding.	
2023 St. Anne's Crossing Sonoma County Zinfandel	Sonoma County	Sonoma County Zinfandel	Gold	93	Spice, long finish, cherry, smooth.	
<b>St. Francis</b>						
2023 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain District		Best of Class	97	Blueberries. Cassis.	
2023 St. Francis Lagomarsino Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Russian River Valley	Artisan Collection	Double Gold	96	Classic, well-balanced; violets, fresh mint, nice acidity	
2023 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain District		Double Gold	97	Blueberries. Cassis.	
2023 St. Francis Anthem Red Wine	Sonoma County	Icon Collection	Gold	92	Nicely rounded; elegant	
2023 St. Francis Giovanetti Vineyard Zinfandel	Russian River Valley	Artisan Collection	Gold	90	Lovely big blue fruits; nice texture and flavor; dense	
2023 St. Francis Wild Oak Vineyard Cabernet Franc	Sonoma Valley	Artisan Collection	Gold	93	Deep and concentrated with graceful tannins; herbaceous with notes of olives	
2022 St. Francis Wild Oak Vineyard Petite Sirah	Sonoma Valley		Gold	94	Classic, juicy, inky; white pepper	
2025 St. Francis Wild Oak Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma Valley	Artisan Collection	Gold	90	New Zealand style: grassy, lemongrass	
<b>St. Supery Estate Vineyards &amp; Winery</b>						
2025 St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	Best of Class	97	Mineral, wet stone, tropical guava, grassy.

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2025 St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	Double Gold	97	Mineral, wet stone, tropical guava, grassy.
2025 St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery Estate Rosé	Napa Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	Gold	91	Watermelon, vanilla. Silky texture and juicy.
<b>Staete Landt</b>						
2024 Staete Landt Duchess Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			Gold	90	Juicy, grassy, classic New Zealand.
<b>Stage Pass Estate</b>						
2024 Stage Pass Estate Chardonnay	Rogue Valley			Gold	90	Apple crisp; floral and tangerine
<b>Stellenrust Heritage Collection Chenin Blanc</b>						
2025 Stellenrust Heritage Collection Chenin Blanc Chenin Blanc	Bot River			Gold	93	Green apple, citrus galore; "great with food"
<b>Stone Bay</b>						
2025 Stone Bay Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			Gold	91	Classy New Zealand. Passionfruit. Grassy. Herbaceous.
<b>Stoneleigh</b>						
2025 Stoneleigh Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand, Marlborough			Gold	94	Layers, well-balanced, good acidity; lemongrass, ginger, coconut and gooseberries
<b>Substance</b>						
2025 Substance Riesling	Ancient Lakes		Evergreen Vineyard	Best of Class	94	Rich mid-palate; peach; long finish
2025 Substance Riesling	Ancient Lakes		Evergreen Vineyard	Gold	94	Rich mid-palate; peach; long finish
<b>SummerWood</b>						
2023 SummerWood Syrah	Paso Robles			Double Gold	95	Good depth; strawberry, raspberry and a very nice earthy component
2023 SummerWood Petite Sirah	Paso Robles			Gold	94	Intense fruit; chocolate mint; crushed espresso
2023 SummerWood Grenache	Paso Robles			Gold	91	Nutmeg and eggnog; spicy notes; seamless
<b>Summit Lake Vineyards</b>						

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2022 Summit Lake Vineyards Summit Lake Vineyards Emily Kestrel Cabernet Sauvignon	Howell Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate, Emily Kestrel	Double Gold	97	Great oak, dried herbs; nice tannin and structure; "a beautiful wine"
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2022 Summit Lake Vineyards Summit Lake Vineyards Sophia Lynn Petite Sirah	Howell Mountain	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Sophia Lynn, Estate	Gold	92	Mountain soil. Structure. Bakers chocolate, aggressive mint, brown brittle.
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## Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery

2025 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery 2025 Viognier	Santa Barbara County, Santa Ynez Valley			Gold	92	Great finish, balanced; citrus.
2024 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery 2024 GSM	Central Coast			Gold	93	Juicy plum, savory, morel mushroom, black tea
2024 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery 2024 Merlot	Paso Robles			Gold	93	Lush with dark fruit; Herb de Provence
2024 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery 2024 Petit Verdot	Paso Robles			Gold	93	Inviting fruit; beautiful tannins; nice use of oak
2024 Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery 2024 Grenache	Ballard Canyon			Gold	90	Smokey notes, cigar; dried herbs.

