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Best of the Best Best Whiskey, Best Irish Whiskey	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	10 YO	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ultra Premium	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sugar rich malt, citrus, earthy and peaty quality. Had WOW" factor."	Proximo Spirits
Best Akvavit	Vice & Vertu Distillerie Inc.	Vice & Vertu Distilleries Inc.	AquaVice	Grain Distilled	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Lemon, fennel, coriander and juniper. Very complex.	Vice & Vertu Distilleries
Best Anejo Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Anejo	Anejo Tequila	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant. Mexican baking chocolate. Savory, layered.	Proximo Spirits
Best Blanco Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila	Lobos 1707 Tequila Joven	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Smooth, great sipper. Elegant and classy.	Lobos 1707 Tequila
Best Bourbon	CALI Distillery	CALI	Thunder Mesquite finished Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet maple palate with mesquite on the nose. Clean.	CALI Distillery
Best Brandy	Korbel Champagne Cellars	Korbel Champagne Cellars	Classic Brandy	American Grape Brandy	94	Best of Class, Gold - Astounding technique. Lovely wonderful fruit. Easy finish.	Korbel
Best Canadian Whiskey	Proximo Spirits	Pendleton	Pendleton Original	Canadian Whiskey, Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Caramel, vanilla, sweet edges. Citrus, classic Canadian whiskey.	Proximo Spirits

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Best Cannabis Infused	Nowadays Beverage	Nowadays	Canned THC Cocktail, Berry	Cannabis-Infused Non-spirited	91	Best of Class, Gold - Berry's upfront. Pops mid-palate. Nice finish. Refreshing.	Nowadays Beverage
Best Cristalino Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Cristalino	Anejo Tequila	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant, refined. Lingering finish.	Proximo Spirits
Best Extra Anejo Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Milenio	Extra-Aged Anejo	94	Best of Class, Gold - Earthy, dry. Elegant finish.	Proximo Spirits
Best Gin	Stillweather Spirits	Stillweather Spirits	American Sunset Gin	Gin, Barrel Aged	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Kefirs Lime. Wonderful botanicals. Complex. Good layers.	Stillweather Spirits
Best Liqueur	Foley Family Wines and Spirits	Two Stacks	Two Stacks Double Irish Cream Liqueur	Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	92	Best of Class, Gold - Easy sipper. Very elegant. Well integrated.	Foley Family Wine & Spirits
Best Mezcal	Proximo Spirits	400 Conejos	400 Conejos Reposado	Reposado	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Bright. Clean aromatically. Great example of Mezcal. Nice oak flavor.	Proximo Spirits
Best Mixer	Tommy's Margarita	Tommy's	Margarita Mix - Jalapeno	Margarita Mixer	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Well balanced and pronounced. Crisp, clean, excellent.	Tommy's Margarita Mix

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Best Ready to Drink	Spirit of Gallo	Salt Point	Vodka Mule Canned Vodka Cocktail	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Ginger forward. Long finish. Refreshing.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Rum	Spirit of Gallo	Ron del Barrilito	5 Stars Rum	Extra-Aged Rum (More than 5 Years)	99	Best of Class, Double Gold - Honeyed mouth feel. Subtle and classic. Chocolate raisins. Savory finish.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Sake	SOTO SAKE CORPORATION	SOTO JUNMAI DAIGINJO	SOTO JUNMAI DAIGINJO SAKE	Sake	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Spice and personality. Nice rich character.	SOTO SAKE
Best Seltzer	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Lime	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	92	Best of Class, Gold - Hint of lime and mineral. Clean and well made. Delicious and refreshing.	Spirit of Gallo
Best Single Barrel Whiskey	Uncle Nearest	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey - Batch 905	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Sweet oak with vanilla. Spicy vibrant and energetic.	Uncle Nearest
Best Single Malt	Brauerei Locher AG	Saentis Malt - Swiss Alpine Whisky	Edition Sigel	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Fennel, natural sugar, root vegetable and roasted pumpkin.	Saentis Malt
Best Small Batch Whiskey	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Van Duzen	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey, Luxury	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Mellow. Granola to maple sugar and banana foster.	Redwood Empire Distilling

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Best Straight Rye Whiskey	High West	High West Distillery	Double Rye	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	94	Best of Class, Gold - Sweet buttery oatmeal on palate. Nice warm spice, nutmeg, a little ginger and cardamom.	High West Distillery
Best Tennessee Whiskey	Uncle Nearest	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Ultra Premium	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Lovely. A damn good glass." Nice honey taste.""	Uncle Nearest
Best Tequila Best Reposado Tequila	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Reposado	Reposado Tequila	96	Best of Class, Double Gold - Ripe, lively, caramel. Layered and complex.	Proximo Spirits
Best Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	The Community Spirit Vodka	Vodka, Corn	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Herbaceous, soft. Easy to drink. Pleasant.	The Community Spirit Vodka
Best Vodka Infused	Tin City Distillery	Tin City Distillery	Chocolate Love Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Corn	92	Best of Class, Gold - Mild chocolate aroma. Taste of caramel and chocolate.	Tin City Distillery
Best of Class	Ameragave	Ameragave	Ameragave Silver	All Other Agave Spirits	91	Gold - Raw goodness. Bright, invigorating.	Ameragave
Best of Class	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	Black Bush	Blended Irish Whiskey, Premium	95	Double Gold - Earthy notes, floral mid palate. Jolly rancher watermelon and green apples.	Proximo Spirits

