

# Sunset Internatinal Spirits Competition 2023

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Best of the Best	Pendray's Distillery	Pendray's Distillery	XO Brandy	Brandy XO	98	Best Brandy, Best of Class. Simple finish. Carmel, cardamon. Balanced.	<a href="https://www.pendray.com">Pendray's Brandy XO</a>
Best Liqueur	Brucato Amaro	Brucato Amaro	Chaparral	Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Big powerful, freshly ground pepper corns, coriander	<a href="http://www.brucatoamaro.com">www.brucatoamaro.com</a>
Best Vodka Flavored/Infused	Jewell Distillery Inc	Jewell Distillery Citron Vodka	Jewell Citron Vodka	Vodka Organic Flavored/Infused, Neutral Grain	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Lime peel, lemongrass, natural flavors enticing.	<a href="http://www.jewelldistillery.com">www.jewelldistillery.com</a>
Best Vodka	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash Vintage 2020	Vodka, Potato	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Iconic Potato Vodka. "James Bond"	<a href="http://www.royalmash.com">www.royalmash.com</a>
Best Other Agave Spirits	Venus Spirits	Venus Spirits	El Ladrón Yolo - CA Roasted Agave	All Other Agave Spirits	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Great flavor. Solid aroma, cinnamon, floral nose. Creamy	<a href="http://www.venusspirits.com">www.venusspirits.com</a>
Best Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Warm autumnal. Beautifully aged. Nice notes of baking spices, caramel, white peppers, dried papaya and pineapple acidity.	<a href="http://www.Cierto.com">www.Cierto.com</a>

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Best Whiskey	Savage & Cooke, LLC	Savage & Cooke	Savage & Cooke Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Little spicy, earthy, very complex, elegant finish	<a href="http://www.savageandcooke.com">www.savageandcooke.com</a>
Best Gin	Hinterhaus Distilling	Hinterhaus Distilling	South Grove Gin	Gin, Distilled	95	Best of Class, Double Gold. Nice floral on palate. Lovely, complete.	<a href="http://www.hinterhausdistilling.com">www.hinterhausdistilling.com</a>
Best Mezcal	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Mezcal Reposado	Mezcal Reposado	95	Best of Class, Double Gold. Spice on nose, jalapeno, tabasco, citrus, consumer diverse.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Best Ready to Drink	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spicy Bloody Mary	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Bloody Mary	98	Best of Class, Gold Well balanced, fresh, clean and spicy.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Best Hard Seltzer	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon	High Noon Grapefruit	Hard Seltzers	96	Best of Class, Double Gold. Nose of Grapefruit pith and ripe grapefruit. Nice, pleasing and refreshing	<a href="https://www.highnoonspirits.com/">https://www.highnoonspirits.com/</a>
Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tropical Tiki Rum Mai Tai	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Rum Based	98	Double Gold. Crushable, almond & orange.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Best of Class	MOJO	Angel's Envy	Angel's Envy 2023 Cask Strength Straight Rye Whiskey Finished in Sauternes and Toasted Oak Barrels:	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Rich, nice color, dense, oily, orange peel. Vanilla, nutmeg. True to it's category.	<a href="https://www.angelsenvy.com">https://www.angelsenvy.com</a>