## Tackitt Family Vineyards

2025 Tackitt Family Vineyards Risque' Rose'	Paso Robles			Gold	92	Cherry and crisp strawberry. Great mouth feel.
2023 Tackitt Family Vineyards Barrel Select Syrah	Paso Robles			Gold	93	Mint, blackberry pie, Big flavors with a nice finish.

## Tagaris

2024 Tagaris Pinot Noir	Columbia Valley	Estate		Gold	92	Zesty, green peppercorn, red peppers and chili pepper. Spicy and fun.
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## Tailored Republic

2023 Tailored Republic Cabernet Sauvignon	California			Gold	91	Complex, drinkable; restrained tannins
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## Telaya Wine Co

2022 Telaya Wine Co Petit Verdot	Snake River Valley	Reserve		Gold	94	Blackberry jam; Juicy and generous
2022 Telaya Wine Co Syrah	Red Mountain	Reserve	Ciel Du Cheval Vineyard	Gold	90	Rich with bright fruit; blueberry, plum; great value

## Terra Amata Vineyards

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2024 Terra Amata Vineyards Old Vine Reserve Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Barrel Aged	organic non-certified	Best of Class	97	Black tea. Dark cherries. Blueberries and spice.
2024 Terra Amata Vineyards Old Vine Reserve Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Barrel Aged	organic non-certified	Double Gold	97	Black tea. Dark cherries. Blueberries and spice.
2024 Terra Amata Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Barrel Aged	organic non-certified	Gold	92	Juicy. Dark cherries. Long finish. Blackberries.
2024 Terra Amata Vineyards Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley	Barrel Aged	organic non-certified	Gold	91	Blue plum, boysenberries. Well balanced and acidity.
<b>Thacher Winery</b>						
2023 Thacher Winery Carignan	Paso Robles Willowcreek District			Gold	92	Black cherry and berry; rich mid-palate; oaky; long finish
<b>The Capitalist</b>						
2021 The Capitalist The Capitalist	Lodi	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	97	Chocolate; cellar potential
<b>The Icon Rock</b>						
2022 The Icon Rock Signature	Mendoza			Best of Class	96	Nice round mouthfeel, blackberry pie, dusty summer fruit, well structured.
2022 The Icon Rock Signature	Mendoza			Double Gold	96	Nice round mouthfeel, blackberry pie, dusty summer fruit, well structured.
2023 The Icon Rock Signature Chardonnay	Uco Valley			Gold	94	Pear crumble. Bright palate.
<b>Three Stars Wine, Inc.</b>						
2023 Three Stars Wine, Inc. Cabernet Sauvignon	Coombsville	Single Vineyard		Double Gold	95	Inky with big tannins; bright; fig and violets; espresso
<b>Tifosi</b>						
2024 Tifosi White Blend	Italy			Gold	91	Stone fruit, tangerine and bright fruit; light in texture, silky
<b>Tiny Vineyards Wine Company</b>						
2025 Tiny Vineyards Wine Company Daniel's Pride Albarino	Sierra Foothills			Gold	93	Pear skin, mango and kiwi; exotic tropical notes; dried coriander
2023 Tiny Vineyards Wine Company Requisite Red	Sonoma Valley			Gold	91	Earthy dark fruit; concentrated

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2025 Tiny Vineyards Wine Company Rose of Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley		Gold	90	Fruity nose, dark cherry flavor
<b>Tior</b>					
2024 Tior Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		Gold	94	Apple and honeysuckle aromas; simple spices on palate; pleasing finish
2023 Tior Pinot Noir	Yamhill-Carlton District	LIVE certified vineyard	Gold	91	Black cherry, raspberry, cherry, red fruit, well integrated oak.
<b>TORCIA</b>					
2019 TORCIA Red Blend	Napa Valley		Gold	92	Earthy, good oak; soft tannins and a long finish
<b>Toschi Vineyards</b>					
2025 Toschi Vineyards Chardonnay	California		Best of Class	98	Peach, tropical, stone fruit, river rock
2025 Toschi Vineyards Chardonnay	California		Double Gold	98	Peach, tropical, stone fruit, river rock
2023 Toschi Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	California	Barrel Aged	Gold	91	Black cherry and berry, full bodied; long balanced finish
<b>Trapiche</b>					
2021 Trapiche Iscay Malbec Cabernet-Franc	Uco Valley		Best of Class	96	Pretty spice with red fruit, violets, and white pepper
2021 Trapiche Iscay Malbec Cabernet-Franc	Uco Valley		Double Gold	96	Pretty spice with red fruit, violets, and white pepper
<b>Trefethen Family Vineyards</b>					
2024 Trefethen Family Vineyards Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Pineapple and peach; sweet tart balance.
2021 Trefethen Family Vineyards HaLo	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	91	Lush and silky; good tannic structure; violets, lovely nose
<b>Trentadue</b>					
2024 Trentadue Montepulciano	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	Best of Class	98	Rich and spicy; depth of flavor and aromatics; well-balanced acidity
2023 Trentadue La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate	Best of Class	98	Tart, ripe blackberry fruit; toasty oak; soft mouthfeel and long balanced finish

