



2022 Los Angeles Invitational Spirits Challenge Results

Award	Company	Brand	Name	Category	Score	Comment
Best of the Best	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	XO	Cognac XO or Equivalent	100	Best Cognac, Best Dark Spirit. Best of Class, Ethereal mouth feel, angels share. Beautiful.
Best Akvavit	Oss Craft Distillery	Bareksten	Bareksten Botanical Aquavit	Aquavit	93	Well rounded. Marzipan, coriander, dill.
Best American Straight Rye	Wildwood Spirits Co.	Wildwood Spirits Co.	Rendition	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Premium	96	Best of Class. Double Gold. Lovely, soft, warm, rich, full mouth. Nice sipping, whiskey.
Best Brandy (Alambic)	Jaxon Keys Winery and Distillery	Jaxon Keys Brandy	Rare	Alambic Brandy	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Vanilla, pecan, nice maturity, refreshing.
Best Gin	Alley 6 Craft Distillery	Alley 6	Alley 6 harvest gin	Gin, Distilled	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Nice floral, Good blend. Anise, fennel.

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Double Gold	C88 Holdings, LLC	Rivulet Artisan Pecan Liqueur	Rivulet Artisan Pecan Liqueur	Nut Liqueurs	96	Best of Class. Double Gold. Fresh pecans, nice balance, sweet.
Best Ready to Drink	ZING ZANG, LLC	Zing Zang RTD Bloody Mary made with Vodka	Bloody Mary made with Vodka	Ready to Drink / Bloody Mary RTD	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Authentic tomato juice with layers of spice & salt, perfect bloody Mary.
Best Reposado	Tequila AMAN	Tequila AMAN	Reposado	Reposado Tequila	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Small rich taste, rich, true tequila characteristic, vanilla, coconut, white pepper. Warm, sweet, sensation, leading to a long finish.
Best Small Batch Whiskey	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Guadalupe	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	95	Bourbon 10 yrs. or younger. Best of Class. Double Gold. Vanilla, oak, nuts.
Best Soju/Shochu	Archibald & Wens Inc.	West 32 Soju	West 32 Reserve	Soju/Shochu	97	Best of Class. Double Gold. Well balanced. Easy, nice.
Best Tequila Añejo	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Añejo	Añejo Tequila	94	Best of Class, Gold. Notes of exotic fruits & green tea. Long & elegant finish.

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Best Tequila Blanco	Tequila AMAN	Tequila AMAN	Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	94	Best of Class, Gold. True Agave character, fresh herbs, spicy finish.
Best Vodka	44° North Vodka	44° North Vodka	Idaho Potato Vodka	Vodka, Potato	97	Best of Class, Traditional! Varietally correct, clean satiny texture, roundness.
Double Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VSOP Grand Champagne	Cognac VSOP or Equivalent	97	Simple but charming, mature, fine craft.
Double Gold	Jaxon Keys Winery and Distillery	Jaxon Keys Brandy	Signature Reserve	Alambic Brandy	96	Dried citrus peel, vibrant
Double Gold	Liba Spirits	Liba Spirits	1643 Alpine Gin	Gin, Distilled	97	Nice & easy. Nice citrus background. Full satisfying mouth.
Double Gold	FREELAND SPIRITS	Freeland Spirits Gin	Freeland Spirits Gin	Gin, Distilled	96	Slight sweetness, herbal. Great Martini. Great expressive Juniper berry
Double Gold	Alley 6 Craft Distillery	Alley 6	Alley 6 86'd Bitters	Other Miscellaneous Spirits	95	Nose of Mushrooms, spices and earth. Lovely texture. WOW!
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater White Russian	Ready to Drink Cocktail	97	Delish! Creamy cocktail. Orgasmic.
Double Gold	Apologue LLC	Sunday's Finest Gold Fashioned	Gold Fashioned	Ready to Drink Cocktail	96	WOW! A real stunner. Vanilla, spice. Elegant. The orange zest drops make it!.

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Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Margarita	Margarita RTD	96	Bright Agave. Refreshingly crisp finish of lime.
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Orange Vodka Smash	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	96	50/50 Bar, orange cream popsicle.
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Strawberry Margarita	Margarita RTD	95	Refreshing, clean, lovely.
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Vodka Mule	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	95	Beautiful mid-palatte. Shows refreshing ginger notes.
Double Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Vodka	Vodka, Potato	96	Smooth & elegant. Clean, citrus lemon zest. Easy to drink. No edges.
Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection -Reposado	Reposado Tequila	94	Mineral driven with smooth texture, true feeling of Mexico in every sip.
Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection - Reposado	Reposado Tequila	93	Long finish, aromatic flavor of exotic fruit.
Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Private Collection - Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	93	Deep, dense, natural richness.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Tequila Añejo	Añejo Tequila	93	Tasty finish, gentle then builds on palatte.
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Familia Camarena	Tequila Silver/Plato	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	93	Lime, anise, star fruit, very unique.

