



## 2024 Los Angeles Invitational Spirits Challenge Results

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<b>Best of the Best, Best Whiskey, Best Straight Bourbon</b>	Steelbound Brewery and Distillery	Steelbound Brewery and Distillery	Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Early, savory, maleness tea, campfire smoke. Very intriguing and complex. Extremely well integrated.	<a href="http://www.steelboundevl.com">http://www.steelboundevl.com</a>
<b>Best Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger</b>	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	97	Best of Class. Double Gold - Cream Burlee, tea. Elegant, complex.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
<b>Best Bourbon Flavored</b>	Devils River Distillery	Devils River	Coffee Bourbon	Other Bourbon Flavored, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	95	Best of Class, Double Gold - Coffee field, balanced, nutty, savory.	<a href="http://www.DevilsRiverWhiskey.com">www.DevilsRiverWhiskey.com</a>
<b>Best Canadian Whiskey</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Pendleton	Pendleton Midnight	Canadian Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	95	Best of Class - Double Gold - Nutty spice, rich complex candy nuts.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Coffee Liqueur</b>	NCCGA of CT	Vincenzi	Espresso Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	92	Best of Class, Double Gold - Thick, rich, bold, classy.	<a href="http://biceriniusa.com">biceriniusa.com</a>

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<b>Best Cognac</b>	Articulate Production	Courvoisier	XO Royal	Cognac XO or Equivalent	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - French pastry shop. Brown sugar, cinnamon and sugar. Roasted coffee, wood smoke, very delectable. Very, very, beautiful color. Blew us away.	<a href="https://www.toarticulate.com">https://www.toarticulate.com</a>
<b>Best Dry Gin</b>	Highclere Castle Spirits	Highclere Castle Gin	Highclere Castle Gin	Gin, London Dry	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Nice Spices, balanced and soft finish. Elegant and a step above.	<a href="http://www.highclerecastlespirits.com">www.highclerecastlespirits.com</a>
<b>Best Extra Anejo</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Milenio	Extra-Aged Anejo	93	Best of Class - Bold, smooth, rich, impressive.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Gin</b>	The Falls Distilling	The Falls Distilling	River Gin	Gin, New Western	93	Best of Class, Gold - Subtle juniper.	<a href="http://thefallsdistilling.com">thefallsdistilling.com</a>
<b>Best Japanese Whiskey</b>	Komasa Kanosuke Distillery Co., LTD	Kanosuke	Single Malt Kanosuke	Japanese Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	98	Best of Class, Double gold - Perfect Grace Kelly of Japanese whiskey.	<a href="https://kanosuke.com/">https://kanosuke.com/</a>
<b>Best Liqueur</b>	Absinthia's Bottled Spirits	Absinthia Cocktail Syrups	Absinthia Absinthe Bleue	Absinthe	98	Best of Class - Double Gold - Lingering anise finish. Chases the blues away.	<a href="http://www.absinthia.com">www.absinthia.com</a>
<b>Best Mezcal</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	400 Conejos	400 Conejos Tobala	Blanco	91	Best of Class, Gold - smokie, old school. Satin, smooth.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Ready to Drink</b>	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Espresso Martini	Ready to Drink Cocktail - Other	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Flavor balanced, layers of smoked sweetness.	<a href="https://rancholagloria.com/">https://rancholagloria.com/</a>

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<b>Best Rum</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Kraken	94 Proof Kraken Black Spiced Rum	Rum Dark/Gold	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Candy with caramel. Super well made.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Rye Whiskey</b>	Devils River Distillery	Devils River	Rye Whiskey	Small Batch American Aged Rye Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Carmel, butterscotch. Elegant sipper.	<a href="http://www.DevilsRiverWhiskey.com">www.DevilsRiverWhiskey.com</a>
<b>Best Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 YRS+</b>	The Brand Guild	Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Single Barrel Bourbon	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Elegant. Roasted nuts, peaches. Wonderful full mouth with lingering finish.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
<b>Best Single Malt</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Stranahan's	Blue Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	98	Double Gold. Sweet, smooth, likable, sexy.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Soju</b>	Golden Beaver Distillery	Golden Beaver Distillery	Blba Soju	Soju/Shochu	90	Best of Class - Bight and clean.	<a href="http://www.GoldenBeaverDistillery.com">www.GoldenBeaverDistillery.com</a>
<b>Best Special Barrel Finished Bourbon</b>	RD1 Spirits	RD1 Spirits	Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Finished In French Oak	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	95	Best of Class, Double - Gold Brown sugar oats. Very easy to drink and savor.	<a href="http://www.rd1spirits.com">www.rd1spirits.com</a>
<b>Best Tennessee Whiskey</b>	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - Batch 032	Tennessee Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	91	Best of Class, Gold - Root Beer, butter. Delicious. Clean and multi layered.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
<b>Best Tequila / Flavored</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Coconut	Tequila Flavored/ Infused	92	Best of Class, gold - Crisp and clear. Taste like the tropics	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Tequila Anejo</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Anejo	Anejo Tequila	97	Best of Class, Double Gold - Interesting complexity. Very smooth.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>

