



2025 Los Angeles Invitational Spirit Challenge Results

Award	Company - Brand	Name	Category	Score	Comment	Website
Best of the Best Best Whiskey Best Small Batch Bourbon 10yrs>	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Cowboy 2024	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Very interesting, nutty toast. Dry apricot.	www.garrisonbros.com
Best Rye Whiskey -	Azalea & Appel - Larado Whiskey	8 Year Single Barrel Rye Whiskey	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Best of Class - Gold - Clean, subtle, peach and elegant.	www.laradowhiskey.com
Best Mixer	Coastal Beverages, Inc - Taste of Florida	Bloody Mary Mix	Bloody Mary Mixer	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Delicious, tastes like homemade. Well balanced flavors, spiced. Expertly crafted. Bloody Mary from the best bartender. Excellent bloody Mary. Good level of spice.	http://www.tasteoffl.com/products/taste-of-florida
Best Gin	Coit Spirits	Gin - Earl Grey	Gin, New Western	98	Best of Class, Double Gold, - Straight juniper. Clean and fine with fruit. Citrus finish. Lively sweet finish.	www.coitspirits.com
Best Straight Bourbon	Foley Family Wines and Spirits - Minden Mill	Minden Mill Nevada Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Expansive peat, easy approach, balanced and clean.	https://www.mindenmill.com
Best Liqueur (Coffee)	Lebowski's Kool-Luah	Lebowski's Kool-Luah Coffee Liqueur	Liqueur	92	Notes of coffee and sweet brown sugar. Maple around the edges. Smooth and elegant.	www.lebowskiskoolluah.com
Best Ready to Drink	Napa Cru	Yuzu Lemon Drop	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	98	Double Gold - Fresh, natural aroma. Balance of sweet and sour.	https://www.thenapacru.com

Best Rum	Nike - BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ Diez	Extra-Aged Rum (More than 5 Years)	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Medicinal notes brought down with water. Easy, worthy.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en
Best Vodka Flavored/Infused	Ogden's Own Distillery	Five Wives Spicy Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Corn	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Out of the ordinary. Spicy, nice heat. Tamarind. Balanced. Asian twist.	www.ogdensown.com
Best Gin Flavored / Infused	POSH GIN	POSH GIN	Gin Flavored/Infused, Distilled	93	Best of Class, Gold. Citrus. Very clear	www.poshgin.com
Best Single Malt Whiskey	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - Stranahan's	Mountain Angel	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Rich vanilla oak with hints of brioche. Cinnamon spice and coconut on palate. Smooth lingering finish.	https://proximospirits.com
Best Tequila Reposado	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - 1800	1800 Reposado	Reposado Tequila	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Complex and multi layered. Forest floor, dried leaf, and wet stone. Expertly crafted.	https://proximospirits.com
Best Tequila Best Tequila Extra-Añejo	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - 1800	1800 Milenio	Tequila, Extra-Aged Añejo	99	Best of Class, Double Gold - Like a fine cognac. World class barrel aged spirit. Expertly crafted.	https://proximospirits.com
Best Cachaca	Seven Waves Spirits, LLC - Seven Waves	Silver Cachaça	Cachaça Unaged	95	Best of Glass, Double Gold - Well balanced. Smooth, light, airy and textbook.	https://sevenwaves.com/
Best Seltzer	Spirit of Gallo - High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Peach	Hard Seltzers	93	Best of Class, Gold - Very balanced peach flavor.	www.gallo.com
Best Tequila Añejo	Spirit of Gallo - Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Añejo	Añejo Tequila	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant, refined, Light bodied. Excellent layers of spice notes throughout.	www.gallo.com
Best Vodka	Spirit of Gallo - New Amsterdam	New Amsterdam Vodka Original	Vodka, Corn	92	Best of Class, Gold - Rich and clean on palate. Long length, good minerality.	www.gallo.com
Best Cristalino	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Centinela	Centinela Eterno Cristalino	Cristalino, Añejo	93	Earthy, light, Excellent layer of smoke and sweetness.	https://casacentinela.com
Best Tequila Blanco	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Centinela	Centinela Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Very traditional style. Austere and earthy. Light, airy, crisp, clean and refined.	https://casacentinela.com