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Gold	Cierto Spirits Inc.	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection - Añejo	Añejo Tequila	92	Smokey, Salty, Woody, Robust, Packs plenty of flavor, leading to a spicy finish.
Gold	DESFRA MEXICANA	REY SUPREMO	TEQUILA EXTRA- Añejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	92	Well balanced, good spice, classic style, molasses notes.
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Don Fulano	Tequila Imperial Extra Ajejo	Extra-Aged Añejo	92	Aromatic. Notes of iodine. Compliment spicy flavors of cardamom and exotic fruits, total crowd pleaser.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits		Cutwater Tequila Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non- Aged) Tequila	93	Elegant, touch of earth with varietal brightness. It would make a great Margarita yet would definitely stand alone.
Gold	Sire Spirits	Branson Cognac	VS Phantom	Cognac VS/Three Star or Equivilant	94	Nice caliber, simple richness, bright fresh.
Gold	E. & J. Gallo Winery	E&J Distillers	VSOP	Brandy VSOP	92	Mandarin orange peel. Retrained oak. Round finish, sipping.
Gold	Jaxon Keys Winery and Distillery	Jaxon Keys Brandy	Old Stock	Alambic Brandy	91	Earthy, burning fruit Wood.
Gold	Long Dogs Distilling	Long Dogs Distilling	Slivovitz	Eau-de-Vie	90	True to style

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Gold	Wildwood Spirits Co.	Wildwood Spirits Co.	Kur	Gin, Compound	93	Citrus, orange. Easy on the mouth. Something you should probably drink.
Gold	Alley 6 Craft Distillery	Alley 6	Alley 6 Barrel aged gin	Gin, Distilled	92	Oak nuance. Nice and Mellow. A lot of good flavors.
Gold	Oss Craft Distillery	Bareksten	Bareksten Lyset	Gin, London Dry	91	Very botanically driven. Good nose.
Gold	Oss Craft Distillery	Bareksten	Bareksten MÅrket	Gin, London Dry	91	Good mouth feel. Nice citrus.
Gold	Rivi Gin	Rivi Raspberry Honey	RiviGin Raspberry Honey	Gin Flavored/ Infused, Distilled	91	Sweet grapefruit. Very citrusy.
Gold	Archibald & Wens Inc.	West 32 Soju	West 32 Original	Soju/Shochu	91	Light,refreshing. Nice,easy.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Long Island Iced Tea	Ready to Drink Cocktail	92	Cola notes. Underlying Caramel.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Lime Vodka Soda	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	90	Fresh, clean, crisp - Lively.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Bali Hai Dark Rum	Rum Dark/Gold	93	Carmel, coconut, brown sugar, vanilla bean. Smooth.
Gold	Cutwater Spirits	Cutwater Spirits	Bali Hai Tiki Gold Rum	Rum Flavored/ Infused	92	Coconut, pecan, orange blossom, blood orange.
Gold	Liba Spirits	Liba Spirits	Lafcadio Botanical Rum	Rum Flavored/ Infused	92	Almond joy with alcohol. Chocolate. Sweet & spicy finish, complex on the palatte.

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Gold	Olympia Distilling Co	Olympia	Olympia Artesian Vodka	Vodka, Corn	94	Creamy rich, clean, precise.
Gold	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash Vintage 2020	Vodka, Potato	92	Simple, clean, faultless, light resin, European forest.
Gold	Red River Brewery and Distillery	Red River Brewery and Distillery	Silver King Vodka	Vodka, Wheat	91	Soft & Silky.
Gold	Alley 6 Craft Distillery	Alley 6	Alley 6 rye whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	94	Nice spice, caramel, molasses.
Gold	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1820 Premium Single Barrel Whiskey - US-53	Single Barrel American Whiskey 11 Years , Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	94	Caramel, amarena cherries, caramelized pecans.
Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers HoneyDew	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Candied pecans, Corn, caramel.
Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Cowboy	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Nice aromatic. Nice barrel char. Herbaceous.
Gold	Yoshino Spirits	Kamiki	Kamiki Whisky	Japanese Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Nice,smoky. Nice sweet finish. Broad satisfying palette. Sits well in your mouth.
Gold	Alley 6 Craft Distillery	Alley 6	Alley 6 American Single Malt Whiskey	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	Ripe apple. Nice sweetness to it. Nice & spicy.

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Gold	FREELAND SPIRITS	Freeland Spirits Bourbon	Freeland Spirits Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	91	Great barrel char toasty finish. Rich caramel flavor.
Gold	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	91	Great barrel quality. Slight nut finish. Integrated flavors. Roasted nuts.
Gold	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	91	Caramel, delicate finish.
Gold	MPL Group	Dough Ball Whiskey	Dough Ball Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Premium	90	Candied pecans. Stylistically amazing flavor that matches what they wanted.