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<b>Best Tequila Reposado</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Reposado	Reposado Tequila	95	Best of Class, Double Gold -Outstanding. Lovely, delicate, approachable. Nice color.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best Tequila, Best Tequila Blanco</b>	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection, Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	94	Best of Class, Gold - Rich, round, full. Very smooth.	<a href="http://Cierto.com">Cierto.com</a>
<b>Best of Class</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Stranahan's	Diamond Peak	Single Malt Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	97	Double Gold Peat, candy mushroom.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Best of Class</b>	Branca USA	Carpano Rosso	Carpano Rosso Classico	Vermouth - Dry	91	Hints of citrus and spice. Rich / smooth.	<a href="https://www.brancausa.com/">https://www.brancausa.com/</a>
<b>Best of Class</b>	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Strawberry	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	92	Happy, fun and crisp.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>
<b>Best Vodka</b>	Great Women Spirits, LTD.	Great Women Spirits	The Countess Walewska Vodka	Vodka, Potato	98	Best of Class, Double Gold - Classical, balanced, elegant.	<a href="http://www.greatwomenspirits.com">www.greatwomenspirits.com</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	Jettywave Distillery	Jettywave Distillery	Small Batch Absinthe	Absinthe	95	Power. Great anise.	<a href="http://www.Jettywave.com">www.Jettywave.com</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Gran Coramino	Gran Coramino Anejo	Anejo Tequila	96	Nice full body.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	Articulate Production	Courvoisier	XO	Cognac XO or Equivilent	95	Complex beyond description.	<a href="https://www.toarticulate.com">https://www.toarticulate.com</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Spiked Horchata	Ready to Drink Cocktail - Other	95	Cinnamon, nutmeg, velvet texture.	<a href="https://rancholagloria.com/">https://rancholagloria.com/</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Kraken	Kraken Spiced Gold	Rum Dark/Gold	96	Lovely nose of candied spirits. Great structure of barrel and acid blend. Nicely done.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Double Gold</b>	Spirit of Gallo	Horse Soldier	Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Straight Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	95	Rich caramel. Easy to like.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>

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<b>Gold</b>	Waikulu Distillery	Waikulu	Ohana Reserve 12 month	All Other Agave Spirits	91	Hints of caramel corn, candy-like finish. Lovely color.	<a href="http://Waikulu.com">Waikulu.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Rye Whiskey - Batch 009	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Old leather, antique wood. Very complex and great finish.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
<b>Gold</b>	The Brand Guild	Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Straight Rye Whiskey	American Straight Rye Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	94	Lean, elegant, peach, nutty. Nicely done.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
<b>Gold</b>	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	AÑejo Tequila	Anejo Tequila	90	Caramel nose. Lovely soft finish.	<a href="https://rancholagloria.com/">https://rancholagloria.com/</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Zing Zang, LLC	Zing Zang RTS Blazing Bloody Mary Made with Vodka	Blazing Bloody Mary Made with Vodka RTS	Bloody Mary RTD	92	Nice classic Bloody Mary. Super Zipp. Lives up to its name.	<a href="http://zingzang.com">zingzang.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur	Coffee Liqueur	90	Intense coffee flavored. Well balanced and well made.	<a href="http://www.griffodistillery.com">www.griffodistillery.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Articulate Production	Courvoisier	VS	Cognac VS/Three Star or Equivilant	92	Delicate balance between earthiness and fruit. Beautiful color.	<a href="https://www.toarticulate.com">https://www.toarticulate.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	NCCGA of CT	Vincenzi	Bicern Chocolate Peppermint	Cream/Dairy Liqueurs	94	Thick and smooth. Real true and distinct.	<a href="http://biceriniusa.com">biceriniusa.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Cierto Tequila	Cierto Tequila	Reserve Collection, Extra Anejo	Extra-Aged Anejo	91	Smooth and bold. Hearty.	<a href="http://Cierto.com">Cierto.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Gran Centenario	Gran Centenario Leyenda	Extra-Aged Anejo	90	Smooth and bold.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Clear Water Distilling Co	Clear Water Distilling Co	ScandaLust	Flavored Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	91	Breakfast cinnamon.	<a href="http://www.clearwaterdistilling.com">www.clearwaterdistilling.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	MPL Brands	Dough Ball Whiskey	Dough Ball Original	Flavored Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	90	Caramel bourbon macchiato.	<a href="http://doughballwhiskey.com">doughballwhiskey.com</a>

