

## 2025 SUNSET INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

| Award                                  | Company         | Brand            | Name                       | Category   | Pts. | JudgeComment  | Website                      |
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| <b>Best of the Best<br/>Best Pisco</b> | US Pisco Intl   | Tipico Pisco     | Tipico Pisco               | Pisco  | 98   | Best of Class. Sweeps round. Aromatic; grape character; balanced salinity and mouthfeel.  | <a href="#">Tipico Pisco</a> |
| <b>Best Aperitif</b>                   | DioniLife       | Pavari 17        | Mediterranean<br>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! | <a href="#">Pavari</a>       |
| <b>Best Blanco</b>                     | 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.                                     | <a href="#">Gallo</a>        |
| <b>Best Bourbon</b>                    | Angel's Envy    | Angel's Envy     | Angel's Envy Triple<br>Oak | Small Batch<br>Bourbon 10 years<br>and younger, Ultra<br>Premium | 98   | Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Beautiful color; toasty with honey; fruity; white stone fruit.                            | <a href="#">Angel's Envy</a> |

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| <b>Best Cristalino</b>  | Avid Marketing Group         | 1800                         | 1800 Cristalino              | Cristalino Blanco              | 98 | Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Clean; Delicious bright fruity character.                                  | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>        |
| <b>Best Extra Anejo</b> | Avid Marketing Group         | 1800                         | 1800 Milenio                 | Extra-Aged Anejo               | 96 | Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Cigar like; savory; great mouth feel. Cognac.                              | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>        |
| <b>Best Gin</b>         | High Chaparral Spirits       | High Chaparral Spirits       | High Chaparral Mountain Gin  | Gin, Distilled                 | 92 | Best of Class. Gold. Sweeps Round. Broad palate, great martini gin.  | <a href="#">High Chaparral Spirits</a> |
| <b>Best Gin Infused</b> | 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. | <a href="#">West End Gin</a>           |
| <b>Best Liqueur</b>     | 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.  | <a href="#">Old Log Cabin</a>          |

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| <b>Best Non-Alc*</b>       | DioniLife         | Pavari 17          | Pavari Spritz   | Non-alc* RTD - other      | 94 | Best of Class. Gold. Complex and very refreshing.  | <a href="#">Pavari</a>             |
| <b>Best Ready to Drink</b> | 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. | <a href="#">Napa Cru</a>           |
| <b>Best Ready to Drink</b> | 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                                 | <a href="#">Proverbial Spirits</a> |
| <b>Best Reposado</b>       | Copal             | Copal Reposado     | Copal           | Reposado Tequila          | 97 | Best of Class. Gold. Sweeps round. Orange peel; balanced; well integrated. Light toast; smooth.  | <a href="#">Copal</a>              |
| <b>Best Rum</b>            | Nordisk Braenderi | Wanderum           | Wanderum Sherpa | Rum Dark/Gold             | 97 | Best of Class. Double Gold. Sweeps round. Classic burnt sugar, roasted sugar cone, with rhubarb nuance.  | <a href="#">Nordisk Braenderi</a>  |

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| <b>Best Seltzer</b>              | Spirit of Gallo         | High Noon   | Vodka Black Cherry Seltzer                                   | Hard Seltzers                         | 93 | Best of Class. Gold. Heavy black cherry nose; true cherry flavor.  | <a href="#">Gallo</a>           |
| <b>Best Single Malt Whiskey</b>  | 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. | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a> |
| <b>Best Straight Rye Whiskey</b> | 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.                      | <a href="#">Hotaling and Co</a> |
| <b>Best Tequila</b>              | Avid Marketing Group    | 1800        | Guachimonton   | Anejo Tequila                         | 99 | <b>Best Anejo.</b> Best of Class. Sweeps round. Robust; Dried orange peel; aromatic.                                   | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a> |
| <b>Best Vodka</b>                | 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.                  | <a href="#">NEFT Vodka</a>      |

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| <b>Best Whiskey</b> | 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. | <a href="#">Hotaling and Co</a>           |
| Best of Class       | Spirit of Gallo           | High Noon Tequila Seltzer | High Noon Tequila Strawberry   | Hard Seltzers                                    | 90 | Gold. Fresh aroma; refreshing and balanced.  | <a href="#">Gallo</a>                     |
| Best of Class       | Avid Marketing Group      | 1800                      | 1800 The Ultimate Margarita    | Margarita RTD                                    | 90 | Gold. Classic marguerita and checks all the boxes  | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>           |
| 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.                       | <a href="#">Redwood Empire Distilling</a> |
| Best of Class       | Alchemy Distillery        | Boldt                     | Bottled in Bond Quinoa Whiskey | American Craft Whiskey, Premium                  | 93 | Gold. Luscious; burnt caramel; nice sipping; herbaceous.   | <a href="#">Alchemy Distillery</a>        |

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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. | <a href="#">Griffo Distillery</a> |
| Double Gold   | Avid Marketing Group   | 1800              | 1800 Anejo             | Anejo Tequila                                  | 97 | Earthy; savory; expensive mouth feel. Notes of caramel.            | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>   |
| Gold          | Avid Marketing Group   | 1800              | 1800 Blanco            | Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila                 | 94 | Complete rich nuances and earthy.                                  | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>   |
| Gold          | Murciélago Spirits LLC | Murciélago        | Murciélago Tequila     | Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila                 | 91 | Simple; clean buttery finish.                                      | <a href="#">Murciélago</a>        |
| Gold          | Spirit of Gallo        | Familia Camarena  | Tequila Reposado       | Reposado Tequila                               | 93 | Great mouth feel; clean; fresh; very smooth.                       | <a href="#">Gallo</a>             |

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

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

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| Gold | ROXX Vodka                | ROXX Vodka                | ROXX Vodka                    | Vodka, Rye                            | 93 | Intensity deep flavor; bright; brioche.                                | <a href="#">ROXX Vodka</a>             |
| Gold | Griffo Distillery         | Griffo Distillery         | Vodka                         | Vodka, Corn                           | 92 | Smooth; sweet; earthy; and linen finish.                               | <a href="#">Griffo Distillery</a>      |
| Gold | Redwood Empire Distilling | Redwood Empire Whiskey    | Grizzly Beast Batch 5         | Straight Bourbon, Luxury              | 92 | Light honey; clean and grassy.   | <a href="#">Redwood Empire Whiskey</a> |
| 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. | <a href="#">Backus Distillery</a>      |
| Gold | Redwood Empire Distilling | Redwood Empire Whiskey    | Rocket Top Batch 005          | American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury | 91 | Light airy body; delicate nose.  | <a href="#">Redwood Empire Whiskey</a> |

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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.                           | <a href="#">Hotaling and Co.</a> |
| 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. | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>  |
| Gold | Avid Marketing Group | Stranahan's | Mountain Angel 10 year               | Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury        | 92 | Rich nose; good mouth feel; herbal; light peat notes.                          | <a href="#">Proximo Spirits</a>  |