

2025 SUNSET INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

Award	Company	Brand	Name	Category	Pts.	JudgeComment	Website
Best of the Best Best Pisco	US Pisco Intl	Tipico Pisco	Tipico Pisco	Pisco	98	Best of Class. Sweeps round. Aromatic; grape character; balanced salinity and mouthfeel.	Tipico Pisco
Best Aperitif	DioniLife	Pavari 17	Mediterranean Aperitif	Non-alc* Aperitif	93	Best of Class. Gold. Amazing nose of a spice box; complex flavor. Texture is smooth: ends with appropriate flavors. Very well done!	Pavari
Best Blanco	Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena	Tequila Silver/Plato	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Elegant minerality; white tea; good depth and smokey.	Gallo
Best Bourbon	Angel's Envy	Angel's Envy	Angel's Envy Triple Oak	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium	98	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Beautiful color; toasty with honey; fruity; white stone fruit.	Angel's Envy

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Best Cristalino	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 Cristalino	Cristalino Blanco	98	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Clean; Delicious bright fruity character.	Proximo Spirits
Best Extra Anejo	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 Milenio	Extra-Aged Anejo	96	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Cigar like; savory; great mouth feel. Cognac.	Proximo Spirits
Best Gin	High Chaparral Spirits	High Chaparral Spirits	High Chaparral Mountain Gin	Gin, Distilled	92	Best of Class. Gold. Sweeps Round. Broad palate, great martini gin.	High Chaparral Spirits
Best Gin Infused	The West End Industries, PBC	West End Gin	Rose Ann Edition	Gin Flavored/Infused, Compound	93	Best of Class. Gold. Sweeps Round. Lovely profile; great for creative cocktails; bright; fresh; beautiful pink lady.	West End Gin
Best Liqueur	Old Log Cabin Distillery	Old Log Cabin Coffee Liqueur	Old Log Cabin Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	94	Best of Class. Gold. Toffee (roasted); dark roast; Brazil nuts.	Old Log Cabin

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Best Non-Alc*	DioniLife	Pavari 17	Pavari Spritz	Non-alc* RTD - other	94	Best of Class. Gold. Complex and very refreshing.	Pavari
Best Ready to Drink	Napa Cru	Napa Cru	Yuzu Lemon Drop	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	96	Tied - Best Ready to Drink.(Vodka Based) Best of Class. Sweeps round. Very refreshing and crisp; Lemon-lime. Yuzu lemon pops at the end. Very well balanced.	Napa Cru
Best Ready to Drink	Summit Distillers	Proverbial Spirits	Two to Tango	Ready to Drink Gin Base	96	Tied Best Ready to Drink.(Gin Based) Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Good balance; pink grapefruit; quinine bitter	Proverbial Spirits
Best Reposado	Copal	Copal Reposado	Copal	Reposado Tequila	97	Best of Class. Gold. Sweeps round. Orange peel; balanced; well integrated. Light toast; smooth.	Copal
Best Rum	Nordisk Braenderi	Wanderum	Wanderum	Rum Dark/Gold	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Classic burnt sugar, roasted sugar cone, with rhubarb nuance.	Nordisk Braenderi

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Best Seltzer	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon	Vodka Black Cherry Seltzer	Hard Seltzers	93	Best of Class. Gold. Heavy black cherry nose; true cherry flavor.	Gallo
Best Single Malt Whiskey	Avid Marketing Group	Stranahan's	Blue Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium	98	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Easy to drink; Fruity; caramel; nice creamy finish with a kiss of light oak.	Proximo Spirits
Best Straight Rye Whiskey	Hotaling and Co	Old Potrero	Old Potrero California Cellar Series #04 Almanac Beer Finish	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury	98	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweep Round. Rich; complete; good nose; vanilla molasse; butter nose.	Hotaling and Co
Best Tequila	Avid Marketing Group	1800	Guachimonton	Anejo Tequila	99	Best Anejo. Best of Class. Sweeps round. Robust; Dried orange peel; aromatic.	Proximo Spirits
Best Vodka	Blaze PR for NEFT Vodka	NEFT Vodka	NEFT Vodka	Vodka, Rye	95	Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps Round. Silky body; clean finish; grassy; well balanced and smooth.	NEFT Vodka