Best Tennessee Whiskey	The Brand Guild - Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Best of Class, Gold - Rich, round and aged.	https://thebrandguild.com
Double Gold	Spirit of Gallo - Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	97	Herbaceous and petite. Well crafted and layered.	www.gallo.com
Double Gold	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Cabrito	Cabrito Reposado	Reposado Tequila	95	Crowd Pleaser. Light, airy, floral and sweet. Soft woody aromatics. A little heat. Elevated traditional.	https://casacentinela.com
Double Gold	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Centinela	Centinela 3 Años	Tequila, Extra-Aged Añejo	96	Robust. Heavy toast. Dried fruits. Well executed. Traditional extra aged.	https://casacentinela.com/
Double Gold	Nike - BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ RTD Rum Punch	3032 Ready to Drink Rum Based	96	Great over ice. Spritzy and delicious.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Double Gold	Spirit of Gallo - Salt Point	Cape Cod Canned Vodka Cocktail	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	95	Double Gold - Juicy, flavorful, great punch of lime.	www.gallo.com
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - Stranahan's	Blue Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	96	Smooth and sweet. Maple . Very well balanced	https://proximospirits.com
Double Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Guadalupe	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	91	Smooth finish, rich mouth feel. Port aging with nice fruit component.	www.garrisonbros.com
Double Gold	Azalea & Appel - Ridge River Whiskey	7 Year Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	96	Clean, fresh and well rounded.	www.laradowhiskey.com
Gold	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Centinela	Centinela Añejo	Añejo Tequila	90	Sweet hickory smoke note. Big personality. Deep agave flavor.	https://casacentinela.com
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - 1800	1800 Añejo	Añejo Tequila	91	Well-executed layers of caramel. Tobacco ,and oak. Nice traditional. Elegant texture.	https://proximospirits.com
Gold	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Centinela	Centinela Reposado	Reposado Tequila	90	Light, clean, refreshing and well balanced.	https://casacentinela.com
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - Gran Coramino	Gran Coramino Reposado	Reposado Tequila	92	Decadent-vanilla, butterscotch. Well barrel seasoned.	https://proximospirits.com
Gold	Spirit of Gallo - Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Silver/Plato	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	90	A little smoky but lean. Very traditional.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Tequila Centinela, S.A. de C.V. - Tequila Cabrito	Cabrito Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	90	A little green and white tea note. Fat middle. Fresh spring water element.	https://casacentinela.com

Gold	Leucadia Tequila 1875	Leucadia Tequila Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	91	Classic, almost a rich rain forest aroma.	https://leucadia1875.com
Gold	Seven Waves Spirits, LLC - Seven Waves	Oak Cachaça	Cachaça Aged	92	Touch of tobacco smoke. Dried grass and earthy.	https://sevenwaves.com/
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - 1800	1800 Cristalino	Cristalino, Blanco	92	Nice. Hint of smoke. Elegant mouth feel with well balanced sweetness.	https://proximospirits.com
Gold	Spirit of Gallo - High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Grapefruit	Hard Seltzers	91	Tastes like fresh grapefruit	www.gallo.com
Gold	Spirit of Gallo - High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Watermelon	Hard Seltzers	92	Clean. Tastes like fresh watermelon.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Star Union Spirits	Alembic Absinthe	Absinthe	92	Rich, licorice incense with a nice punch of sweeteners. Soothing.	www.starunionspirits.com
Gold	Coastal Beverages, Inc - Taste of Florida	Spicy Bloody Mary	Bloody Mary Mixer	93	Excellent Bloody Mary. Good level of spice.	http://www.tasteoffl.com/products/taste-of-florida
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - 1800	1800 The Ultimate Margarita	Margarita RTD	90		https://proximospirits.com
Gold	Spirit of Gallo - High Noon	Vodka Ice Tea Original	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	92	Tastes like real tea. Good level of intensity.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Spirit of Gallo - Salt Point	Greyhound Canned Vodka Cocktail	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	91	Very citrusy.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Napa Cru	Italiano Spritz	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	90	Italian aperitivo flavor. Nice, hint of sweetness. Herbal.	https://www.thenapacru.com
Gold	Star Union Spirits	Navy Strength Rum	Over-Proof Rum	90	Bold. Nice balance of sweetness, oak, charcoal. Like bourbon barrel oak.	www.starunionspirits.com
Gold	MTNView Consulting, LLC - Naiche	Naiche Sotol	Blanco	91	Fresh grass. Lemon peel. Complex.	www.mtnviewagaveimports.com
Gold	Granite Mountain Distillery - Winston Gin	Valkyrie Vodka	Vodka, Wheat	91	Silky texture, subtle, earthy finish.	www.granitemountaindistilleryaz.com
Gold	Granite Mountain Distillery - Granite Mountain Rye	Granite Mountain Rye	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Clean, delicate, tropical, and apricot finish.	www.granitemountaindistilleryaz.com

Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc. - Stranahan's	Diamond Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	94	Wonderful oe of citris and vanilla. very smooth and balanced. Well done.	https://proximospirits.com
Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Single Barrel Cask Strength Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Authentic, mature complex. Orange peel.	www.garrisonbros.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	93	Youthful, sweet. and approachable.	https://thebrandguild.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Small Batch Select Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	91	Rich balanced and straight forward.	https://thebrandguild.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Small Batch Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Peachy, floral, ripe and fresh.	https://thebrandguild.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Consumer / \$25.00 or less	92	Lovely and rich.	https://thebrandguild.com
Gold	Good Trouble Kentucky Straight Bourbon	Good Trouble Kentucky Straight Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	92	Clean, vanilla, well balanced with oak. Long finish, good with cocktails.	https://goodtroublebourbon.com
Gold	Dexter Bourbon Company	Three Wood Straight Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	93	Wonderful, big, complex, nice aging, good mouthfeel.	www.dexterbourbon.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Single Barrel Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Soft, understated, subtle.	https://thebrandguild.com
Gold	Good Trouble Kentucky Straight Bourbon	Good Trouble Kentucky Straight Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Clean, vanilla, balanced with oak, long finish. Good with cocktails.	https://goodtroublebourbon.com
Gold	The Brand Guild - Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Nearest Green Tennessee Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	91	Sea breeze, aromatic, simple and attractive.	https://thebrandguild.com