

2022 Sunset International Spirits Competition Results

Award	Company	Brand	Name	Type,Category	Score	JudgeComment	Website
Best of the Best	Jettywave Distillery	Jettywave Distillery	California Botanical Gin	Gin, Distilled	98	Best Gin, Best of Class, Double Gold. Delicious sipping, peppercorn, stunner,winter gin.	www.Jettywave.com
Best Asian Spirits	Golden Beaver Distillery	Golden Beaver Distillery	BIba Soju	Asian Spirits Soju/ Sochu	91	Gold. Fresh soft on lingering mid palate finish.	www.GoldenBeaverDistillery.com
Best Brandy	Calisco Spirits LLC	Calisco Spirits	Spirit of California	Brandies American Grape Brandy	95	Best of Class, Double Gold. Very aromatic and floral. Kiwi.	www.caliscospirits.com
Best Cachasa	Cachaça Bela	Cachaça Bela	OURO	Cachaça Aged	92	Best of Class. Exotic spice, cardamom, intensity and fine.	www.cachacabela.com
Best Cognac	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VSOP Grand Champagne	Cognac VSOP or Equivilent	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Lovely nose. Malty. Dried golden raisin. Beautifully balanced. Buttery.	www.sirespirits.com
Best Gin/ flavored/ infused	Wild Roots Spirits	Wild Roots	Orange & Bergamot Gin	Gin Flavored/Infused	98	Sipping gin, winter on the rocks.	www.wildrootsspirits.com
Best Japanese Whiskey	Yoshino Spirits	Kamiki	Kamiki Sakura Wood Whisky	Japanese Whiskey, Luxury	94	Full and rich, floral notes, hints of camphor and white plum.	www.yoshinospirits.com
Best Liqueur	Absinthia's Bottled Spirits	Absinthia Organic Absinthe Superieure	Absinthia Absinthe Verte	Liqueurs and Others Absinthe	97	Best Liqueur, Best of Class, Double Gold. Really pretty tea finish. Very complex. Chewy. Fresh cream. Floral.	www.absinthia.com
Best Mexcal	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mezcal Anejo	Mezcal Anejo	95	Best of Class. Rich, more complex and refined.	www.www.cutwaterspirits.com
Best Non-Alcoholic Mixer	Absinthia's Bottled Spirits	Absinthia Cocktail Syrups	Caged Heat	Mixers and Non-Alcoholic	92	Thick spicy honey. Cinnamon. Red pepper flakes. Holiday syrup.	www.absinthia.com
Best Other White Spirits	Axia Spirit	Axia Spirit	Axia	Other White Spirits	94	Sweeps. Earthy, spruce, walking into rainforest. Licorice quality.	www.axiaspirit.com
Best RTD (Ready to Drink)	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tropical Tiki Rum Mai Tai	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Rum Based	96	Best of Class, Double Gold, Pecan, like aromatic, coupled with exotic fruit such as pineapple, orange and guava.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Best Rum	Hawaii Sea Spirits	Kula Rum	Kula Dark Rum	Rum Dark/Gold	95	Best of Class. Double Gold. Rich for its high proof. Nice spice, fruits. Toasty roasted coffee.	www.hawaiiseaspirits.com
Best Specialty	The Gallavant Group	Mad March Hare	Mad March Hare Irish Poiti-n	Specialty	95	Best of Class. Double Gold. Brilliant, extremely well made, floraland elegant.	www.thegallavantgroup.com
Best Tequila	Don Londres	Don Londres Blanco	Don Londres	Agave / Tequila Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	97	Best of Class. Smooth, Spicy, lingering finish, wet stone, citrus	www.donlondres.com
Best Tequila/ flavored/ infused	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Jalapeno Lime Infused Tequila	Tequila Flavored/Infused	97	Best of Class. Fresh sliced jalapeno, smooth fruity, herbal.	www.rancholagloria.com/
Best Vodka	Spirit Works Distillery	Spirit Works Distillery	Vodka	Vodka	98	Double Gold. Salty, malty. Good grain flavor. Nice mouth feel.	www.spiritworksdistillery.com

