

2024 SUNSET INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

Award	Company	Brand	Name	Category	Pts.	Judge Comment	Website
Best of the Best Best Whiskey, Best Irish Whiskey	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	10 YO	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ultra Premium	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sugar rich malt, citrus, earthy and peaty quality. Had WOW" factor."	Proximo Spirits
Best Akvavit	Vice & Vertu Distillerie Inc.	Vice & Vertu Distilleries Inc.	AquaVice	Grain Distilled	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Lemon, fennel, coriander and juniper. Very complex.	Vice & Vertu Distilleries
Best Anejo Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Anejo	Anejo Tequila	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant. Mexican baking chocolate. Savory, layered.	Proximo Spirits
Best Blanco Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila Joven	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Smooth, great sipper. Elegant and classy.	Lobos 1707 Tequila
Best Bourbon	CALI Distillery	CALI	Thunder Mesquite finished Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet maple palate with mesquite on the nose. Clean.	CALI Distillery
Best Brandy	Korbel Champagne Cellars	Korbel Champagne Cellars	Classic Brandy	American Grape Brandy	94	Best of Class, Gold - Astounding technique. Lovely wonderful fruit. Easy finish.	Korbel
Best Canadian Whiskey	Proximo Spirits	Pendleton	Pendleton Original	Canadian Whiskey, Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Caramel, vanilla, sweet edges. Citrus, classic Canadian whiskey.	Proximo Spirits

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Best Cannabis Infused	Nowadays Beverage	Nowadays	Canned THC Cocktail, Berry	Cannabis-Infused Non-spirited	91	Best of Class, Gold - Berry's upfront. Pops mid-palate. Nice finish. Refreshing.	Nowadays Beverage
Best Cristalino Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Cristalino	Anejo Tequila	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant, refined. Lingering finish.	Proximo Spirits
Best Extra Anejo Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Milenio	Extra-Aged Anejo	94	Best of Class, Gold - Earthy, dry. Elegant finish.	Proximo Spirits
Best Gin	Stillweather Spirits	Stillweather Spirits	American Sunset Gin	Gin, Barrel Aged	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Kefirs Lime. Wonderful botanicals. Complex. Good layers.	Stillweather Spirits
Best Liqueur	Foley Family Wines and Spirits	Two Stacks	Two Stacks Double Irish Cream Liqueur	Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	92	Best of Class, Gold - Easy sipper. Very elegant. Well integrated.	Foley Family Wine & Spirits
Best Mezcal	Proximo Spirits	400 Conejos	400 Conejos Reposado	Reposado	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Bright. Clean aromatically. Great example of Mezcal. Nice oak flavor.	Proximo Spirits
Best Mixer	Tommy's Margarita	Tommy's	Margarita Mix - Jalapeno	Margarita Mixer	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Well balanced and pronounced. Crisp, clean, excellent.	Tommy's Margarita Mix

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Best Ready to Drink	Spirit of Gallo	Salt Point	Vodka Mule Canned Vodka Cocktail	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Ginger forward. Long finish. Refreshing.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Rum	Spirit of Gallo	Ron del Barrilito	5 Stars Rum	Extra-Aged Rum (More than 5 Years)	99	Best of Class, Double Gold - Honeyed mouth feel. Subtle and classic. Chocolate raisins. Savory finish.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Sake	SOTO SAKE CORPORATION	SOTO JUNMAI DAIGINJO	SOTO JUNMAI DAIGINJO SAKE	Sake	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Spice and personality. Nice rich character.	SOTO SAKE
Best Seltzer	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Lime	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	92	Best of Class, Gold - Hint of lime and mineral. Clean and well made. Delicious and refreshing.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Single Barrel Whiskey	Uncle Nearest	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey - Batch 905	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet oak with vanilla. Spicy vibrant and energetic.	Uncle Nearest
Best Single Malt	Brauerei Locher AG	Saentis Malt - Swiss Alpine Whisky	Edition Sigel	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Fennel, natural sugar, root vegetable and roasted pumpkin.	Saentis Malt
Best Small Batch Whiskey	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Van Duzen	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey, Luxury	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Mellow. Granola to maple sugar and banana foster.	Redwood Empire Distilling

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Best Straight Rye Whiskey	High West	High West Distillery	Double Rye	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	94	Best of Class, Gold - Sweet buttery oatmeal on palate. Nice warm spice, nutmeg, a little ginger and cardamom.	High West Distillery
Best Tennessee Whiskey	Uncle Nearest	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Ultra Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Lovely. A damn good glass." Nice honey taste.""	Uncle Nearest
Best Tequila Best Reposado Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Reposado	Reposado Tequila	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Ripe, lively, caramel. Layered and complex.	Proximo Spirits
Best Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	Vodka, Corn	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Herbaceous, soft. Easy to drink. Pleasant.	The Community Spirit Vodka
Best Vodka Infused	Tin City Distillery	Tin City Distillery	Chocolate Love Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Corn	92	Best of Class, Gold - Mild chocolate aroma. Taste of caramel and chocolate.	Tin City Distillery