

2023 Craft Distillers Competition - Results by Brand

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Weldon Mills Distillery	3 Hamlets , Lavender Lime Gin	Gin Flavored/Infused, Distilled	Best Gin Flavored	92	Best of Class, Gold - Excellent execution of lime flavor.
All Points West Distiller (Res Natura LLC)	All Points West, Bone Black Vodka	Vodka, Wheat	Silver		
Catedral De Mi Padre Mezcal	Catedral De Mi Padre, Espadin	Mescal, Sotol, Bacanora, Comiteca	Best Mezcal	92	Best of Class, Gold - Earthy, smokey forward, typical mezcal.
Charbay Distillery	Charbay Distillery, Nostalgie , Black Walnut Liqueur	Nut Liqueurs	Best of Class	97	Double Gold Spot on walnut banana bread
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Añejo	Añejo Tequila	Gold	91	Light and airy with tower of sweetness.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	92	Fruity, approachable

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Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Anejo	Best Tequila Extra-Añejo	97	Best of Class, Gold - Warm full mouth, tasty. Lovely to drink.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	92	Earthy, herbal with date, hints of oak.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Anejo	Anejo Tequila	Best Tequila Añejo	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet, fruity and well balanced. Elegant.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	92	Nice entry, rustic, yet tame. Great earthy finish.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Anejo	Double Gold	95	Well balanced with layers of caramel and smoke.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	91	Dynamic, big and punchy

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Bendistillery	Crater Lake Spirits, Black Butte Whiskey Cask Strength, American Single Malt	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years	Best Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Complex. Coffee bean with caramel. Dark chocolate nibs.
Bendistillery	Crater Lake Spirits, Estate Rye Whiskey Cask Strength	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey,	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey,	93	Best of Class - Powerful, delicious lingering finish.
Diggs Boys LLC	Diggs Boys, Diggs Boys Bourbon	Straight Bourbon,	Silver		
Don Londres	Don Londres, Don Londres Reposado, Highland	Reposado Tequila	Silver		
Weldon Mills Distillery	Dray 25 , Dray Vodka	Vodka, Neutral Grain	Best Vodka	93	Best of Class, Gold Balanced, clean, silky.
Weldon Mills Distillery	Dray 25 , Raspberry Rose Lychee Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Neutral Grain	Gold	90	Fruity, floral. Curious. Consume for a good time.

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Mulder Spirit	Envuelto, Tequila Envuelto Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Double Gold	95	Approachable, warm clean finish. Well rounded with smoke and oak.
Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena, Tequila Anejo	Anejo Tequila	Gold	90	Light and oaky with hints of caramel.
Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena, Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	90	Light airy floral. Clean finish
Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena, Tequila Silver/Plato	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Best Tequila Blanco	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Easy, warm, lovely balanced palate. Excellent execution of traditional Tequila.
Fat Baby Bourbon	Fat Baby Bourbon, Fat Baby Bourbon 4 Year, Batch 42	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Silver		
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers, Garrison Brothers Balmorhea, Hye, Texas	Other Bourbon,	Best "Other Bourbon"	91	Best of Class, Gold - Caramel, molasses, brown sugar. Soft.

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Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers, Garrison Brothers Guadalupe	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon	Best of the Best	98	Best Whiskey, Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Best of Class, Gold - Very elegant. Warm finish. Delicious.
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers, Garrison Brothers HoneyDew, Hye, Texas	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Gold	94	Lucious mouth feel. The flavors flourish from beginning to the final silky finish. Full of stone fruit, citrus, caramel.
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers, Garrison Brothers Small Batch, Hye, Texas	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Gold	94	Rich, chewy. Really nice. Malty aromatics.
Spirit of Gallo	Germain-Robin, Coast Road	American Grape Brandy	Double Gold	95	Lovely and rich. Classic American Brandy
Spirit of Gallo	Germain-Robin, XO	Brandy XO	Double Gold	95	Delicious, soft and easy to drink. Well balanced. Traditional.
Hijole Tequila	Hijole Tequila, Hijole Blanco Tequila	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	90	Complex, smooth, does not disappoint

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Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, High Noon Black Cherry	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Silver		
Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, High Noon Grapefruit	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Gold	90	Light, easy to drink
Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, High Noon Pineapple	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Silver		
Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, High Noon Watermelon	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Best Ready to Drink	92	Best of Class - Sweet and light
Highclere Castle Spirits	Highclere Castle Gin, Highclere Castle Gin, England	Gin, Compound	Silver		
Napa Valley Brandy Company	Napa Valley Brandy Co., Solera Gold, Napa Valley (Coombsville Appellation)	American Grape Brandy	Best Brandy	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Nice caramel finish.

