

# 2024 International Women's Wine Competition

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## Best of the Best

<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Rouge	Central Coast	99	Crowd pleaser, dark and ripe, firm tannins, spicy gum drops, blueberry, long finish.
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## Best Woman Winemaker

<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Rouge	Central Coast	99	Crowd pleaser, dark and ripe, firm tannins, spicy gum drops, blueberry, long finish.
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## Best Sparkling

Bennett Valley Cellars	NV Bennett Valley Cellars Cuvee	Sonoma County	96	Clean, lemon fine zest. Cured meats, spice, strawberry, long finish.
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## Best of Show White Wine

Brecon Estate	2023 Brecon Estate True Acacia Head	San Luis Obispo Coast	99	Beautiful floral nose, peaches, lychee, tangerine, gorgeous long finish.
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## Best of Show Rosé Wine

Taylor's Wines	2023 Taylor's Wines Taylor Made Pinot Noir Rosé	Australia, Adelaide Hills	98	Classic bright and food friendly; Lively finish
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## Best of Show Red Wine

<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Rouge	Central Coast	99	Crowd pleaser, dark and ripe, firm tannins, spicy gum drops, blueberry, long finish.
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## Best of Show Fruit

Fireside Winery	NV Ackerman Winery Iowa Rhubarb	Iowa	97	Great acid. Nailed it: essence of rhubarb. Lovely tartness to it. Orange rind. Complex.
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## Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Gray Ghost Vineyards	2023 Gray Ghost Adieu	Virginia	Late Harvest	98	Super white peach. Gardenia. Oregon on the finish. Lush and sensuous texture.
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## Best of Class

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7 Vines Vineyard	2023 7 Vines Vineyard True North Rose	Minnesota	Estate Vineyard		92	Bright red fruit, fresh savory herbs, earthy spice notes.
Aimee	2022 Aimee Primitivo	Napa Valley	Winemaker Select		91	Spice, red fruit, cardamon, rich texture, plush and tangy.
Alamitos Vineyards	2021 Alamitos Vineyards "Andorinha" Touriga Nacional	Santa Cruz Mountains/Santa Clara Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	Reserve	96	Fruit leather. Great depth and range. Wonderful herbal elements. Cardamon. Brewed coffee.
AniChe Cellars	2023 AniChe Cellars Baba Yaga	Yakima Valley			97	Golden delicious apples. Electric on the palate, mouthwatering. Bone dry.
Bennett Valley Cellars	NV Bennett Valley Cellars Cuvee	Sonoma County			96	Clean, lemon fine zest. Cured meats, spice, strawberry, long finish.
Boisset Collection	2022 DeLoach Vineyards Estate Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Estate		95	Clean and crisp. Very well balanced and well structured.
Boisset Collection	2021 LVE: Legend Vineyard Exclusive Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley			97	Dark berry fruit with leather notes. Well balanced with approachable tannins
Boisset Collection	2019 DeLoach Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Plum, boysenberry, red cherry. Full mouth. Excellent minerality. Long elegant finish
Brecon Estate	2023 Brecon Estate Viognier	Adelaida District			96	Beautiful floral rose; jasmine, chamomile, spicy finish; Aromatic wonder
Brecon Estate	2023 Brecon Estate True Acacia Head	San Luis Obispo Coast			99	Beautiful floral nose, peaches, lychee, tangerine, gorgeous long finish.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2022 Carol Shelton Wines Coquille Rouge	Central Coast			99	Crowd pleaser, dark and ripe, firm tannins, spicy gum drops, blueberry, long finish.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2021 Carol Shelton Wines Wild Thing Zin	Mendocino County	Old Vines	Organically grown	92	Black cherry, pepper, full bodied, firm tannins.

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<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2021 Carol Shelton Wines Rockpile Reserve Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve	Florence Vineyard	98	Pretty, floral, plum berries. Sturdy structure. Spice and hibiscus. Balanced
deLorimier Winery	2021 deLorimier Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Estate	94	Green bean, cola, oak, herbal, long finish.
Fireside Winery	2022 Fireside Winery LaCrescent	Iowa	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Floral rose
Fireside Winery	NV Fireside Winery Crownfire	Iowa			93	Deep, dense notes of wild berries, plum and cherry. Long dry finish.
Fireside Winery	NV Ackerman Winery Concord	American			91	Ripe, lush, fills mouth with flavor. Ripe grape, jolly rancher.
Fireside Winery	NV Ackerman Winery Iowa Rhubarb	Iowa			97	Great acid. Nailed it: essence of rhubarb. Lovely tartness to it. Orange rind. Complex.
GALLO	NV Black Box Sauvignon Blanc	Chile			97	Lime, citrusy, Key Lime.
GALLO	2022 Clos du Bois Chardonnay	California			96	A standout, maple syrup, baking spice, lemon curd, flakey pie crust.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Cellars Riesling	California			92	Rich and mineral. Honey.
GALLO	NV Barefoot Fruitscato Lemonade	California			95	Ripe and engaging. Balanced, bright, poolside, mouth watery.
GALLO	2023 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			97	Herbal, green bell pepper, very pleasant wine.
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2020 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret	Livermore Valley	Estate Vineyards		96	Floral, jasmine, concord grape jelly donut. Nice chocolate. Very smooth and pleasing

