

2018 Wine Awards

OC Fair Commercial Competition

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Special Recognition - Double Gold Awards

This special designation indicates that the wine received a Gold Medal recommendation from four judges on a panel. Since this is not a "consensus judging", i.e. the judges do not confer among themselves to determine what award they will make, but arrive at their recommendation individually, a rare occurrence indeed. This year, out of a total of 2,708 entries, only 56 wines received this prestigious honor. They are:

Trentadue La Storia

98 Points

2016 Zinfandel

Estate, Block 303

Alexander Valley AVA

Deaver Vineyards

97 Points

2015 Zinfandel

Henry's House

Amador County

Rock Wall Wine Co.

96 Points

2016 Monte Rosso Zinfandel

Reserve

Sonoma Valley, AVA Monte Rosso Vineyard

Garemani Wines

96 Points

2017 Sauvignon Blanc

Los Olivos AVA, Valley View Vineyard

Blair Estate

96 Points

2013 Pinot Noir

Estate, Single Vineyard

Arroyo Seco AVA, Delfina's Vineyard

Zotovich

96 Points

2015 Chardonnay

Sta. Rita Hills AVA

McKahn Family Cellars

96 Points

2016 Grenache

Amador County

Dry Creek Vineyard
96 Points
2016 Chardonnay
Russian River Valley AVA

Schug Carneros Estate Winery
96 Points
2016 Chardonnay
Los Carneros AVA

Pear Valley
96 Points
2014 Petite Sirah
Paso Robles AVA, Pear Valley Vineyard

Oakstone Winery
96 Points
2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
Reserve
Fair Play AVA, Estate De Cascabel Vineyard

Macchia
96 Points
2016 Zinfandel
Generous, Mohr-Fry, Old Vine
Lodi AVA

Buttonwood Winery and Vineyard
96 Points
2017 Rosé of Syrah
Santa Ynez Valley AVA, Buttonwood Vineyard

Carol Shelton Wines
96 Points
2017 Zinfandel
Black Magic, Late Harvest
Sonoma County

Prager Winery & Port Work
95 Points
Non-Vintage Tawny Port
Noble Companion 10yr.
Napa Valley AVA

Stephen & Walker
95 Points
2015 Carignane
100% Carignane
Alexander Valley AVA

Le Vigne Winery
95 Points
2015 Proprietary Red, *NIKIARA*
Paso Robles AVA, Le Vigne Estate

Las Positas
95 Points
2015 Proprietary Red
Obscurus
Livermore Valley AVA

Bushong Vintage Co
95 Points
2015 Petite Sirah
Unknown Pleasures
Paso Robles AVA

Ektimo Vineyards
95 Points
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon
Dry Creek Valley AVA

Gordian Knot Winery
95 Points
2015 Zinfandel
The Buzz
Dry Creek Valley AVA, Seaton Vineyard

Navarro Vineyards
95 Points
2017 White Riesling
Deep End Blend
Anderson Valley AVA

Lewis Grace
95 Points
2015 Touriga Nacional
Estate
El Dorado AVA

Frei Brothers
95 Points
2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
E&J Gallo Winery
Reserve
Alexander Valley

Draxton
95 Points
2017 Rosé of Pinot Meunier
Napa Valley AVA

Archimedes

94 Points

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon
The Family Coppola
Alexander Valley AVA

J. Lohr Cuvee Series

94 Points

2014 Meritage Red
J Lohr Vineyards & Wines
Cuvee ST.E
Paso Robles AVA

Sunce Winery

94 Points

2016 Merlot
Reserve
Napa Valley AVA

Michael Gill Cellars

94 Points

2016 Tempranillo
Tantrum, Estate
Adelaida District AVA

Heringer Estates

94 Points

2014 Proprietary Red
Purple Thread
Clarksburg AVA, Heringer Estates Vineyards

South Coast Winery

94 Points

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon
South Coast AVA, Wild Horse Peak Mountain Vineyards

Orange Coast Cellars

94 Points

2017 Albariño
California

San Simeon

94 Points

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon
Riboli Family Wine Estates
Estate Reserve
Paso Robles AVA

Jeff Runquist

94 Points

2016 Grenache
Alta Mesa AVA

Hungry Hawk Vineyards & Winery

94 Points

2017 Sauvignon Blanc

Estate

San Diego County

Pegasus Estate Winery

94 Points

2017 Rosé of Grenache

Santa Ynez Valley AVA, California Vineyard Selection

Jeff Runquist

94 Points

2017 Grenache

Alta Mesa AVA, Silvaspoon Vineyard

Muscardini Cellars

94 Points

2017 Rosé of Sangiovese

Rosato di Sangiovese

California

Dry Creek Vineyard

94 Points

2017 Chenin Blanc

Clarksburg AVA

Caricature

94 Points

2015 Zinfandel

Lange Twins

Lodi

Trentadue La Storia

93 Points

2015 Merlot

Block 500

Alexander Valley AVA

Ledson Winery & Vineyards

93 Points

2016 Sauvignon Blanc

Russian River Valley AVA

Miro

93 Points

2015 Zinfandel

Russian River Valley AVA, Ponzo Vineyard

Opaque
93 Points
2015 Proprietary Red
Riboli Family Wine Estates
Paso Robles AVA

Laguna Canyon Winery
93 Points
2016 Proprietary White
Canyon Cuvee
Napa Valley AVA

DeWitt Vineyard
93 Points
2015 Tempranillo
Amador County

Sierra Vista
93 Points
2015 Cab/Syrah Blends
El Dorado AVA

Eberle Winery
93 Points
2017 Rhône Style Blends – White
Cotes-du-Robles Blanc
Paso Robles AVA

Eberle Winery
93 Points
2017 Rhône Style Blends - Rosé
Cotes-du-Robles Rose
Paso Robles AVA, Eberle Estate Vineyard

Zocker
93 Points
2016 Gruner Veltliner
Estate Grown
Niven Family Wine Estates
Edna Valley AVA, Paragon Vineyard

Kirigin Cellars
93 Points
2016 Tempranillo
Santa Clara Valley AVA

Custard
93 Points
2016 Chardonnay
Don Sebastiani & Sons
Orange County

Gwinllan Estate

92 Points
2013 Zinfandel
Fair Play AVA

Fitch Mountain

92 Points
2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
Optima Winery
Sonoma County

St. Amant Winery

92 Points
2016 Souzao
Amador County

Sea Ridge

92 Points
2015 Merlot
Bronco Wine
California