

2018 West Coast Wine Competition (East Meets West)

Santa Rosa, CA February 06, 2018

Best Late Harvest/ Dessert

Stephen & Walker	2012 Stephen & Walker Botrytis Chardonnay MENDOCINO RIDGE	Mendocino Ridge	Late Harvest	LATE HARVEST	97	Rich, notes of candied mango grapefruit. Zip acidity on finish.
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Best of Class

Alexander Valley Vineyards	2016 Alexander Valley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Produced and Bottled		95	Lush mouth feel, Smooth texture. Elegant and rewarding.
Arrington Vineyards	2016 Arrington Vineyards Symphony	California			95	Seamless honeysuckle, and white flower character. Soft and lovely for spring wine, for sure.
Barra of Mendocino	2016 Girasole Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Mendocino	Estate	Made with organically grown grapes	92	Nice blackberry fruit, moderate, firm tannins, rich fruit on mid--palate.
Brandborg Vineyard and Winery	2014 Brandborg Treats Riesling	Elkton			98	Diesel, Jasmine, lemon zest. fresh ginger, flower aroma
Bronco Wine Co.	NV Hacienda Wine Cellars Brut	California	Methode Champenoise		96	Ginger spice, soft creamy texture, white cherry. Toasted nuts. Plain ole sexy.
Bronco Wine Co.	2013 Crespi Ranch Cellars Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Santa Lucia Highlands	98	Fresh ripe notes of sasparilla, red raspberry. Lovely texture. Elegance in every sip. Long dry finish.
<u>Carol Shelton Wines</u>	2015 Carol Shelton Wines Rocky Reserve Zinfandel	Rockpile	Reserve		97	big, lush and rewarding. notes of brambling blackberry, licorice & dark cherry
Ektimo Vineyards	2014 Ektimo Vineyards Russian River Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley			94	Ripe plummy good integration of oak.
Koi Zen Cellars	2015 Koi Zen Cellars Malbec	Santa Barbara, Happy Canyon	Barrel Aged	Single Vineyard	96	Nice finish, pretty bold herbs, well balanced.
McIlroy Wines	2016 McIlroy Cellars Aquarius Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Aquarius Ranch Vineyard	92	Peach aroma, medium body, sweet fruit, balanced.

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Melrose Vineyards	2016 Melrose Melrose Vineyards	Umpqua Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Beautiful white flowers, pear great finish, nice acidity, subtle.
Navarro Vineyards	2016 Navarro Vineyards Barbera	Mendocino			94	Nice,blueberry flavor,nice acidity,nice wine,bright,good weight
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2015 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon	Dry Creek Valley	Estate	Block 007	90	Great aromatics, classic structure and finish.
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2012 Pedroncelli Vintage Port	Dry Creek Valley		Four Grapes	97	A beautiful complex wine,fantastic,balanced finish.
Pegasus Estate Winery	2014 Pegasus Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate		93	Hint of mint, rich, great structure & mouth feel. Long finish. Good tannins.
Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King ROCKPILE ZINFANDEL	Dry Creek Valley, Rockpile	Single Vineyard Reserve		97	Varietal correct, nice pepper. Great mouth feel. Pleasant finish.
Soda Rock Winery	2014 Soda Rock Boar D'eaux Blend	Alexander Valley			96	a classic red blend feels great in the mouth but big, deep, dense and lively, notes of licorice, black fruits, dark cherry, dark chocolates truffle, earth and spices.
Sonnet Wine Cellars	2015 Sonnet Wine Cellars Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands		Tondre's Grapefield	98	Lovely components, nuttiness, citric, rose petal, good tannins, really aromatic. Perfectly balanced, good texture, smooth.
Stephen & Walker	2016 Stephen & Walker CABERNET SAUVIGNON	Napa County, Coombsville			95	DARk toast, classic Napa cabernet, big fruit, fantastic.
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Toca Madera Winery	2014 Toca Madera Dulce Vida	Madera	Estate Bottled & Produced		95	Luscious crumblee honeysuckle. Very floral, great balance of alcohol & sugar.

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Trinchero Family Estates	2016 SEAGLASS Sauvignon Blanc	Santa Barbara County		93	Lychee, well balanced, citrus, good concentration.
Trinchero Family Estates	2016 SEAGLASS Riesling	Monterey County		95	Spice, jasmine, honeysuckle, over ripe pear component.
Trinchero Family Estates	NV Sutter Home Chenin Blanc	California		95	Great CB varietal character, acid balances sweetness, delicious,finishes clean.
<u>Trinity River Vineyards</u>	2014 Trinity River Vineyards Coho Red	Willow Creek (Humboldt)	Unfined & Unfiltered	93	Herbal tea, black cherry, pomegranate fruit.
Westport Winery	NV Westport Winery Ancient Mariner	Washington State		97	Elegant, sophisticated, charming gem from Washington State.
Best of Show					
Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King ROCKPILE ZINFANDEL	Dry Creek Valley, Rockpile	Single Vineyard Reserve	97	Varietal correct, nice pepper. Great mouth feel. Pleasant finish.
Best of Show Red Wine					
Pezzi King Vineyards	2015 Pezzi King ROCKPILE ZINFANDEL	Dry Creek Valley, Rockpile	Single Vineyard Reserve	97	Varietal correct, nice pepper. Great mouth feel. Pleasant finish.
Best of Show Sparkling					
Bronco Wine Co.	NV Hacienda Wine Cellars Brut	California	Methode Champenoise	96	Ginger spice, soft creamy texture, white cherry. Toasted nuts. Plain ole sexy.
Best of Show White					
Trinchero Family Estates	NV Sutter Home Chenin Blanc	California		95	Great CB varietal character, acid balances sweetness, delicious,finishes clean.