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Company	Brand, Name	Category	Award	Score	Judges Comments
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Guadalupe	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon	Best of the Best	98	Best Whiskey, Best Special Barrel Finished Bourbon , Best of Class, Gold - Very elegant. Warm finish. Delicious.
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.
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.
Botanery Barn Distilling	Revivalist Garden Gin	Vodka, Grape	Best Gin	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Nice Martini gin. Classic flavors, elegant layers of herbaceous flavor
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.
Jack From Brooklyn	Sorel Liqueur	Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs	Best Liqueur	98	Best of Class, Double Gold Hibiscus, great for a Hot Toddy

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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.
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Balmorhea	Other Bourbon,	Best "Other Bourbon"	91	Best of Class, Gold - Caramel, molasses, brown sugar. Soft.
Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, Watermelon	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Best Ready to Drink	92	Best of Class - Sweet and light
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.
Redwall Distillery	Redwall Distillery, Redwall Sedona Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon	Best Straight Bourbon	92	Best of Class - Soft, smooth, bright, clean
Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey	Best Straight Rye Whiskey	97	Double Gold - Elegant. Well made. Very classy. Delicious lingering finish. Sarsaparilla cinnamon.

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Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, 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.
Weldon Mills Distillery	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
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Añejo	Añejo Tequila	Best Tequila Añejo	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet, fruity and well balanced. Elegant.
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.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	Best Tequila Extra-Añejo	97	Best of Class, Gold - Warm full mouth, tasty. Lovely to drink.
Weldon Mills Distillery	Dray 25 , Dray Vodka	Vodka, Neutral Grain	Best Vodka	93	Best of Class, Gold Balanced, clean, silky

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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.
Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, 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.
Charbay Distillery	Charbay Distillery, Nostalgie, Black Walnut Liqueur	Nut Liqueurs	Best of Class	97	Double Gold Spot on walnut banana bread
Taptails	Taptails, Berry Mojito	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	Best of Class	90	Gold - Minty, refreshing, berry-like
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	Double Gold	95	Well balanced with layers of caramel and smoke.
Mulder Spirit	Envuelto, Tequila Envuelto Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Double Gold	95	Approachable, warm clean finish. Well rounded with smoke and oak.

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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.
Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Small Batch	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger,	Gold	94	Rich, chewy. Really nice. Malty aromatics.
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.
Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, Uncut & Unfiltered Straight Rye Whiskey - Batch 005	American Straight Rye Whiskey	Gold	92	Ripe, lively. Dances in mouth. Robust. Gingerbread.
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.

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Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Añejo	Añejo Tequila	Gold	91	Light and airy with tower of sweetness.
Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena, Tequila Añejo	Añejo Tequila	Gold	90	Light and oaky with hints of caramel.
Volando Tequila LLC	Volando Tequila , Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	93	Soft easy, hint of cocoa, sweet smoke
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	92	Earthy, herbal with date, hints of oak.
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	91	Dynamic, big and punchy
Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena, Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	Gold	90	Light airy floral. Clean finish

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Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Private Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	92	Fruity, approachable
Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila, Reserve Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	92	Earthy finish.
Volando Tequila LLC	Volando Tequila , Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	90	Smooth with clean finish. Perfect for mixed cocktails.
Hijole Tequila	Híjole Tequila, Híjole Blanco Tequila	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	Gold	90	Earthy finish.
Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery	Wilridge Vineyard, Winery & Distillery, Aged Gala Apple Brandy	Apple Brandy	Gold	91	Hints of cinnamon and apple pie.
Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer, Grapefruit	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	Gold	90	Light, easy to drink

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Royal Mash	Royal Mash, Royal Mash Vintage 2020, Batch 24	Vodka, Potato	Gold	92	Class act. Opens on back palate with smooth easy finish.
Texas Black Gold Distillery	Texas Black Gold Distillery, Thoroughbred Vodka	Vodka, Grape	Gold	92	Smooth and elegant.
Weldon Mills Distillery	Dray 25 , Raspberry Rose Lychee Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Neutral Grain	Gold	90	Fruity, floral. Curious. Consume for a good time.
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.