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2023 Trentadue La Storia Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Double Gold	97	Candied orange peel, plum, licorice root, bright, lifted aromatics, very pretty.	
2023 Trentadue La Storia Cuvee 32	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate		Double Gold	98	Tart, ripe blackberry fruit; toasty oak; soft mouthfeel and long balanced finish	
2024 Trentadue La Storia Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			Double Gold	96	Vibrant, kumquat, citrus spice and baked brie notes.	
2024 Trentadue Montepulciano	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	98	Rich and spicy; depth of flavor and aromatics; well-balanced acidity	
2023 Trentadue La Storia Merlot	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	96	Black pepper, cola, steak sauce; nice structure; rich and lush	
2025 Trentadue La Storia Sauvignon Blanc	Russian River Valley			Gold	90	Floral, herbaceous flavors	
2025 Trentadue Rosato Di Sangiovese	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled		Gold	93	Ripe strawberry floral, crisp apple. Porch pounder.	
<b>Trotter 1/16 Winery</b>							
2023 Trotter 1/16 Winery Cabernet Franc	Knights Valley		Barrel Aged	Newman Vineyard	Double Gold	95	Elegant, pretty and well-balanced
2023 Trotter 1/16 Winery Ben's Blend	Napa County/Sonoma County				Double Gold	95	Elegant grippy tannins; intense ripe fruit; well-balanced
<b>Troupeau De Chevaux</b>							
2022 Troupeau De Chevaux Troupeau De Chevaux	California				Best of Class	98	Tobacco, clove; broad spectrum of fruit: red currant, raspberry, black currant, blackberry
2022 Troupeau De Chevaux Troupeau De Chevaux	California				Double Gold	98	Tobacco, clove; broad spectrum of fruit: red currant, raspberry, black currant, blackberry
<b>Trujillo Wines</b>							
2023 Trujillo Wines Trujillo Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll				Double Gold	96	Lemon tart; shortbread crust; fresh; Herbal; and great acid.
2022 Trujillo Wines Trujillo Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley		Barrel Aged		Gold	94	Pure berries; nice spice; great nose
2023 Trujillo Wines Artesano Grenache Syrah Mourvedre	Napa				Gold	92	Sweet berry compote; blue fruit; cranberry

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## Turnstile Cellars

2024 Turnstile Cellars Saisei Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Single Vineyard	Purrington Rued Vineyard, Barrel Fermented, Unfiltered	Double Gold	97	Good acidity and light oak; tropical fruit, linear with silky edges; superb execution, light oak.
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## Twice Tyger

2023 Twice Tyger Petit Verdot	Santa Clara Valley	Estate		Gold	92	Bright pure expression of fruits; lovely tannins; spiced blueberry
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## Ty Caton Vineyards

2023 Ty Caton Vineyards Carlton Brooke Petit Verdot	Sonoma Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	18 months, 60% new French Oak	Gold	94	Blue fruits, depth of flavor, well balanced, bright acidity.
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## Une Femme Wines

NV Une Femme Wines The Callie Rosé Bubbly	Lodi		Certified Sustainable	Gold	91	Blood orange, strawberry; fresh juice, long finish
NV Une Femme Wines Chardonnay	Lodi		Certified Sustainable	Gold	93	Apple strudel. Nice palate weight. Bright finish.

## Unshackled

2023 Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon	Adelaida District			Best of Class	98	Rich soft, proper herbs, plum, Sacher torte with raspberries and grenache
2023 Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon	Adelaida District			Double Gold	98	Rich soft, proper herbs, plum, Sacher torte with raspberries and grenache

## USA 250 Revolution Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

2022 USA 250 Revolution Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			Double Gold	97	Candied blueberries with black raspberries; velvety; lovely finish
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## V1no Juan

2024 V1no Juan El Linaje	Adelaida District	Barrel Aged		Double Gold	96	Depth; black and red fruit; great blend
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## Valle de Viñedo