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Spirit of Gallo	New Amsterdam, Vodka	Vodka, Corn	Silver		
Red River Brewery and Distillery	Red River Brewery and Distillery, Cabresto Canon Agave Spirit	All Other Agave Spirits	Gold	92	Extremely well balanced, mixable, hints of floral.
Red River Brewery and Distillery	Red River Brewery and Distillery, Silver King Vodka, Bat50	Vodka, Neutral Grain	Silver		
Redwall Distillery	Redwall Distillery, Redwall Sedona Bourbon Whiskey, Small Batch	Straight Bourbon	Best Straight Bourbon	92	Best of Class - Soft, smooth, bright, clean
Botanery Barn Distilling	Revivalist Garden Gin, Revivalist Garden Gin	Gin, New Western	Best Gin	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Nice Martini gin. Classic flavors, elegant layers of herbaceous flavor
Weldon Mills Distillery	Rey Coyote, Rey Coyote Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Silver		

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Weldon Mills Distillery	Rey Coyote, Rey Coyote Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Best Tequila	97	Best Tequila Reposado , Best of Class, Double Gold - Delicate approach. Lovely mouth feel, blending of smoke and sweetness
Royal Mash	Royal Mash, Royal Mash Vintage 2020, British, Batch 24	Vodka, Potato	Gold	92	Class act. Opens on back palate with smooth
Weldon Mills Distillery	Sabrosa, Sabrosa Blanco Tequila	Mixto Tequila	Silver		
Jack From Brooklyn	Sorel Liqueur , Sorel Liqueur	Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs	Best Liqueur	98	Best of Class, Double Gold Hibiscus, great for a Hot Toddy
Taptails	Taptails, Berry Mojito	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Best of Class	90	Gold - Minty, refreshing, berry-like
Taptails	Taptails, Mango Chili Daiquiri	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Silver		

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Taptails	Taptails, Mojito	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Silver		
Taptails	Taptails, Moscow Mule	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Silver		
Taptails	Taptails, Orange Spritz	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Silver		
Taptails	Taptails, Rhubarb Collins	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Silver		
Toan and Company Distilling LLC	Terrapin, Terrapin Gin	Gin, New Western	Silver		
Toan and Company Distilling LLC	Terrapin, Terrapin Spruce	Other White Spirits	Silver		

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Texas Black Gold Distillery	Texas Black Gold Distillery, FW 1998 Whiskey	Straight Bourbon	Silver		
Texas Black Gold Distillery	Texas Black Gold Distillery, Thoroughbred Vodka	Vodka, Grape	Gold	92	Smooth and elegant.
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey,	Silver		
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Pretty balanced in structure. Long smooth finish.
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - Batch 032	Tennessee Whiskey	Best Tennessee Whiskey	91	Best of Class, - Delicious. Really beautiful. Elegant. Good texture. Very smooth. Perfect late night supper.
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Rye Whiskey Batch 002	American Straight Rye Whiskey	Silver		

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The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey - Batch 101	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years ,	Silver		
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey	Best Straight Rye Whiskey	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant. Well made. Very classy. Delicious lingering finish. Sarsaparilla cinnamon.
The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncle Nearest Uncut & Unfiltered Straight Rye Whiskey - Batch 005	American Straight Rye Whiskey	Gold	92	Ripe, lively. Dances in mouth. Robust. Gingerbread.
Volando Tequila LLC	Volando Tequila , Blanco, Los Altos de Jalisco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	90	Smooth with clean finish. Perfect for mixed cocktails.
Volando Tequila LLC	Volando Tequila , Mezcal, Los Altos de Jalisco	Mescal, Sotol, Bacanora, Comiteca	Silver		
Volando Tequila LLC	Volando Tequila , Reposado, Los Altos de Jalisco	Reposado Tequila	Gold	93	Soft easy, hint of cocoa, sweet smoke

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Weldon Mills Distillery	Weldon Mills Distillery , Rockfish Whiskey	American Craft Whiskey	Best American Craft	92	Best of Class, Gold - Cocoa, caramel, vanilla bean. Super ripper.
Weldon Mills Distillery	Weldon Mills Distillery , The All Malt, Batch 17	Bourbon (under two years),	Silver		
Weldon Mills Distillery	Weldon Mills Distillery , Weldon Mills Reserve, Batch 38	Bourbon (under two years),	Silver		
Weldon Mills Distillery	Weldon Mills Distillery , Weldon Mills Select, Batch 18	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Gold	94	Very elegant, sophisticated. Very dry finish. Rich complex. Wooded.
Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery	Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery, Aged Gala Apple Brandy	Apple Brandy	Gold	91	Hints of cinnamon and apple pie.
Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery	Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery, Estate Bartlett Pear Brandy	Fruit Brandy, other than Grape Brandy	Silver		

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Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery	Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery, Estate Di Nebbiolo Grappa	Grappa	Silver		