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Best of Class	Spirit Works Distillery	Spirit Works Distillery	Barrel Reserve Sloe Gin	Fruit Liqueur	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Perfumy, analgesic, bright and entrancing.	<a href="http://www.spiritworksdistillery.com">www.spiritworksdistillery.com</a>
Best of Class	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium	97	Double Gold Smokey, caramel, floral (Jasmine)	<a href="https://unclenearest.com/">https://unclenearest.com/</a>
Best of Class	503 Distilling	503 Distilling	Silent Rock Vanilla Whiskey Cream	Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	96	Double Gold. Fresh Milk flavor with notes of roasted almond vanilla bean. Tapioca pudding.	<a href="http://www.503distilling.com">www.503distilling.com</a>
Best of Class	beehive distilling	beehive distilling	Barrel Reserve	Gin, Barrel Aged	96	Double Gold. Very autumnal. Beautiful expression of spice. Lingering finish. Very well balanced. Chocolate, vanilla, candied citrus.	<a href="http://www.beehivedistilling.com">www.beehivedistilling.com</a>
Best of Class	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Espresso Martini	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Other	96	Double Gold. True to type. Balanced sweetness	<a href="http://www.rancholagloria.com/">www.rancholagloria.com/</a>
Best of Class	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection, Añejo	Añejo Tequila	95	Double Gold. Beautiful complexity agave. Lingering finish. Nice brightness.	<a href="http://www.Cierto.com">www.Cierto.com</a>
Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater White Russian	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Vodka Based	95	Double Gold. White chocolate, macadamias, coconut, mouth feeling textures. The Big Lebowski meets White Christmas	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>

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Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Strawberry Margarita	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	95	Double Gold. Lighter, floral, pretty	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Best of Class	St. George Spirits, Inc.	St. George Spirits NOLA Coffee Liqueur	NOLA Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	95	Double Gold. Great coffee shop. towards winter true coffee flavors.	<a href="http://www.stgeorgespirits.com">www.stgeorgespirits.com</a>
Best of Class	Toan and Company Distilling LLC	Terrapin	Terrapin Spruce	Liqueurs and Others Other Miscellaneous Spirits	95	Double Gold. Floral aromatics, wild herbs, very smooth , good stand alone spirit.	<a href="http://www.tcdistilling.com">www.tcdistilling.com</a>
Best of Class	Alchemy Construction Inc	Boldt	Bottled in Bond Rye Whiskey	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium	93	Gold. Orange peel, Vanilla, salty caramel	<a href="http://www.alchemydistillery.com">www.alchemydistillery.com</a>
Best of Class	Bendistillery	Crater Lake Spirits	Black Butte Whiskey Cask Strength	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	93	Gold. Oak driven, rich coffee, chocolate, warm and toasty.	<a href="http://www.craterlakespirits.com">www.craterlakespirits.com</a>
Best of Class	Fast Penny Spirits	Fast Penny Spirits	Amaricano Shakerato	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Cocktail/ Fusion	93	Gold Great flavor combo, subtle sweetness, balanced, good mouth feel	<a href="http://www.fastpennyspirits.com">www.fastpennyspirits.com</a>
Best of Class	Curich   Weiss	Las Californias	Las Californias Citrico	Gin Flavored/Infused, New Western	92	Gold. Soft Citrus. Lemon on the nose. Lime on the palate.	<a href="https://lascalifornias.com/citrico/">https://lascalifornias.com/citrico/</a>

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Best of Class	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Whiskey Lemonade	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Whiskey Based	92	Gold. Well balanced, not too sweet or tart, like homemade	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Best of Class	Loveton Farms Distillery	Sienna Spirits Distillery	Arizona Reaper (Hot Honey Rum	Rum Flavored/Infused	90	Gold. Exotic. Hot honey, layer of spice.	<a href="http://www.lovetonfarmsDistillery.com">www.lovetonfarmsDistillery.com</a>
Double Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Rocket Top Batch 3	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury	97	Clean, fresh, nice aromatics. Seductive sipping style	<a href="http://www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com">www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com</a>
Double Gold	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium	97	Caramel, nice style, sweet oak, vanilla, buttery, almond butter	<a href="https://unclenearest.com/">https://unclenearest.com/</a>
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Lime Margarita	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	96	Fabulous! Would rather have this than a margarita you order at a bar.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tiki Rum Hurricane	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Rum Based	96	Boom! Milk drop! Awesome	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Double Gold	Jack From Brooklyn	Sorel Liqueur	Sorel Liqueur	Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs	96	Pomegranate, molasses, Indian spices	<a href="http://www.sorelofficial.com">www.sorelofficial.com</a>

