



2021 Sunset International Spirits Competition Results

Award	Company	Brand	Name	Type	Score	Comment	Website
Best of Show	Highclere Castle Spirits	Highclere Castle Gin	Highclere Castle Gin	Gin	96	Anise, classic orange; floral, sexy, lingering, lavender	www.highclere-castlespirits.com
Best Brandy	Jaxon Keys Winery and Distillery	Jaxon Keys Brandy	Old Stock	Brandies	95	Great flavor. Explosive, brightness. Intensity! True to style. Earthy sweet. Chicory root.	www.jaxonkeyswinery.com
Best Cognac	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	XO	Brandies	98	Really delicious. Layered. Magnificence about it. Regal; Quite elegant. Has an attitude	sirespirits.com
Best Liqueur	Pendray's Distillery	Pendray's Distillery	Pendray's Amaro	Liqueurs and Others	94	Blood orange, with herbal notes. Earthiness, nice bitterness with orange finish.	www.paso-portwine.com

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Best Non-Alcoholic Mixer	Bundaberg Brewed Drinks	Bundaberg Brewed Drinks	Bundaberg Ginger Beer	Mixers and Non-Alcoholic	90	Fresh ginger. Not too sweet.	http://www.bundaberg.com
Best RTD (Ready to Drink)	Barrel Brothers Brewing Company	Barrel Brothers Brewing Company	Sonoma Bramble	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	94	Fresh fruit forward; Balanced	www.barrelbrothersbrewing.com
Best Rum	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Barrel Aged Rum	Rum	96	Little caramel, linen, dynamic gold, wood-shaving & toast, nice viscosity & sweetness.	cutwaterspirits.com
Best Tequila	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Reposado	Agave / Tequila	98	Lovely spice, pepper, jam, dried fig, layers.	cutwaterspirits.com
Best Vodka	TAHOE SPIRITS, INC.	Tahoe Blue Vodka	Tahoe Blue Vodka	Vodka	97	Citrus, Orange, bright. Extremely clean. Focussed, soft finish	tahoebbluevodka.com
Best Vodka - Infused/Flavored	Blue Spirits Distilling	Tommy Bahama	Cucumber Vodka	Vodka	96	Big bold; Super clean	www.coralcaydistilling.com
Best Whiskey	Blue Spirits Distilling	Tommy Bahama	Rye	Whiskies / Whiskeys	98	Persimmons on the nose. Hint of sweetness; pine; very aromatic	www.coralcaydistilling.com
Best Whiskey - Infused/Flavored	Heritage Distilling Co	Heritage Distilling Company	Cocoa Bomb Chocolate Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	97	Dynamic chocolate, nice finish, s'mores.	www.heritage-distilling.com

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Best of Class	High Bank Distillery	High Bank Distillery Co.	Whiskey War Double Oaked	Whiskies / Whiskeys	92	Cinnamon & baking spice, green apple, easy, soft, very welcoming.	highbankco.com
Best of Class	Öömrang, Inc.	Öömrang	Raspberry Brandy	Brandies	92	Balanced. sharp. Pure, raspberry.	www.oomrang.com
Best of Class	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection - Extra Añejo	Agave / Tequila	94	Nice finish, pink peppercorn, cherry chocolate.	www.ciertotequila.com
Best of Class	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection - Blanco	Agave / Tequila	94	Classic, seamless, white pepper, baked apple.	www.ciertotequila.com
Best of Class	E. & J. Gallo Winery	RumHaven	Coconut Rum	Rum	94	Sometimes you feel like a nut; Reminds me of Mounds. Nice toasted coconut flavor. Sweet. Good aroma	www.gallo.com
Best of Class	MGP Luxco Inc.	Remus Repeal Reserve Series V	Remus Repeal Reserve Series V	Whiskies / Whiskeys	94	Red apples, toasty, nice sweetness which was well integrated.	https://www.mgpingredients.com/
Best of Class	Yoshino Spirits	Kamiki	Kamiki Whisky	Whiskies / Whiskeys	94	Cherry, smoke, peaty, iodine, cloves; Spice on your palate	www.yoshinospirits.com
Best of Class	DISTILLERS WAY LLC.	Doc Swinson's	Alter Ego Triple Cask Bourbon	Whiskies / Whiskeys	95	Toasty, nice body.	www.docswiskey.com

