

San Diego Spirits Festival International Spirits Competition Announces the Winning Brands

The 2019 San Diego Spirits Festival International Spirits Competition had one of the toughest fields to date with great entries from both the USA and internationally, all spirits were judged on their individual merits and attributes.



San Diego, Sep 13, 2019 (Issuewire.com) - The 2019 San Diego Spirits Festival International bottle judging competition was well supported with over 228 from craft distilleries, American merchant bottlers, and large familiar labels. Brands were divided into respective categories as determined by spirit type or style, including whiskey, bourbon, rum, gin, vodka, and flavoured vodka. Judges were divided into panels and participated in blind tastings of the spirits, using their knowledge and expertise to analyze and scrutinize the participants' aromas and flavours.

All samples were covered and tasted in the NEAT glass which has been designed to dissipate alcohol and magnify aromas, the NEAT glass is the official judging and tasting glass of the San Diego Spirits Festival International Competition. All tastings were held blind, and the integrity of the competition was safeguarded by sample preparation in a restricted room away from the judging area, with strict adherence to a single specific category for each flight.

The integrity of San Diego Spirits Festival International Spirits Competition starts with the quality and expertise of the Esteemed Judges, who have a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds and this facilitates a true and unbiased quality of judging process.

"The quality of spirits entered this year was exceptional," said George Manska inventor of the NEAT tasting Glass and the official Advisory Council for the San Diego Spirits Festival. In total, 138 Medals were awarded across all categories; 2 Best in Show: 16 Double Gold; 12 Gold; 48 Silver; 44 Bronze: and 16 Design. Absolutely no automatic awards were given. Every medal awarded was won against a field of competitors, and stood on its own individual merits

Catan Pisco Pietro Gallo Estate Grappa de Prosecco were both named as Best in Show and Double Gold Medalist at the 11th Annual San Diego Spirits Festival. Hailed as one of the "top cocktail festivals in the United States". The San Diego Spirits Festival's Bottle Competition was held on August 10 at the Bristol Hotel San Diego.

The winning brands were announced at the 11th Annual San Diego Spirits Festival which was held on August 24-25 at the Port Pavilion Broadway Pier and brought together industry insiders and cocktail consumers for a weekend of community, discovery and education.

"The festival's goal is to bring cocktail and culinary enthusiasts together over spirits we already know and love while introducing what's new and exciting in the industry," explains San Diego Spirits Festival founder Liz Edwards.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO SPIRITS FESTIVAL:

Since 2009, the San Diego Spirits Festival has brought the best of the craft cocktail scene to the city of San Diego, celebrating local cuisine, mixology, and all things spirits. Voted Premier Traveler's, "Must-Try Festival of the Year", and named by Fodors.com as "One of the Best Cocktail Festivals in America!" It is truly an event not to be missed! www.sandiegospiritsfestival.com

2019 Awards San Diego Spirits Festival International Bottle Competition

- Catan Pisco Reserve Pisco - Best in Show Double Gold
- Pietro Gallo Estate Grappa de Prosecco - Best in Show Double Gold
- Tierra Sagrada Extra Anejo Tequila Best in Show Gold

DOUBLE GOLD

- Legends Vodka
- Lemay Vodka
- Panther City Distillery Hell's Half Acre Vodka
- Dark Door Spirits Spirit of Prohibition Barreled Gin
- Ciertto Private Collection Blanco Tequila
- Adictivo Plata Tequila
- Catan Pisco Reserve Pisco
- Pietro Gallo Estate Grappa de Prosecco
- Redwood Empire Pipe Dream Bourbon Whiskey
- Lohin McKinnon Niagara Single Malt Whiskey
- Central City Brewers Sparrow Rum
- Blue Marble Cocktails Screwdriver
- Cafe Agave Espresso
- Crater Lake Spirits Rock & Rye
- Taste of Florida Spicy Bloody Mary Mix
- Parker's Hangover Tonic Bloody Mary Mix

GOLD

- Tom of Finland Organic Vodka
- Broken Shed Vodka
- Tequila Dinastia Real Blanco Tequila
- Tierra Sagrada Extra Anejo Tequila
- Adictivo Black Label Extra Anejo Tequila
- Cierta Private Collection Reposado Tequila
- Courvoisier Sherry Cask Finish Cognac
- Kamiki Sakura Cask Blended Malt Whisky Japanese Whisky
- Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey Tennessee Whiskey
- Rossville Union Barrel Proof Straight Rye Whiskey
- Sagamore Spirit Cask Strength Straight Rye Whiskey
- Omakase Queensborough Japanese Style Gin

