

# CALIFORNIA WINES – Tasting Notes

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## 1. TASTING NOTES:

Seamless and silky, with notes of lemon and pear paired with toasty brioche, fresh ginger and hazelnut details.

WINE NAME: **Roederer Estate Brut**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir

REGION: Anderson Valley, Mendocino

VINTAGE YEAR: non-vintage

RATINGS: **#25 Wine Spectator Top 100**  
WS-93, WE-92, WW-92, W&S-92, CG-91

ALCOHOL: 12%

PRICE: \$24

COMMENTS:

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2. TASTING NOTES: Peach blossom and white flower give way to a very light slatey aroma with crisp minerally flavors. This wine spent a bit more time on its fermentation lees than is usual and there is significant evidence for this in the depth of its flavors. Capable of holding up to a wide variety of culinary options, good with some fresh, briny oysters.

WINE NAME: **Frog's Leap** (*organic*)

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): Sauvignon Blanc

REGION: Napa Valley

VINTAGE YEAR: 2016

RATINGS: WW-94, WS-92, W&S-92

ALCOHOL: 12.8%

PRICE: \$25

COMMENTS:

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3. TASTING NOTES: Tropical flavors such as pineapple, mango, and papaya with citrus notes that explode in your mouth. Aromas of vanilla and honey to create depth and balance throughout. A hint of toasted oak and butter rounds out the long, lingering finish.

WINE NAME: **Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve**

GRAPE VARIETAL: Chardonnay

REGION: Northern Coast

VINTAGE YEAR: 2015

RATINGS: **#28 Wine Spectator Top 100**

WS-91, WE-91

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PRICE: \$12

COMMENTS:

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4. TASTING NOTES: Light-bodied with a slight pink color, resulting from a special pressing technique. Pinot Noir gives hints of strawberries, while Chardonnay contributes limes and oranges. The result is a smooth, crisp sparkling for drinking now.

WINE NAME: **Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 92% Pinot Noir,  
8% Chardonnay

REGION: Carneros

VINTAGE YEAR: non-vintage

RATINGS: WE-90, CG-90, W&S-90, WS-90

ALCOHOL: 12.2%

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5. TASTING NOTES: Beautifully colored fresh and vibrant Rose of Pinot Noir with aromas and flavors of strawberry, white peach and jasmine. Brilliant and bright with fresh acidity and a wonderful lasting juicy finish. Enjoy with goat cheese, fresh seafood dishes and summer salads.

WINE NAME: **Rodney Strong Rosé**

GRAPE VARIETAL: Pinot Noir

REGION: Russian River, Sonoma County

VINTAGE YEAR: 2017

RATINGS: WW-93, WE-92

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

PRICE: \$23

COMMENTS:

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6. TASTING NOTES: Bouquet of sweet spices, smoke, wild plum and rich soil. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied with rich tannins, a core of juicy fruit, with concentration and depth. This is a complex Pinot Noir with plenty of substance to enjoy over the next decade.

WINE NAME: **Pence Pence Ranch** (*organic*)

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): Pinot Noir

REGION: Santa Barbara, Central Coast

VINTAGE YEAR: 2016

RATINGS: WE – 92, RP 93

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PRICE: \$28

COMMENTS:

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7. TASTING NOTES: Black cherry, currant and floral notes are expressive and alluring, balanced by loamy earth, tobacco and mineral elements that add a savory quality. Firm, well-integrated tannins give support to the polished texture, while orange peel acidity fuels the fresh finish.

WINE NAME: **Marques de Caceres Rioja Reserva**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): Tempranillo, Garnacha and Graciano

REGION: Rioja Alto

VINTAGE YEAR: 2012

RATINGS: **#19 Wine Spectator Top 100**

WS – 93, JD - 90

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

PRICE: \$30

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