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Double Gold	Lamon cello	Lamon cello	Lamon cello	Fruit Liqueur	96	Lemon Drop in a liquid form.	<a href="http://www.lamoncello.com">www.lamoncello.com</a>
Double Gold	Lockwood Distilling Co.	Lockwood Distilling Co	Turbo Vodka	Vodka, Corn	96	Double Gold Sultry balanced nuances	<a href="https://lockwooddistilling.com/liquor/">https://lockwooddistilling.com/liquor/</a>
Double Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Lost Monarch Blend of Straight Whiskeys	Straight Bourbon, Premium	96	Very sophisticated, delicate, vanilla, nutmeg	<a href="http://www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com">www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com</a>
Double Gold	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection, Extra Añejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	95	Beautiful. Impressive. Nice spice and dried fruits.	<a href="http://www.Cierto.com">www.Cierto.com</a>
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Peppermint White Russian	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Vodka Based	94	Perfect for the holidays or anytime, great viscosity, beautiful flavors	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Horse Soldier	Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	94	Vanilla, sweet oak, complex	<a href="https://horsesoldierbourbon.com/">https://horsesoldierbourbon.com/</a>
Gold	Calisco Spirits LLC	Calisco Spirits	Spirit of California	Brandies American Grape Brandy (Wonderful	93	Nose of light citrus, moves into deep fruit. Drinks smooth and clean.	<a href="http://www.caliscospirits.com">www.caliscospirits.com</a>

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Gold	Highclere Castle Spirits	Highclere Castle Gin	Highclere Castle Gin	Gin, London Dry	93	Fun and nicely balanced. Nice citrus coming through. Anise and cardamon.	<a href="http://www.highclerecastlespirits.com">www.highclerecastlespirits.com</a>
Gold	Hijole Tequila	Hijole Tequila	Hijole Blanco Tequila	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	93	Beautiful spice. Really nice complexity.	<a href="http://www.hijoletequila.com">www.hijoletequila.com</a>
Gold	Montgomery Distillery	Montgomery Distillery	Sudden Wisdom Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	93	Carmel grainy Rye. Charcoal aromatic pipe tobacco. (cavendish)	<a href="http://www.montgomerydistillery.com">www.montgomerydistillery.com</a>
Gold	Montgomery Distillery	Montgomery Distillery	Mama Tried High Rye Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Premium	93	Clean, vibrant, hardy, fresh. "Gateway Bourbon"	<a href="http://www.montgomerydistillery.com">www.montgomerydistillery.com</a>
Gold	SLIQ Spirited Ice	SLIQ Spirited Ice	Rum	Specialty Spirits Ice cream, popsicle, slushy	93	Strawberry Flavor Double Gold - 95 pts. - A fresh strawberry blast. Good acidity and balance. Pineapple flavor Gold - 93 pts. Pineapple and Cherry blast. Summer fun! Coconut flavor - Silver.	<a href="http://www.sliqspiritedice.com/">www.sliqspiritedice.com/</a>
Gold	Avid Marketing Group	Stranahan's	Mountain Angel	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	92	Light aroma, fruity, solid.	<a href="https://stranahans.com/whiskey/">https://stranahans.com/whiskey/</a>

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Gold	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	92	Nice note of white pepper, Smooth finish. Quite earthy.	<a href="http://www.Cierto.com">www.Cierto.com</a>
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	92	Round mouth feel. Hints of spice on finish. Roasted hazelnut.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon	High Noon Lime	Hard Seltzers	92	Tastes like a light Margarita. Very refreshing.	<a href="https://www.highnoonspirits.com/">https://www.highnoonspirits.com/</a>
Gold	Holystone Distilling	Holystone Distilling	Bosun's Navy Strength Gin	Gin, Distilled	92	Notes of citrus, honey- balanced and lingering.	<a href="http://www.holystonedistilling.com">www.holystonedistilling.com</a>
Gold	NYKUR Spirits ApS	Nykur Super Premium Organic Vodka	Nykur Premium Organic Vodka	Vodka Organic, Wheat	92	Flavorful and forward. Au natural flavor profile. Sassy and savory.	<a href="http://www.nykur.com">www.nykur.com</a>
Gold	St. George Spirits, Inc.	St. George Spirits Spiced Pear Liqueur	Spiced Pear Liqueur	Fruit Liqueur	92	Ripe pears, soft baking spices, lovely cinnamon.	<a href="http://www.stgeorgespirits.com">www.stgeorgespirits.com</a>
Gold	Absinthia's Bottled Spirits	Absinthia Organic Absinthe Superieure	Absinthia Absinthe Verte	Liqueurs and Others Absinthe	91	High class. Good & Plenty. True to form.	<a href="http://www.absinthia.com">www.absinthia.com</a>



