

2023 Monterey International Wine Competition Director's Awards

Award	Vintage	Brand	Wine Name	Addl Designation	Appellation	Price	Award	score	
Wine of the Year	2019	Furthermore Wines	Pinot Noir	Rosella's Vineyard	Santa Lucia Highlands	\$60.00	Platinum	97	points
Winery of the Year		Wakefield/Taylor's			Australia				
Best of Monterey County	2019	Furthermore Wines	Pinot Noir	Rosella's Vineyard	Santa Lucia Highlands	\$60.00	Platinum	97	points
Monterey County Winery of the Year		Pelio Vineyards							
Best of Show Sparkling Wine	2018	V. Sattui Winery	Prestige Cuvée Brut Rosé		North Coast	\$50.00	Platinum	95	points
Best of Show White Wine	2018	Pelio Vineyards	Chardonnay	Estate	Monterey	\$35.00	Platinum	95	points
Best of Show Rosé Wine	2022	Navarro Vineyards	Rosé of Pinot Noir		Anderson Valley	\$25.00	Platinum	95	points
Best of Show Red Wine	2019	Furthermore Wines	Pinot Noir	Rosella's Vineyard	Santa Lucia Highlands	\$60.00	Platinum	97	points
Best of Show Dessert Wine	2021	Carol Shelton Wines	Black Magic Zinfandel	Late Harvest	Sonoma County	\$19.99	Platinum	94	points
Special Achievement Award	2020	Nello Olivo Wines	Sagrantino		El Dorado	\$79.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Albariño	2020	La Perdignus Wine	Albariño	Morro View	Edna Valley	\$32.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Barbera	2020	Nello Olivo Wines	Barbera		El Dorado	\$34.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Bordeaux	2020	Chateau Chamanara	Bordeaux Rouge		Bordeaux AOC	\$15.99	Gold	90	points
Best Bordeaux Style Blend	2019	V. Sattui Winery	Paradiso		Napa Valley	\$110.00	Platinum	96	points
Best Boxed Wine	NV	Bota Box	Nighthawk Rich Red Wine Blend		California	\$22.99	Gold	91	points
Best Cabernet Franc	2021	Jeff Runquist	Cabernet Franc	Salman Vineyard	Clarksburg	\$28.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Cabernet Sauvignon	2020	Jeff Runquist	Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Three Way Vineyard	Paso Robles	\$52.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Carignane	2019	Carol Shelton Wines	Wireless Carignane	Old Vine, Oat Valley Vineyard	Alexander Valley	\$29.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Carignane	2021	Jeff Runquist	Carignane	Aparicio Vineyard	Amador County	\$32.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Chardonnay	2018	Pelio Vineyards	Chardonnay	Estate	Monterey	\$35.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Dry Rosé	2022	Navarro Vineyards	Rosé of Pinot Noir		Anderson Valley	\$25.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Fruit/Grape Blend	NV	Barefoot Fruitscato	Strawberry		No Appellation	\$6.99	Gold	90	points
Best Fruit/Grape Blend	NV	Sutter Home	Fruit Infusions Sweet Peach		No Appellation	\$7.99	Gold	90	points
Best Gewurtztraminer	2022	Tackitt Family Vineyards	Gewurtztraminer		Monterey	\$28.00	Gold	92	points
Best Gewurtztraminer	2021	Hive & Honey	Gewurtztraminer	Estate Vineyards	California	\$8.99	Gold	92	points
Best Hybrid Wine	NV	Cellar 426	Snowbound		No Appellation	\$17.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Italian Style Blend	2019	Oak Farm Vineyards	Raffaele	Estate Grown	Lodi	\$42.00	Gold	92	points
Best Malbec	2019	J. Lohr	Malbec	Shotwell Vineyard	Paso Robles; El Pomar Dis	\$60.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Merlot	2020	J. Lohr	Merlot	Creston Vineyard	Paso Robles; El Pomar Dis	\$40.00	Gold	91	points