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Best Whiskey	C&P	Waterford Whiskey	Rathlogh: Edition 1.1	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Luxury	99	Best of Class. Double Gold. Butterscotch. Lots of good structure. Sweet with savory finish. Great flavor profiles.	www.colangelopr.com/
Best Woman Distiller	Absinthia's Bottled Spirits	Absinthia Organic Absinthe Superieure	Absinthia Absinthe Verte	Liqueurs and Others Absinthe	97	Really pretty tea finish. Very complex. Chewy. Fresh cream. Floral.	www.absinthia.com
Best of Class	IJW whiskey	McFarlane's Reserve	McFarlane's Reserve 13	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Luxury	98	Double Gold. Salt water toffee, notes of peanut butter, all spice, chocolate covered cherry.	www.linkedin.com/company/ijw-whiskey-company
Best of Class	MGP Luxco Inc.	Rossville Union Barrel Proof	Rossville 2022 Union Barrel Proof	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium Master Crafted	98	Double Gold, Sweetness, Fruitiness, quality, earthy, cookie, cookie dough, mandarin orange peel, stylish, raisin, dried apricot.	www.mgpingredients.com/
Best of Class	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Single Barrel Cask Strength Barrel #10101	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury	97	Double Gold. Nectarine, well balanced, black walnut, creamy custard, spicy cinnamon, great to ski with to warm yourself.	www.garrisonbros.com
Best of Class	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers HoneyDew	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury	97	Double Gold. Easy drinking yet complex. Cookie dough on nose. Touch of cinnamon and notes of honey.	www.garrisonbros.com
Best of Class	MGP Luxco Inc.	Yellowstone Select Bourbon	Yellowstone Select	Kentucky Straight Bourbon, Premium	97	Double gold. Earthiness, straw, hay, oak spice, vanilla and long finish.	www.mgpingredients.com/
Best of Class	Edition Studios	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Extra-Aged Anejo Reserve Collection	Agave / Tequila Extra-Aged Anejo	96	Salubrious, sassy and sexy.	www.editionstudios.com/
Best of Class	William Wolf Brand, LLC	William Wolf	American Whiskey	American Craft Whiskey, Luxury	96	Double Gold. Refined, leather, soft inviting mouth, mahogany on nose. Nice finish. Great strong rye character. Great wood component.	www.newwellingtonbrands.com
Best of Class	Pendleton Whisky	Pendleton Whisky	1910	Canadian Whiskey, Ultra Premium	95	Double Gold. Anise, meaty, full, cherry cola, mineral and savory herbs, complex, rich and satisfying.	www.pendletonwhisky.com
Best of Class	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - Batch 012	Tennessee Whiskey, Luxury	95	Double Gold. Classic, rich, smooth, nimble, lovely nose with citrus notes.	www.thebrandguild.com/
Best of Class	MPL Brands	Dough Ball Whiskey	Dough Ball Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Premium	94	Creamy texture, smooth, deserves a second sip.	www.rancholagloria.com/
Best of Class	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Reposado	Agave / Tequila Reposado Tequila	93	Lovely spice pepper oak, balanced	www.gallo.com
Best of Class	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Peach	Hard Seltzers	93	Gold. Nose of fresh white peach, crisp, clean, lingering finish.	www.gallo.com