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Best of Class	Savage & Cooke, LLC	Savage & Cooke	DIGITS	Whiskies / Whiskeys	97	Toasty warmth, nice finish, caramel aromas, softer aged quality about it.	www.savageand-cooke.com
Best of Class	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1820 Premium Single Barrel Whiskey - US-53	Whiskies / Whiskeys	97	Complex sweet aromatics; Rich, full round finish	https://unclenearest.com/
Best of Class	Bendistillery	Crater Lake Spirits	Black Butte Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	98	Sweet and soft like your first love; Cacao, Some earthy notes. Olive and tea; lingering cacao on the palate	www.bendistillery.com
Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Añejo	Agave / Tequila	98	Sassy, sexy, salubrious, spicy, vanilla, dried fig	cutwaterspirits.com
Double Gold	Barr Hill	Barr Hill	Tom Cat Gin	Gin	95	Vanilla and a mixed spice bag. Bold, Large, and at the same time, Tame. A Gin that beckons to you !!	https://caledoniaspirits.com/
Double Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Añejo	Agave / Tequila	95	Layered, balanced spice on mid palate, vanilla.	www.gallo.com

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Double Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VSOP Royal	Brandies	95	Textbook; Deep rich and inviting; Sexy, smooth. Warm spice on the nose	sirespirits.com
Double Gold	Vánagandr Destilerías S.L.	Vánagandr	Vánagandr London Dry Gin	Gin	95	Mint Flowers, Cinnamon and Citrus. Full Bodied yet lush. You will want more!	www.vanagandr.com
Double Gold	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	96	Nice barrel profile. Nice toasty, sweet, clean	https://unclenearest.com/
Gold	Dented Brick Distillery	Dented Brick Distillery	Moon's Best Bottled in Bond Straight Rye Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	92	Lush and rich. Finishes with slight sweetness and smoke.	www.dentedbrick.com
Gold	Bendistillery	Crater Lake Spirits	Hazelnut Espresso Vodka	Vodka	90	Caramel, syrupy, mid-palate Natural sweetness	www.bendistillery
Gold	Bently Heritage Estate Distillery	Bently Heritage Estate Distillery	Source One Single Estate Vodka, Wheat & Oat Blend	Vodka	90	Nice freshness on nose; Clean	bentlyheritage.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spicy Bloody Mary	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	90	Nice spice level.	cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Tiki Rum Punch	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	90	Balanced fun, fresh, fruity.	cutwaterspirits.com

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Gold	Lightning Spirits	Lightning Spirits	Lightning Vodka	Vodka	90	Neutral Classic. Richness; Pleasant creaminess	www.lightning-spiritsco.com
Gold	Limbeck Group GmbH & Co. KG	Proud, Strong & Noble	Proud, Strong & Noble Premium Gin	Gin	90	Orange blossom; Honey; Lavender	proudstrongand-noblegin.com
Gold	MGP Luxco Inc.	Green Hat Original Batch Gin	Green Hat Original Batch Gin	Gin	90	Piney, lavender	https://www.mgpingredients.com/
Gold	MGP Luxco Inc.	Green Hat Citrus Floral Gin	Green Hat Citrus Floral Gin	Gin	90	Perfume; Piney; Cloves; Layers; Rosemary	https://www.mgpingredients.com/
Gold	Öömrang, Inc.	Öömrang	Bartlett Pear Brandy	Brandies	90	True to style.	www.oomrang.com
Gold	Öömrang, Inc.	Öömrang	Donut Peach Brandy	Brandies	90	Balanced, refreshing, fragrant	www.oomrang.com
Gold	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash Vintage 2020	Vodka	90	Clean finish, Interesting minerality	royalmash.com
Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VS Phantom	Brandies	90	True to form. Solid	sirespirits.com
Gold	Barr Hill	Barr Hill	Barr Hill Vodka	Vodka	91	"Warm Subtle notes. Smooth and comfortable. A very pleasant spirit." "	https://caledoniaspirits.com/