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Best of Class	Proximo Spirits	Creyente	Creyente Azul Mezcal Cristalino	Anejo	93	Gold - Mature. Nice finish. Great depth. Very complex.	Proximo Spirits
Best of Class	Proximo Spirits	TINCUP	TINCUP Original	American Blended Whiskey, Premium	95	Double Gold - Orange skin, caramel on nose. Baking spices. Heat on front of palate. Round and rich.	Proximo Spirits
Best of Class	Steelbound Brewery and Distillery	Steelbound Brewery and Distillery	Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	93	Gold - Dill, Lemon zest.	Steelbound Brewery and Distillery
Double Gold	Highclere Castle Spirits	Highclere Castle Gin	Highclere Castle Gin	Gin Dry, London Dry	96	Pretty. Lavender. Floral. Elegant. Vibrant and classic.	Saentis Malt - Swiss Alpine Whiskey
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	96	Vanilla. Easy sipping. Ripe, clean, long finish. Traditional.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	1800	Guachimonton	Anejo Tequila	95	Deep, rich, complex. Long lingering finish.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	12 YO	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ultra Premium	97	Round and rich. Sweet oat and spice. Grains breakthrough on the finish. Rich chocolate.	Proximo Spirits

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Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	16 YO	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Luxury	96	Well made chocolate and orange rind. Smooth finish.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Bushmills	21 YO	Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Luxury	95	Citrus on the nose. Salty caramel.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Reposado	Reposado Tequila	95	Citrus, clean. Long dry finish.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Stranahan's	Stranahan's Original	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium	97	Fresh orange peel. White pepper. Opens up with clover honey. Rich finish.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Stranahan's	Blue Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium	95	Well balanced, maple, vanilla and lemon zest.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	Stranahan's	Diamond Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	95	Perfectly balanced, anise is super integrated. Lemon zest on mid palate.	Proximo Spirits
Double Gold	Proximo Spirits	TINCUP	TINCUP Rye	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	95	Floral nose of marigold flowers, corn forward. Rich Butterscotch oak finish. Nice layers of maple and tobacco. Nice silky mouth feel.	Proximo Spirits

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Double Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	97	Floral nose, dryer on the front. Nose of Keifer lime leaf. Light hazelnut on the background. Popped mid pallet. Nice long easy finish.	Spirit of Gallo
Double Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Anejo	Anejo Tequila	95	Classic nose, orange citrus, crushed herbs. Deep charred oak finish. What a Anejo should be.	Spirit of Gallo
Double Gold	Vice & Vertu Distillerie Inc.	Vice & Vertu Distilleries Inc.	BeOrigin	Gin Dry, London Dry	96	Elegant flavor. Elegant finish. Bone dry.	Vice & Vertu Distillerie
Gold	Backbone Media	Pendleton Whisky	Pendleton Whisky Directors' Reserve	Canadian Whiskey, Luxury	93	Hazelnut, citrus peel. Very well balanced. Lovely lingering classic finish.	Backbone Media
Gold	Beehive Distilling	Beehive Distilling	Jack Rabbit Gin	Gin, New Western	93	Sultry layers. Great sipper. Floral.	Beehive Distilling
Gold	Beehive Distilling	Beehive Distilling	Decade Dry Gin	Gin Dry, Distilled	91	Rich, developed. Lemon cucumber. Verbacious. Wild herbs.	Beehive Distilling
Gold	Betty Booze	Betty Booze	Sparkling Tequila with Lime Shiso	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	91	Clean and refreshing. The lime and Shiso give this a great pop on the finish.	Betty Booze

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Gold	Dia De La Sirena	Dia De La Sirena Tequila	Reposado Tequila	Reposado Tequila	92	Blood orange. Caramelized sugar.	Dia De La Sirena
Gold	Elevación Spirits Corp.	Elevación Spirits Corp.	Elevación1250 Tequila Reposado	Reposado Tequila	93	Layered and very complex. Great distilling. Long lingering elegant finish.	Elevación Spirits Corp.
Gold	Emyla Tequila	Emyla Tequila	Emyla Tequila	Anejo Tequila	92	Note of maple, clover honey, mid pallet, clean anise finish. Elegant velvet texture. Smooth finish with a whisper of vanilla.	Emyla Tequila
Gold	Foley Family Wines and Spirits	Minden Mill	Minden Mill Nevada Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	92	Notes of citrus up front. Spice and pepper open to a nutty, vanilla lingering finish. Clean, yet complex.	Foley Family Wine & Spirits
Gold	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Scott Street Gin	Gin Dry, London Dry	92	Nice juniper notes. Lovely style.	Griffo Distillery
Gold	High West	High West Distillery	High Country American Single Malt	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium	94	Super nutty. Grain driven wheat. Great finish.	High West Distillery
Gold	High West	High West Distillery	Manhattan Barrel Finished Cocktail	Ready to Drink Whiskey Based	92	An old classic. Easy on the taste buds.	High West Distillery