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Gray Ghost Vineyards	2023 Gray Ghost Adieu	Virginia	Late Harvest		98	Super white peach. Gardenia. Oregano on the finish. Lush and sensuous texture.
Great Bear Vineyards	2021 Great Bear Vineyards Tempranillo Reserve	Yolo County	Estate Bottled Reserve		96	Pomegranate seed, dill, tarragon, molasses. Savory and sweet.
Hoyt Family Vineyards	2019 Hoyt Family Vineyards Pinot Noir	Paso Robles Willowcreek District	Barrel Aged		97	Classic paso; Fruit up front; Good viscosity; very well balanced; Lingering finish
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	2021 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines J. Lohr Estates Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles			92	Ripe, full mid-palate. Cocoa powder, dark chocolate.
King Estate Winery	2022 King Estate Domaine Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		97	Citrus driven; notes of mandarin orange and green apple
King Estate Winery	2019 King Estate Brut Cuvée	Willamette Valley	Methode Champenoise	Estate Grown	97	Lemon pear, Rainer cherry; quince; Touch of lemon pith
Kobrand Corporation	NV Caposaldo Prosecco	Veneto DOC			91	Nice nose, springtime, apple, citrus and clean.
Kobrand Corporation	NV Caposaldo Moscato	Provincia Di Pavia IGT			95	Honeydew. Sweet almond.
Maison-Raymond / Fancy Falcon	2023 Les Hauts de Lagarde MAISON RAYMOND	Bordeaux Sec AOC	Grown, Produced and Bottled	Vegan certified	93	Sweet tropical notes, honeysuckle, quince paste, thrilling hint of Kaffir lime and touch of wild sage.
Mercer Wine Estates	2021 Mercer Wine Estates Mercer Small Lot Petit Verdot	Horse Heaven Hills	Estate Vineyard		98	Vibrant. Smooth texture. Dark blue fruit. Pepper and spice. Very well balanced. Engaging.
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Naked Chardonnay	Delaware	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		96	Very tropical. Clean acidity. Lots of texture. Lots of complexity. Gentle intensity.
Nassau Valley Vineyards	NV Nassau Valley Vineyards Nassau Valley Vineyards Broadkilt White	Delaware	Estate Bottled & Produced		93	Lychee, dragon fruit, hint of lime, well crafted.

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Navarro Vineyards	2022 Navarro Vineyards Barbera, Mendocino	Mendocino			97	Cherry fruit punch. Graber olives.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Edelzwicker, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			99	Key lime pie, citrus driven, acidity, leads to a beautiful mouth feel.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Gewürztraminer Deep End, Anderson Valley	Anderson Valley			95	Nice and floral.
Navarro Vineyards	2023 Navarro Vineyards Muscat Blanc, Estate Bottled	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		96	Citrus, pretty nose, warm spice, tangerine and white peach.
New Clairvaux Vineyard	2021 New Clairvaux Vineyard Petite Sirah	Tehama County	Single Vineyard	Poor Souls Block	96	Great integration of oak, spice, and fruit. Great with food.
Nichelini Family Winery	2023 Nichelini Family Winery Sauvignon Blanc	Napa Valley	Estate Bottled		98	Green apple, green pepper, classic California Sauvignon Blanc.
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2021 Oak Farm Vineyards Sangiovese	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	92	Nice balance. Bright acidity. Cherry soda. Good tannin. Lively. Gentle tobacco note on finish.
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2020 Oak Farm Vineyards Raffaele (Red Blend)	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Sustainable under Lodi Rules	95	Pomegranate seeds, leather, cotton, olives, dark cocoa. Red onion soup.
ONEHOPE Wine	2021 ONEHOPE Winery Exclusive Cabernet Franc	Napa Valley		Winery Exclusive	93	Chocolate, oak, roundness on the mid palate
PERRI JAYE VINEYARDS, LLC	2021 Perri Jaye Vineyards Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate		97	Delightful dark fruit with subtle hints of spice followed by a clean finish
Scheid Family Wines	2023 Hive & Honey Riesling	California			92	Lime, apple, tropical fruit and petroleum.
Scheid Family Wines	2021 Fog & Light Pinot Noir	Monterey			91	Nice texture; earthy; plum skin and pomegranate; Red apple skin
Scheid Family Wines	2022 Etenia Red Blend	Paso Robles			95	Balanced between fruit and wood with a pleasing finish

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Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Blanc De Fleur	Florida	Method Champenoise	96	Silky, bananas, sherbet and juicy.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Port - Ruby	American		96	Pink peppercorn. Raspberry pecan Danish. Soft herbal notes.
SEPPI Sparkling Wine	2018 SEPPI Brut Rosé	California	Method Traditionnelle	90	Nutty, toasty, blanched almonds. Lovely.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2022 Starr Inertia	Sierra Foothills		94	Cherry fruit and oak. Red fruit and citrus
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2022 St. Francis Martinelli Vineyard Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Artisan Collection	97	Very well balanced; Nice wet stone; yellow peach and apple. Pretty nose. Gorgeous mouth feel; Sage with a slight herbal note; Complex
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2023 St. Francis Rose Wine	Sonoma County	Artisan Collection	92	Fresh strawberry, orange peel. Floral nose. Warm climate. Salmon colored.
Taylors Wines	2023 Taylors Wines Taylor Made Pinot Noir Rosé	Australia, Adelaide Hills		98	Classic bright and food friendly; Lively finish
Taylors Wines	2023 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Riesling	South Australia		94	Lime. Petroleum.
Taylors Wines	2022 Wakefield Taylors Wines Estate Shiraz	Australia, Clare Valley		91	luscious dark fruit with solid tannins and a pleasing finish
Thousand Islands Winery	NV Thousand Islands Winery La Crescent Spritz	New York		90	Tropical fruit, vanilla pudding and creamy.
Wood Family Vineyards	2021 Wood Family Vineyards "The Captain"	Livermore Valley	Barrel Aged	97	Plum and menthol; dark cocoa powder; Lilac aromatic; lavender
<b>Best Boxed Wine</b>					
GALLO	NV Black Box Sauvignon Blanc	Chile		97	Lime, citrusy, Key Lime.