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Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Anejo	Agave / Tequila	92	Smooth, pretty, Sat. night date.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Best of Class	The Gallavant Group	Egan's Irish Whiskey	Conviction	Blended Irish Whiskey, Luxury	92	Carrot cake, polished, cereal grain, long finish. Smooth savory, spicy.	www.thegallavantgroup.com
Double Gold	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash Vintage 2020	Vodka	97	Very creamy. Rich mouth feel.	www.royalmash.com
Double Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Emerald Giant Cask Strength	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium	96	Great example of rye, nuttiness of poached pear, well balanced.	www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com
Double Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VSOP Royal	Cognac VSOP or Equivilent	96	Apples, well balanced. Dried golden raisin.	www.sirespirits.com
Double Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Balmorhea	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury	95	Hickory smoke, cooked apple, layers of complexity, toasted marshmallows.	www.garrisonbros.com
Double Gold	Sugarlands Distilling Co.	High Rock Vodka	High Rock Vodka	Vodka	95	Solid. Good midpalate. Good mouth feel. Clean.	www.sugarlands.com
Gold	Caledonia Spirits	Caledonia Spirits	Barr Hill Gin	Gin	94	Pretty aromas complex, fragrance of a forest after rain.	www.caledoniaspirits.com
Gold	Caledonia Spirits	Caledonia Spirits	Barr Hill Reserve Tom Cat	Gin Gin, Barrel Aged	94	Stunner, warm, lively, spicy, notes and light caramel.	www.caledoniaspirits.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater White Russian	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Vodka Based	94	Awesome Dude! Clean, crisp, done very well.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Fast Penny Spirits	Fast Penny Spirits	Amaricano	Liqueurs and Others	94	Nice alpine, herbs, mint. Vegetal. Warm wood and yarrow.	www.fastpennyspirits.com
Gold	Fast Penny Spirits	Fast Penny Spirits	Amaricano Bianca	Liqueurs and Others	94	Lovely spice. Floral. Dried citrus. Nice hint of bitter.	www.fastpennyspirits.com
Gold	Jewell Distillery	Jewell Gin American Dry	Jewell Gin American Dry	Gin, Distilled	94	Terroir driven. Earthy.	www.jewelldistillery.com
Gold	Osadia Tequila	Osadi-a	Osadi-a Tequila Blanco Highland and Lowland	Agave / Tequila Silver/Gold (Non-Aged)	94	upfront nose of spicy citrus body, smooth finish.	www.osadiatequila.com
Gold	Shelter Distilling	Shelter Distilling	O'Pinyon Gin	Gin, New Western	94	Layers of deliciousness, savory and sassy.	www.shelterdistilling.com
Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VS Phantom	Cognac VS/Three Star or Equivilant	94	Beautiful nose. Great balance of flavor.	www.sirespirits.com
Gold	Corning & Company	Sonoma Distilling Company	Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Whiskeys Straight Bourbon, Premium	93	Cookie dough, toasted creamy oak on nose. Filled with flavor.	www.corningandcompany.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Don Fulano	Tequila Imperial Extra Ajejo	Agave / Tequila Extra-Aged Anejo	93	Smooth, Integrated oak. Caramel hug. Salubrious, sassy and sexy.	www.gallo.com

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Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	RumChata	Original Cream	Liqueurs and Others Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	93	Nutmeg. Bready. Oatmeal. Hazelnut. Cereal milk.	www.gallo.com
Gold	Edition Studios	Cierto Tequila	Tequila Private Collection	Agave / Tequila, Reposado Tequila	93	Back in Jalisco, sea salt, classic flavors	www.editionstudios.com/
Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Cowboy 2022	Whiskeys Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury	93	Mahogany, heavy duty dried cinnamon.	www.garrisonbros.com
Gold	IJW whiskey	McFarlane's Reserve	McFarlane's Reserve Four Grain	Whiskeys Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Premium	93	Red fruits, florals, touch of fig, chewy vanilla, liquors, well balanced.	www.linkedin.com/company/ijw-whiskey-company
Gold	KROBAR Craft Distillery	KROBAR Craft Distillery	Butterfly Pea Gin	Gin, New Western	93	Layers, fun, eye catching, botanical and floral.	www.krobardistillery.com
Gold	Sovereign Brands	Bumbu	Bumbu XO	Rum Dark/Gold	93	Balanced, silky and good rum funks.	www.sovereignbrands.com
Gold	15 STARS	15 STARS	First West Bourbon	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Luxury	92	Lavender notes, well balanced, touch of cocoa	www.15stars.com
Gold	503 Distilling	503 Distilling Canned Cocktails	Marionberry Margarita	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	92	Perfect, balanced, refreshing, perfect buzz.	www.503distilling.com
Gold	503 Distilling	503 Distilling	Silent Rock Vanilla Whiskey Cream	Liqueurs and Others Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	92	Good viscosity, well balanced, smooth finish.	www.503distilling.com
Gold	503 Distilling	503 Distilling Canned Cocktails	I'm Your Huckleberry Lemonade	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Fruit	92	Spice, tropical, refreshing, citrus fruit, and well balanced.	www.503distilling.com
Gold	Bull Creek Distillery	Bull Creek Distillery	Barrel 42	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	92	Soft, easy, warm finish, notes of cinnamon and dried fruit.	www.bullcreekdistillery.com
Gold	C&P	Waterford Whisky	The Cuvee	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Luxury	92	Black trumpet on nose, smooth lovely style, wonderful, finish, smooth.	www.colangelopr.com/
Gold	Corning & Company	Sonoma Distilling Company	Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	92	Great strong rye character. Great wood component.	www.corningandcompany.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tiki Rum Punch	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Rum Based	92	Nice fruit in mid palate with good structure, pineapple, orange and guava.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Edition Studios	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila Blanco Private Collection	Agave / Tequila Silver/Gold (Non-Aged)	92	clasic white spices. Concentrated flavors. Elegant.	www.editionstudios.com/
Gold	Edition Studios	Cierto Tequila	Tequila Private Collection	Agave / Tequila, Anejo Tequila	92	gentle baked fruit with hints of white spice. Deep deep mocha and brioche.	www.editionstudios.com/
Gold	Forager	Forager	Nocino	Liqueurs and Others Nut Liqueurs	92	Nice tannins and acids. Very rich and well balanced.	www.foragerspirits.us
Gold	Hawaii Sea Spirits	Fy Gin	Fy Organic Gin	Gin Gin Flavored/Infused, New Western	92	Soft, sexy and clean.	www.hawaiiseaspirits.com