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Best Whiskey	Hotaling and Co	Hirsch	The Cask Strength	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury	98	Best of Class. Double gold. Sweeps Round. Delightful; Light tobacco; caramel; nicely balanced; delicate nose; leather; tamed heat.	Hotaling and Co
Best of Class	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Strawberry	Hard Seltzers	90	Gold. Fresh aroma; refreshing and balanced.	Gallo
Best of Class	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 The Ultimate Margarita	Margarita RTD	90	Gold. Classic marguerita and checks all the boxes	Proximo Spirits
Best of Class	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Pipe Dream 101	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	93	Gold. Spicy notes; orange peel; fresh cut oak nose. Excellent notes of toffee; with caramel and maple donut.	Redwood Empire Distilling
Best of Class	Alchemy Distillery	Boldt	Bottled in Bond Quinoa Whiskey	American Craft Whiskey, Premium	93	Gold. Luscious; burnt caramel; nice sipping; herbaceous.	Alchemy Distillery

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Best of Class	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Stout Barreled Whiskey	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium	92	Gold. Fruity; light vanilla with peaty oak on finish. Soft butter.	Griffo Distillery
Double Gold	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 Anejo	Anejo Tequila	97	Earthy; savory; expensive mouth feel. Notes of caramel.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	94	Complete rich nuances and earthy.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Murciélago Spirits LLC	Murciélago	Murciélago Tequila	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	91	Simple; clean buttery finish.	Murciélago
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena	Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	93	Great mouth feel; clean; fresh; very smooth.	Gallo

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Gold	Avid Marketing Group	1800	1800 Reposado	Reposado Tequila	91	Vanilla; balanced; white spice.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Old Log Cabin Distillery	Counter Gin	Counter Gin	Gin, Distilled	90	Typical juniper; delicious representation; lemongrass.	Old Log Cabin
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Grapefruit	Hard Seltzers	92	Refreshing true grapefruit with a clean nose.	Gallo
Gold	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	92	Light mouth feel; silky; well balanced. Dark roasted coffee.	Griffo Distillery
Gold	Casa Lumbre Spirits	Alma Finca	Alma Finca Orange Liqueur	Fruit Liqueur	91	Tangerine; Bitter orange.	Casa Lumbre Spirits

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Gold	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon	Vodka Ice Tea Raspberry	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	92	Crisp; clean; bright.	Gallo
Gold	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Espresso Martini	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	92	Very beautiful nose. Toasted coffee notes.	Griffo Distillery
Gold	DioniLife	La Borosa	Paloma	Non-alc* RTD - other	92	Refreshing and crisp. Great burst of flavor.	DionLife
Gold	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash British Vodka	Vodka, Potato	94	Oatmeal; white sugar; smooth and sweet finish.	Royal Mash
Gold	Vodka 57 Pte. Ltd.	Vodka 57 Pure Glacier Vodka	Vodka 57	Vodka, Wheat	92	Earth; caramel; smooth; silky; clean; smooth finish.	Vodka57

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Gold	ROXX Vodka	ROXX Vodka	ROXX Vodka	Vodka, Rye	93	Intensity deep flavor; bright; brioche.	ROXX Vodka
Gold	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Vodka	Vodka, Corn	92	Smooth; sweet; earthy; and linen finish.	Griffo Distillery
Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Grizzly Beast Batch 5	Straight Bourbon, Luxury	92	Light honey; clean and grassy.	Redwood Empire Whiskey
Gold	Backus Distillery, LLC	Backus Distillery Bourbon	Backus Distillery 4yr Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Luxury	92	Creamy finish; soft and easy on end palate. Easy sipper with lavender.	Backus Distillery
Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Rocket Top Batch 005	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury	91	Light airy body; delicate nose.	Redwood Empire Whiskey

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Gold	Hotaling and Co	Old Potrero	Old Potrero Christmas Spirit Whiskey	American Craft Whiskey, Luxury	92	Elderflower; Fruity; white stone fruit; very floral.	Hotaling and Co.
Gold	Avid Marketing Group	Stranahan's	Stranahan's Original	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium	92	Soft custard nose with molasses and toasted nut flavor. Hint of fresh tabasco.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Avid Marketing Group	Stranahan's	Mountain Angel 10 year	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	92	Rich nose; good mouth feel; herbal; light peat notes.	Proximo Spirits