

2026 International Women's Spirits Competition

Award Winners · Judges' Tasting Notes

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SCORE

Best of the Best

Best Rum

EXTRA-AGED RUM (MORE THAN 5 YEARS)

Rhum Barbancourt Estate Reserve

CRILLON IMPORTERS LTD

Best Rum | Best of Class | Double Gold - An exquisite expression of refinement. Caramelized white pear opens elegantly into cognac-like complexity with marzipan and vanilla bean, carried on a silky, sweet barrel foundation. Lush notes of caramel, orange peel, and nutmeg unfold alongside fresh coconut and the pure indulgence of pineapple upside-down cake. A remarkably smooth and sophisticated rum.

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SCORE

Best Woman
Distiller

SINGLE BARREL AMERICAN WHISKEY 10 YEARS

**Norman's 53 Single Barrel Bourbon
Whiskey**

Weldon Mills Distillery

Best Whiskey | Best of Class | Double Gold A masterfully crafted whiskey of depth and distinction. Classic caramel and vanilla are elevated by brownie brittle and rich cocoa nibs. Bold yet supremely balanced — all the power of an iron fist wrapped in a velvet glove — with the indulgent warmth of old-fashioned chocolate cake on the finish

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SCORE

Best Gin

GIN, NEW WESTERN

Revelton American Gin

Revelton Distilling Company

Best of Class | Double Gold Pristine and beautifully composed. Fresh cucumber and grassy herbal notes lead to a spirit of exceptional clarity. An extraordinary balance of botanicals and fresh herbs with a clean, lingering finish. Truly outstanding.

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SCORE

Best Gin Flavor
ed/Infused

GIN FLAVORED/INFUSED, COMPOUND

Revelton Mulberry Gin

Revelton Distilling Company

Best of Class | Double Gold Vibrant and captivating with notes of hibiscus that dance beautifully between sweet and savory. Lush blackberry jam mingles with a tantalizing hint of salty raspberry for a truly memorable finish.

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SCORE

Best Liqueur /
Other

CREAM/DAIRY LIQUEURS

Revelton Whiskey & Cream Liqueur

Revelton Distilling Company

Best of Class | Double Gold Flawlessly balanced and utterly indulgent. Rich butterscotch gives way to a dreamy marriage of smooth caramel and pillowy marshmallow — a spirit of pure, polished perfection.

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Best Tequila

REPOSADO TEQUILA

Reposado Tequila

Dia De La Sirena

Best of Class / Gold Warm and welcoming with beautiful vanilla bean and caramel at the forefront. Gentle baking spices and well-integrated oak give way to a lovely natural sweetness. Notes of eggnog and quince round out a thoroughly satisfying finish.

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SCORE

Best Ready to Drink

READY TO DRINK COCKTAIL

Craftwell Top Shelf Spicy Mango Margarita

2 Towns Ciderhouse

Best of Class A vibrant and playful expression with a welcoming hint of spice, exotic lychee, and crisp green mango. Refreshing and perfectly composed.

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SCORE

Double Gold

STRAIGHT BOURBON

Weldon Mills Wheated Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Weldon Mills Distillery

Bright and aromatic with fresh citrus oil and creamy vanilla soda sweetness. Shaved wood and warm sandalwood lend an elegant, refined depth

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SCORE

Double Gold

AMERICAN STRAIGHT RYE WHISKEY

Single Barrel Straight Rye

Hush & Whisper Distilling

Rich and full-textured with intriguing notes of dehydrated orange peel and sumac. Beautifully integrated vanilla with well-developed tannins and a clean, polished finish.

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SCORE

Double Gold

SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

Rare Canadian Single Malt Whisky 10yr

Preiss Imports, LLC

Approachable and comforting with warm oatmeal and gentle peat. Delicate white sugar sweetness melds with the fresh, subtle character of stone fruit skins.

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SCORE

Gold

SMALL BATCH BOURBON 10 YEARS AND YOUNGER

Pauline's Victory

Lythgoe Bourbon

Lively and expressive with grassy herbal notes, a whisper of sea salt, and the nostalgic sweetness of caramel corn.

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Gold

GIN, LONDON DRY

Original Gin

Hush & Whisper Distilling

Aromatic and inviting with horchata spice, juniper, and delicate white florals. Bright and lively on the palate with a beautiful finish that showcases a stylistically excellent and well-crafted gin.

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SCORE

Gold

SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

Battle of the Glen Canadian Single Malt Whisky 15yr

Preiss Imports, LLC

A complex and contemplative spirit. Dried lemongrass, peaty earth, and mossy undertones weave through notes of vanilla and soft leather for a rugged yet refined character.

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SCORE

Gold

SILVER/GOLD (NON-AGED) TEQUILA

Tequila Blanco

Fósforo

Crisp and refreshing with a classic profile. Salty lime and bright lemon citrus are complemented by the lightest whisper of fresh cucumber — a clean and very traditional expression

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SCORE

Gold

READY TO DRINK COCKTAIL - OTHER

Craftwell Top Shelf Chocolate Espresso Martini

2 Towns Ciderhouse

The quintessential espresso martini experience. Bold coffee character meets silky crème brûlée sweetness in an effortlessly sophisticated cocktail.