SILVER

- South Fork Vodka
- White Rhino Premium Vodka
- Mutiny Island Vodka
- Wild Rag Vodka
- Wild Rag Mesquite Bean Vodka
- Blood Sweat Tears Vodka
- Humboldt Craft Spirits Blue Lake Vodka
- Highclere Castle Gin
- Western Son Texas Gin
- Loch & Union Distilling American Dry Gin
- Gray Whale Gin
- Goleta Red Distilling Company Goodland Gin
- Tau Tequila Blanco
- Tierra Sagrada Plata Tequila
- Cava De Oro Plata Tequila
- Aquamiel Blanco Tequila
- Tequila Dinastia Real Anejo Tequila
- Cierta Tequila Private Collection Anejo Tequila
- Don Cayo Anejo Tequila
- Adictivo Extra Anejo Cristalino Tequila
- Insolente Extra Anejo Tequila
- Cierta Tequila Private Collection Extra Anejo Tequila
- Cava De Oro Extra Anejo Cristalino Tequila
- Tequila Dinastia Real Extra Anejo Tequila
- Cava De Oro Extra Anejo Tequila
- Revel Avila Anejo Tequila
- Banderero Blanco Tequila
- Kilinga Reposado Bacanora
- Pfister Distilling Company Navy Strength Rum
- Purgatorio Sangre Di Diablo Infused Rum
- Neptune Barbados Gold Dark Rum
- Wise Men Distillery Apple Pie Moonshine
- Courvoisier VS Cognac

- Courvoisier XO Cognac
- Fainting Goat Spirits C.B. Fisher's American Single Malt Whiskey
- Bogart's Irish Whiskey
- Sui Generis Siren Song Corn Whiskey
- MannCave Whiskey Corn Whiskey
- Redwood Empire Whiskey Lost Monarch Straight Whiskey
- Humboldt Craft Spirits Redwood Rye Whiskey
- Eight and Sand Blended Bourbon Whiskey American Blended Whiskey
- Legends Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey
- Sagamore Spirit Signature 83 Proof Straight Rye
- Sagamore Spirits Double Oak Rye Whiskey American Straight Rye Whiskey
- Jim Beam Black Bourbon Whiskey
- Café Agave Salted Caramel Coffee Liqueur
- Blue Marble Cocktails Coconut Island
- Café Agave Coffee Mocha Coffee Liqueur

BRONZE

- Memphis Vodka
- Wise Men Distillery Vodka
- Frankly Organic Vodka
- Dark Door Spirits Spirit of Hearts Vodka
- Frankly Organic Grapefruit Vodka
- Island Grove Blueberry Vodka
- Frankly Organic Apple Vodka
- Fairbanks Distilling 68 Below Vodka
- Skagway Spirits Distillery Bone Dry Gin
- Bogart's Gin
- Hammer Spring Gin
- Humboldt Craft Spirits Little River Gin
- Dark Door Spirits of Prohibition Gin
- Dorwood Agave Blanco Tequila
- Cava De Oro Reposado Tequila
- Don Cayo Reposado Tequila
- Cava De Oro Anejo Tequila
- Adictivo Anejo Tequila
- Tierra Sagrada Cristalino Extra Anejo Tequila
- Insolente Anejo Tequila
- Adictivo Extra Anejo Tequila
- Don Cayo Extra Anejo Tequila
- Don Alberto Extra Anejo Tequila
- Tequila Dinastia Real Plata
- MannCave Moonshine
- PD-101, Moonshine
- Bogart's White Rum
- Soggy Dollar Old Dark Rum
- Divine Distillers Coffee Infused Rum
- Courvoisier VSOP Cognac
- 10th Street American Peated Whiskey American Single Malt Whiskey
- Redwood Empire Rye Whiskey

- C.B. Fisher's Straight Rye Whiskey
- George Remus Repeal Reserve Series II
- Old Dominick Huling Station Bourbon
- Misunderstood Ginger Spiced Whiskey
- Heritage Distilling BSB-103 Bourbon
- J Seeds Apple Cider Whiskey
- Oak & Eden Rye & Spire Whiskey
- Taste of Florida Bloody Mary Mix
- Café Agave Vanilla Cinnamon Coffee Liqueur
- Chinola Fruit Liqueur
- Lawless Liqueurs Apple Liqueur Fruit Liqueur
- Lawless Liqueurs Black Cherry Liqueur Fruit Liqueur

DESIGN MEDALS

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