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Gold	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Scott Street Gin	Gin Dry, Distilled	91	Smooth with wormwood component	<a href="http://www.griffodistillery.com">www.griffodistillery.com</a>
Gold	The Falls Distilling	The Falls Distilling	Captain Webb Gin	Gin, Barrel Aged	91	Smoky light juniper.	<a href="http://thefallsdistilling.com">thefallsdistilling.com</a>
Gold	Great Women Spirits, LTD.	Great Women Spirits	Ada Lovelace Gin	Gin, London Dry	93	Awesome nose, citrus. Complex yet easy drinking.	<a href="http://www.greatwomenspirits.com">www.greatwomenspirits.com</a>
Gold	Komasa Kanosuke Distillery Co, LTD	Kanosuke	Kanosuke Double Distillery	Japanese Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	94	Pear butter, sherry, cucumber.	<a href="https://kanosuke.com/">https://kanosuke.com/</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Passion Fruit Margarita	Margarita RTD	94	Supple, yet complex at the, great structure. Nice finish.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Peach Margarita	Margarita RTD	92	Popsicle with hints of watermelon in the background.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Zing Zang, LLC	Zing Zang RTD Mango Margarita made with Tequila	Mango Margarita made with Tequila	Margarita RTD	91	Like biting into a mango.	<a href="http://zingzang.com">zingzang.com</a>
Gold	2 Towns Ciderhouse	2 Towns Ciderhouse	Craftwell Top Shelf Chocolate Espresso Martini	Pre-mixed Cocktails of a minimum of 15% abv	90	Very distinct, smells great.	<a href="http://www.2townsciderhouse.com">www.2townsciderhouse.com</a>
Gold	MPL Brands	Rancho La Gloria	Chocolate Martini	Ready to Drink Cocktail - Other	91	True flavor and balanced sweetness.	<a href="https://rancholagloria.com/">https://rancholagloria.com/</a>
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	High Noon Tequila Seltzer	High Noon Tequila Lime	Ready to Drink Tequila Based	91	Tastes like a sparkling margarita. Yum.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>
Gold	Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery	Mixed-Up Cocktail Co	Strawberry Mango Smash	Ready to Drink Vodka Base	92	Refreshing nose, zippy and crisp. Easy drinking.	<a href="http://mixedupmule.com">mixedupmule.com</a>
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Don Fulano	Don Fulano Reposado	Reposado Tequila	92	Excellent, smooth, flavorful. Soft and easy.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Reposado	Reposado Tequila	90	Lovely full fruit finish. Enticing.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>

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Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	1800	1800 Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	92	Classic. Smooth yet crisp.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Gran Coramino	Gran Coramino Cristalino	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	91	Nose of fresh cut herbs. Clean finish.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Don Fulano	Don Fulano Tequila Fuerte (100 Proof Blanco)	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	90	Rich full mouth. Nice palate. Smooth. Full bodied.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Stranahan's	Stranahan's Original	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	93	Candy, Lemon peel, pecan, maple candy.	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Proximo Spirits, Inc.	Stranahan's	Stranahan's Sherry Cask	Single Malt Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	91	Citrus notes, dried honey, Zippy	<a href="https://proximospirits.com/">https://proximospirits.com/</a>
Gold	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers HoneyDew	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	91	Clean and crisp with leather undertones and herbs. Finishes smooth and neat.	<a href="http://www.garrisonbros.com">www.garrisonbros.com</a>
Gold	RD1 Spirits	RD1 Spirits	Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	92	A touch of grapefruit. A very nice citrus complexity to this well made Bourbon	<a href="http://www.rd1spirits.com">www.rd1spirits.com</a>
Gold	The Brand Guild	Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Small Batch Select Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	91	Fennel, candy ginger, nice roundness.	<a href="https://thebrandguild.com/">https://thebrandguild.com/</a>
Gold	Spirit of Gallo	Horse Soldier	Bourbon Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	90	Dried apple and earth.	<a href="http://www.gallo.com">www.gallo.com</a>

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<b>Gold</b>	Griffo Distillery	Griffo Distillery	Stout Barreled Whiskey	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	93	Yummy, soft, layered	<a href="http://www.griffodistillery.com">www.griffodistillery.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	RD1 Spirits	RD1 Spirits	Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Double Finished In Oak and Maple Barrels	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	90	Vanilla toasted maple bar donut	<a href="http://www.rd1spirits.com">www.rd1spirits.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers	Garrison Brothers Cowboy Bourbon 2023	Straight Bourbon, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	A mixture of sweetness and herbs. Anise with hints of citrus. Nicely made.	<a href="http://www.garrisonbros.com">www.garrisonbros.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Vamprose Global Inc.	Psycho Love	Psycho Love	Vodka Organic, Wheat	91	Nutty, rich, soft. Pleasant.	<a href="http://psycholovevodka.com">psycholovevodka.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Ublendit	Hideout Vodka	Vodka	Vodka, Corn	92	Clean, balanced, tropical.	<a href="http://ublendit.com">ublendit.com</a>
<b>Gold</b>	Royal Mash	Royal Mash	Royal Mash Vintage 2020	Vodka, Potato	93	Floral and herbaceous.	<a href="http://royalmash.com">royalmash.com</a>