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Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mild Bloody Mary	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	91	Can see the spice in the mix. Classic black pepper, celery salt. Respectable as cocktail.	cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mango Margarita	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	91	Fruit forward, tropical, Balanced	cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	E&J Distillers	XO	Brandies	91	Caramel, vanilla, nutty, molasses.	www.gallo.com
Gold	High Bank Distillery	High Bank Distillery Co.	Whiskey War Barrel Proof	Whiskies / Whiskeys	91	Toasty notes. Sweet tea.	highbankco.com
Gold	MGP Luxco Inc.	Rossville Union Master Crafted (94 Proof)	Rossville Union Master Crafted (94 Proof)	Whiskies / Whiskeys	91	Pleasant aromas, maraschino cherry,& red apple.	https://www.mgpingredients.com/
Gold	Red River Brewery and Distillery	Red River Brewery and Distillery	Silver King Vodka	Vodka	91	Vanilla lite citrus. Floral like a lemon blossom. Lingering and elegant finish.	https://www.redriverbrewing.com/
Gold	Racquet Club Spirits	Racquet Club Spirits	Vodka	Vodka	91	Well rounded spirit; Clean finish; Delicate; Purity; Textured	www.racquetclubspirits.com
Gold	Straightaway	ACCOMPANi	Sweet Vermouth	Aperitifs	91	Meaty-ness. Balanced.	https://www.straightaway-cocktails.com/
Gold	Venus Spirits	Venus Spirits	Venus Spirits Aquavit	Akavit	91	Classic, fresh, caraway	venusspirits.com

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Gold	Casa Capistrano	Casa Capistrano	Blanco	Agave / Tequila	92	White chocolate, white pepper spice, long finish. sweet.	www.casacapistrano.com
Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Highland Collection - Reposado	Agave / Tequila	92	White sage, vanilla thyme.	www.ciertotequila.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Strawberry Margarita	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	92	Strawberry cheesecake	cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	DISTILLERS WAY LLC.	Doc Swinson's	Blender's Cut Thirty Six Twenty One	Whiskies / Whiskeys	92	Toast with a little vanilla baking spices on palette. Nice body, lingering heat with hints of cinnamon.	www.docswiskey.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon	Hard Seltzer Mango	Hard Seltzers	92	Great nose; Great aromatics; Refreshing, clean, lasting flavor	www.gallo.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Silver/Plato	Agave / Tequila	92	Great texture, peppermint, rose.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Hinterhaus Distilling	Hinterhaus Distilling	California Buck	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails)	92	Clean, balanced, fragrant, flavorful.	www.hinterhausdistilling.com
Gold	NCCGA of CT	Vincenzi	Limoncello di Torino	Liqueurs and Others	92	Dynamic lemon, overall intensity, lemon oil integrity.	biceriniusa.com

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Gold	Spirit Works Distillery	Spirit Works Distillery	Straight Rye Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	92	Little smokey; Full bodied; Mellow finish, Cedar-like on palate	www.spirit-worksdistillery.com
Gold	Barr Hill	Barr Hill	Barr Hill Gin	Gin	93	A soft ocean breeze that turns into a Maverick's Wave! Perfectly blended and balanced.	https://caledoniaspirits.com/
Gold	Buglisi Recobs Group LLC	Misunderstood Whiskey Company	Ginger Spiced Whiskey	Whiskies / Whiskeys	93	Restrained, natural, some ginger flavor, heat and sweetness	www.misunderstoodwhiskey.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Bali Hai Tiki Dark Rum	Rum	93	Caramel, maple, hint of sweetness.	cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Don Vicente Tequila	Don Vicente	Extra Añejo	Agave / Tequila	93	Spunky, sassy, pepper, smoky.	N/A
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Reposado	Agave / Tequila	93	Crushed herbs, with hints of citrus and spice	www.gallo.com
Gold	Gothic Gin	Gothic Gin	Gothic Gin	Gin	93	Dry spice and coriander	www.gothicgin.com
Gold	Lightning Spirits	Lightning Spirits	Aquila Rum	Rum	93	Clean,direct,-real straight shooter,nice viscosity.	www.lightning-spiritsco.com
Gold	Redwood Empire Distillery	Redwood Empire	Grizzly Beast	Whiskies / Whiskeys	93	Clean, direct, good mineral quality.	https://redwoodempirewhiskey.com

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Gold	Shelter Distilling	Shelter Distilling	Little Green Monster	Liqueurs and Others	93	Black licorice flavor, anise sweetness on palate with minty after taste.	shelterdistilling.com
Gold	Spirit Works Distillery	Spirit Works Distillery	Sloe Gin	Liqueurs and Others	93	Berries and citrus, with warm spice. Lingering zippy finish.	www.spirit-worksdistillery.com
Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection -Añejo	Agave / Tequila	94	White pepper, chocolate, vanilla, stewed plus approachable.	www.ciertotequila.com
Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VSOP Grand Champagne	Brandies	94	So much personality. Rich, smokey creme brulee	sirespirits.com
Gold	Tiger Gin	Tiger Gin	Tiger Gin	Gin	94	Blend of grapefruit citrus, Wonderful spicy flavor, Crisp and clean finish.	www.tigergin.co.uk