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Gold	James Bay Distillers Ltd	James Bay Distillers Ltd	Lochside Summer Gin No. 5	Gin Flavored/Infused, Compound	92	Fun, lively, summer in a glass.	www.JamesBayDistillers.com
Gold	Kinsale Spirit	Kinsale Spirit	Summer Cove Gin	Gin Dry, London Dry	92	Beautiful flavors, grilled citrus.	www.kinsalespirit.com/
Gold	Northwest Spirits	Savor Spear	Savor Spear Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Whiskeys Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium	92	Smoky, caramel dipped apple.	www.northwestspirits.com
Gold	The Brand Guild	Papa's Pilar Rum	Papa's Pilar Dark Rum	Rum Dark/Gold	92	Fresh fruit quality. Caramelized.	www.thebrandguild.com/
Gold	Two Shores	Two Shores Gin	Two Shores Gin	Gin, London Dry	92	Nice flavors, short on palate, white pepper and balanced.	www.twoshoresgin.com
Gold	Zero Proof USA	Lyre's Non-Alcoholic	Highland Malt	Ready to Drink Non Alcoholic Cocktails	92	Condensed spice and oak flavors, delightful finish	www.lyres.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mezcal Joven	Mezcal Blanco	91	Clean, fresh, very balanced smoked, well crafted.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mezcal Reposado	Mezcal Reposado	91	Really clean and brisk. Subtle fruit aromatic, Carmel apple approach.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Don Fulano	Tequila Blanco	Agave / Tequila Silver/Gold (Non-Aged)	91	Clean, crisp, well balanced	www.gallo.com
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Anejo	Agave / Tequila Anejo	91	Elegant viscosity, clean	www.gallo.com
Gold	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Ranch Water Lime	Hard Seltzers	91	refreshing, a shot followed by cool water	www.rancholagloria.com/
Gold	SLIQ Spirited Ice	SLIQ Spirited Ice	Rum	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Frozen	91	Profile tropical paradise on the rock, lively and energetic.	www.sligspiritedice.com/
Gold	Sovereign Brands	McQueen and The Violet Fog	McQueen and the Violet Fog	Gin, Distilled	91	Light nose, crisp cucumber, bracing finish.	www.sovereignbrands.com
Gold	Taburo Inc	Bitter Feminist Cachaca	Cachaca	Cachaca Unaged	91	Floral aromatics, grassy and expressive.	www.taburoco.com
Gold	The Brand Guild	Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Single Barrel Bourbon	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Ultra Premium	91	Nice notes of ripe fruit, layers of spice and a long finish.	www.thebrandguild.com/
Gold	Admiralty Distillers	Admiralty Distillers	Gin & Tonic	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Gin Based	90	Grapefruit, lime, nice aromatic refreshing like a gin and tonic should be.	www.admiraltydistillers.com
Gold	Pendleton Whisky	Pendleton Whisky	Original	Canadian Whiskey, Consumer /	90	lemon lime, citrus, candied fruit, evergreen, bursting with flavor.	www.pendletonwhisky.com
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Strawberry Margarita	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	90	Fruit forward, fresh strawberry field.	www.cutwaterspirits.com

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Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Lime Margarita	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	90	Traditionally balanced margarita, great over ice.	www.cutwaterspirits.com
Gold	Kinsale Spirit	Kinsale Spirit	Wild Atlantic Way IPA	Blended Irish Whiskey, Consumer	90	Nice easy sipped, notes of vanilla, spice and coffee bean.	www.kinsalespirit.com/
Gold	Shelter Distilling	Shelter Distilling	Embers	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Ultra Premium Peated Whiskey	90	Smoky, peaty quality, nice artisan style, smooth and balanced.	www.shelterdistilling.com
Gold	SLIQ Spirited Ice	SLIQ Spirited Ice	Vodka	Ready to Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Frozen	90	Cold, balanced flavor.	www.sliqspiritedice.com/