2024 Valle de Viñedo Cabernet Sauvignon	Valle Central			Double Gold	97	Green chili, plum, red cherry, cumin note; herbs and cilantro
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## Viaggio Estate Winery

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2022 Viaggio Estate Winery Estate Barbera. Big Ben Henry	Mokelumne River	Estate Bottled & Produced	Gold	92	Juicy, tart, herbaceous; grippy; thyme
<b>Vina Robles</b>					
2023 Vina Robles Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles		Gold	93	Soft edge; plum, Worcestershire; herbs; green tea; well developed.
<b>Visionario</b>					
2024 Visionario White blend	Trevente IG		Double Gold	95	Big, fruity, earthy character; soft finish
<b>WE KNOW JACK!</b>					
2023 WE KNOW JACK! OUTTA LUCK	Rockpile	Estate Grown SINGLE BLOCK	Gold	92	Earthy, forest floor; great extraction; varietally correct
2022 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown SINGLE BLOCK	Gold	91	Chocolate, blueberry; good density; great mouthfeel; long finish
2021 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown Vineyard Designate, Single Block	Gold	91	Blackberry, spicy fruit; long finish; tar and olive
2024 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown Vineyard Designate, Single Block	Gold	90	Big fruit; nice spice; nice herbal notes
2023 WE KNOW JACK! ROCKPILE RIFF RAFF ZINFANDEL	Rockpile	Estate Grown Reserve SINGLE BLOCK	Gold	90	Cedar, pine, olives, eucalyptus, ripe blackberries
<b>Weather</b>					
2024 Weather Carneros Gap Vineyard Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Carneros		Best of Class	98	Good balance; superb handling of oak; brisk lemon, fresh
2024 Weather Carneros Gap Vineyard Chardonnay	Napa Valley, Carneros		Double Gold	98	Good balance; superb handling of oak; brisk lemon, fresh
<b>Whitehaven</b>					
2025 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough		Gold	91	Tropical. Grassy. Rich on palate. Well balanced.
<b>Willamette Valley Vineyards</b>					
2024 Willamette Valley Vineyards Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		Gold	92	Refreshing with citrus notes and a clean finish; lemonade

## Wilson of Dry Creek

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2024 Wilson of Dry Creek 2024 RSV Chardonnay	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Winemaker's Reserve Blend	Rockpile	Best of Class	98	Lemon sauce and baked apple; butter cream; vanilla; big mouth feel; juicy
2024 Wilson of Dry Creek 2024 RSV Chardonnay	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Winemaker's Reserve Blend	Rockpile	Double Gold	98	Lemon sauce and baked apple; butter cream; vanilla; big mouth feel; juicy
2023 Wilson of Dry Creek 2023 Sydney Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	96	Blueberry and sour cherry jam. Moderate tannins.
2025 Wilson of Dry Creek 2025 SAUVIGNON BLANC ROCKPILE	Rockpile	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		Gold	90	Sweetpea, crowd pleaser, juicy.
2024 Wilson of Dry Creek 2024 CHARDONNAY SONOMA COUNTY	Sonoma County	Winemaker Select		Gold	91	golden apple butter; quince
<b>Windy Oaks Estate</b>						
2023 Windy Oaks Estate Pinot Noir, Estate Cuvée	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Bottled & Produced		Double Gold	96	Delicious. Slow moving. Ripe red fruit.
<b>Wine By Joe</b>						
2023 Wine By Joe Pinot Noir	Oregon			Gold	94	Cherry spice, complex nose; violet with ripe tannins
2022 Wine By Joe Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			Gold	93	Orange blossom, stone fruit; complex
<b>Wise Villa Winery</b>						
2024 Wise Villa Winery Reserve Chardonnay	Sierra Foothills	Estate Produced and Bottled		Best of Class	98	Soft; round in mouth with creamy crème brûlée; lemon oil.
2024 Wise Villa Winery Reserve Chardonnay	Sierra Foothills	Estate Produced and Bottled		Double Gold	98	Soft; round in mouth with creamy crème brûlée; lemon oil.
2025 Wise Villa Winery Viognier	Sierra Foothills	Estate Produced and Bottled		Gold	91	Floral; juicy lemon and lime; nice acidity
<b>Wolff Vineyards</b>						
2023 Wolff Vineyards Chardonnay Old Vines	Edna Valley	Barrel Fermented		Gold	90	Spicy notes; subtle salinity; lemon meringue

**Woodenhead**

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2025 Woodenhead French Colombard	Mendocino County	Single Vineyard	"Halfshell White"	Gold	92	Generous on the palate with a lot of flavor; Classic varietal representation
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