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Gold	High West	High West Distillery	Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Premium	92	Rich savory, caramelized apple.	High West Distillery
Gold	Napa Cru	Napa Cru	SPIRIT Spiked Water	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	93	Refreshing, bright. Tropical. Well integrated.	Napa Cru
Gold	Napa Cru	Napa Cru	AmeriCan Mule	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	93	Burst of ginger. Very well balanced. Classic.	Napa Cru
Gold	Napa Cru	Napa Cru	Napa Cru Vodka	Vodka, Corn	92	Elegant. Great citrus. Long smooth finish.	Napa Cru
Gold	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Peach Margarita	Margarita RTD	93	Nose of fresh peach. Great structure, and crisp finish.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Pineapple Margarita	Margarita RTD	93	Strong citrus pineapple nose. Smooth all the way through, easy drinking	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	1800	1800 Passion Fruit Margarita	Margarita RTD	93	True tropical flavor. Complex and fresh.	Proximo Spirits

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Gold	Proximo Spirits	400 Conejos	400 Conejos Anejo	Anejo	94	Rich, full, nice heat. Roasted component is subtle aromatically.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	400 Conejos	400 Conejos Cuishe	Blanco	92	Nice woody taste. Mellow smoke. Easy drinking.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Plata	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	94	Mineral notes, rich, bright, velvety, citrus.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Anejo	Anejo Tequila	93	Rich, salty. Long finish. Elegant.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Leyenda	Extra-Aged Anejo	93	Classy, complex. Well integrated.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Cristalino	Anejo Tequila	91	Good integration. Crisp, bright.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Proximo Spirits	Gran Coramino	Gran Coramino Cristalino	Reposado Tequila	92	Crowd pleaser. Sweet and savory.	Proximo Spirits

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Gold	Proximo Spirits	Stranahan's	Mountain Angel	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	92	Earthy, savory and well balanced. Buttery finish.	Proximo Spirits
Gold	Queen Bee Distilling LLC	Osmia Vodka	Osmia Vodka	Vodka, Honey	93	Well made. Nice fruity quality. Easy and smooth.	Queen Bee Distilling
Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Screaming Titan Wheated Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury	93	Sweet cream, sweet corn, cardamom and brown sugar.	Redwood Empire Distilling
Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Foggy Burl Single Malt Whiskey	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury	93	Banana. Herbal finish. Opens with impact.	Redwood Empire Distilling
Gold	Redwood Empire Distilling	Redwood Empire Whiskey	Devil's Tower High Rye Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury	93	Allspice, kettle corn. Full, rich and lovely.	Redwood Empire Distilling
Gold	Shucked Bourbon	Shucked Bourbon	Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium	91	Mulled spices. Vanilla. Sweet oak with salty caramel.	Shucked Bourbon
Gold	SOTO SAKE CORPORATION	SOTO JUNMAI	SOTO Junmai Sake	Sake	94	Nice floral quality.	SOTO SAKE

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Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Familia Camarena	Familia Camarena Tequila Silver/Plato	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	92	Smooth. Light oak. Hint of clove and citrus. Nice finish. Good traditional Tequila.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Fisher Island Lemonade	Original	Ready to Drink Cocktail - Other	93	Bright citrus. Great blend of fruit and spirits. Well done.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Fisher Island Lemonade	Pink Flamingo	Ready to Drink Cocktail - Other	92	Classic with a twist. Cape Cod with an added punch.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Hard Seltzer	High Noon Black Cherry	Hard Seltzers	91	Clean and crisp. Deep dark cherry , true to flavor.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Passionfruit	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	93	Gold - Nose of the tropics. Balanced perfectly. Refreshing.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Ron del Barrilito	3 Stars Rum	Extra-Aged Rum (More than 5 Years)	94	Browned sugar and Vanilla. Very smooth.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Ron del Barrilito	Haciendo Santa Ana Rum	Rum Dark/Gold	92	Honey and molasses is very present and nicely done. Great aromas.	Spirit of Gallo

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Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Salt Point	Cape Cod Canned Vodka Cocktail	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	91	Authentic style. Good acid. Long finish.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Salt Point	Margarita Canned Tequila Cocktail	Margarita RTD	91	Classic Margarita in a can ! Just add salt.	Spirit of Gallo
Gold	The Falls Distilling	The Falls Distilling	Knotty Gin - Navy Strength	Gin Dry, London Dry	91	Balanced. Impressed by how easy this is drinking.	The Falls Distilling
Gold	Tommy's Margarita	Tommy's	Margarita Mix	Margarita Mixer	92	Classic, perfectly balanced.	Tommy's Margarita