Best Moscato	2022	Jeff Runquist	Muscat Canelli		River Junction	\$18.50	Platinum	94	points
Best Non-Vintage Brut	NV	J Vineyards	Cuvee 20		Russian River Valley	\$38.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Off-Dry Rosé	2021	Wild Grove Cellars	Rosé Wine		California	\$24.99	Gold	90	points
Best Petit Verdot	2019	Oak Farm Vineyards	Petit Verdot	Estate Grown	Lodi	\$40.00	Gold	91	points
Best Petite Sirah	2021	Macchia	Dubious Petite Sirah		California	\$27.00	Gold	90	points
Best Pinot Grigio	2022	Noble Vines	152 Pinot Grigio		Monterey County	\$12.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Pinot Noir	2019	Furthermore Wines	Pinot Noir	Rosella's Vineyard	Santa Lucia Highlands	\$60.00	Platinum	97	points
Best Primitivo	2021	Macchia	Meticulous Primitivo	Vista Luna Vineyard	Lodi	\$28.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Red Blend	2020	California Roots	Red Blend		California	\$5.00	Gold	90	points
Best Red Blend	2020	Menage a Trois	Red Blend		California	\$14.00	Gold	90	points
Best Red Rhone Blend	2021	Carol Shelton Wines	Coquille Rouge		Central Coast	\$27.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Riesling	2021	Black Girl Magic	Riesling		California	\$19.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Sangiovese	2020	Jeff Runquist	Sangiovese	The Hill Vineyard	Amador County	\$34.00	Gold	92	points
Best Sauvignon Blanc	2022	Whitehaven	Sauvignon Blanc		Marlborough	\$20.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Shiraz	2021	Wakefield Taylor's Wines	Jaraman Shiraz		Clare Valley/McLaren Vale	\$32.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Sparkling Rosé	2018	V. Sattui Winery	Prestige Cuvée Brut Rosé		North Coast	\$50.00	Platinum	95	points
Best Spirits Barrel Aged Wine	2021	Cooper & Thief	Red Wine Blend	Bourbon Barrel Aged	California	\$29.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Sweet Red	NV	Barefoot	Red Moscato		California	\$6.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Sweet Sparkling Wine	NV	Barefoot Bubbly	Pink Moscato		California	\$9.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Syrah	2020	V. Sattui Winery	Syrah		Napa Valley	\$45.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Tempranillo	2021	Jeff Runquist	Tempranillo	Liberty Oaks Vineyard	Jahant	\$30.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Tempranillo	2021	Valanda	Tempranillo		Spain	\$15.99	Platinum	94	points
Best Value	2022	J. Lohr	Wildflower Valdiguié		Monterey County	\$13.00	Platinum	94	points
Best Viognier	2021	Eberle	Viognier	Eberle Estate Vineyard	Paso Robles	\$34.00	Gold	91	points
Best White Blend	2021	Menage a Trois	Exotic Blend		California	\$10.00	Gold	91	points
Best White Rhone Blend	2021	Eberle	Cotes-du-Robles Blanc		Paso Robles	\$30.00	Gold	91	points
Best Wine Based Cocktail	NV	GAZE	Black Cherry Moscato		No Appellation	\$7.49	Gold	92	points
Best Wine Based Cocktail	NV	LIQS	Margarita Wine Cocktail		No Appellation	\$13.99	Gold	92	points
Best Wine Based Cocktail	NV	LIQS	Mojito Wine Cocktail		No Appellation	\$13.99	Gold	92	points
Best Zinfandel	2021	Macchia	Superlicious Zinfandel	Old Vine	Lodi	\$35.00	Platinum	94	points

Best Zinfandel	2020	V. Sattui Winery	Zinfandel	Old Vine, Gilsson Vineyard	Russian River Valley	\$48.00	Platinum	94	points
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