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Gold	Curich   Weiss	The Community Spirit	The Community Spirit Vodka	Vodka, Corn	91	Supple finish, supple spice	<a href="https://thecommunityspirit.co/">https://thecommunityspirit.co/</a>
Gold	Curich   Weiss	Nixta	Nixta	Other Liquors	91	Flowery. Oven dried mushroom. Wild chantarelles	<a href="https://nixtalicor.com/en/home/">https://nixtalicor.com/en/home/</a>
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tiki Rum Punch	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Rum Based	91	Finish vibrant & fruity	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Grapefruit	Hard Seltzers	91	Notes of bright grapefruit. A real crowd pleaser.	<a href="https://www.highnoonspirits.com/">https://www.highnoonspirits.com/</a>
Gold	Ellison Brewery and Spirits LLC	Ellison	Ellison Premium Vodka	Vodka, Potato	91	Clean, pure, focused, subtle spices, notes of wintergreen	<a href="http://www.ellisonbrewing.com">www.ellisonbrewing.com</a>
Gold	MOJO	Angel's Envy	Angel's Envy Cask Strength Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Finished in Port Wine Barrels	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Luxury	91	Rich, nutmeg, sweet toasty oak	<a href="https://www.angelsenvy.com">https://www.angelsenvy.com</a>
Gold	Pendray's Distillery	Pendray's Distillery	Amaro	Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs	91	Blood orange and all spice	<a href="#">Pendray's Amaro</a>

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Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Pipe Dream Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Premium	91	Marzipan, vanilla, orange peel	<a href="http://www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com">www.redwoodempirewhiskey.com</a>
Gold	Savage & Cooke, LLC	Savage & Cooke	DIGITS	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	91	Stylish, fruity, decadent, Nutmeg	<a href="http://www.savageandcooke.com">www.savageandcooke.com</a>
Gold	Thinking Tree	Thinking Tree Spirits	Butterfly Lavender Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Wheat	91	Dried Asian mushrooms, Lavender, green texture layers of complexity.	<a href="http://www.thinkingtreespirits.com">www.thinkingtreespirits.com</a>
Gold	beehive distilling	Beehive Distilling	Craft Vodka	Vodka, Sugar Cane	90	Smooth quaffable, subtle notes of coconut, roasted nuts	<a href="http://www.beehivedistilling.com">www.beehivedistilling.com</a>
Gold	Campfire Beverages, LLC	Campfire	Campfire Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	90	Bitter chocolate, coffee ice cream.	<a href="http://www.CampfireBeverages.com">www.CampfireBeverages.com</a>
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Bali Hai Tiki Gold	Rum Flavored/Infused	90	coconut creme, Malibu sundown.	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Vodka Mule	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Vodka Based	90	Citrus notes, smooth easy going, ginger citronella	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>

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Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Pineapple Margarita	Ready To Drink (Pre-Mixed Cocktails) Margarita	90	Distinctive Pineapple Cream Sickle	<a href="http://www.cutwaterspirits.com">www.cutwaterspirits.com</a>
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	High Noon	High Noon Black Cherry	Hard Seltzers	90	Nose of a Cherry Orchard. Balanced - Clean	<a href="https://www.highnoonspirits.com/">https://www.highnoonspirits.com/</a>
Gold	Montgomery Distillery	Montgomery Distillery	Mama Tried Wheated Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Premium	90	Clean, simple, very pleasant.	<a href="http://www.montgomerydistillery.com">www.montgomerydistillery.com</a>