



2026 L.A. Invitational Spirit

Challenge Results

Award	Company Brand	Name	Category	Score	Judging Comment	Website
Best of the Best Best Whiskey, Best Small Batch Bourbon.	The Brand Guild Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Small Batch Bourbon	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	99	Delicious oak. Lovely hints of Asian 5 spice. Very well made.	https://www.fourrosesbourbon.com/
Best Special Barrel	Boisset Collection Durant & Booth Bourbon	Durant & Booth Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	99	Best of Class, Double Gold. Elegant; well executed; clean sipper. Toasty oak with nutmeg	https://www.boissetcollection.com/
Best Brandy	Boisset Collection Calistoga Star	Calistoga Star Barrel Aged Fine Brandy	American Grape Brandy	92	Best of Class, Gold. Balanced. Hint of apricot. Integrated, with an elegant lingering finish.	https://www.boissetcollection.com/
Best Tequila Best Tequila Blanco	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Tequila El Mexicano	Tequila El Mexicano Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Absolutely delicious. Traditional, and well executed.	https://www.elmexicanous.com/
Best Reposado	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Tequila El Mexicano	Tequila El Mexicano Reposado	Reposado Tequila	93	Best of Class, Gold. Very broad palate. Hint of vanilla; whisper of smoke. Good balance. Great	https://www.elmexicanous.com/
Best Spiced Rum	HavanaTX Spirits - Zubi Rum	ZUBI Spiced Rum	Rum Spiced	96	Best of Class, Double Gold. Coconut; some caramelization. Well balanced and lovely.	https://zubirum.com/

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Best Rum Flavored	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ Mango Chile	Rum Flavored/Infused	93	Best of Class, Gold. Great execution of flavor. Well made. Good mixer.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Best Rum	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ Reserva Ocho	Extra-Aged Rum (More than 5 Years)	98	Best of Class, Double Gold. Sipping rum. Hints of caramel; butterscotch. Kissed with a hint of smoke.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Best Flavored Vodka	Ogden Own Distillery	Five Wives Heavenly Vodka	Vodka Flavored/Infused, Corn	92	Best of Class, Gold. Vanilla forward; easy; light. Great vodka to blend with cocktails.	www.ogdensown.com
Best Vodka	Ogden Own Distillery	Five Wives Vodka	Vodka, Corn	96	Best of Class, Double Gold. Incredible balance. Touch of sweetness; Fresh; clean; nice weight.	www.ogdensown.com
Best Whiskey Flavored	Ogden Own Distillery	Porter's Fire Cinnamon Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Consumer / \$25.00 or less	91	Best of Class, Gold. Well executed, good mouthfeel and tastes like cinnamon.	www.ogdensown.com
Best Ready to Drink	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Espresso Martini	Pre-mixed Cocktails of a minimum of 15% abv	96	Best of Class, Double Gold. Fresh coffee beans. Nice integration of chocolate.	https://rancholagloria.com/
Best Straight Bourbon	The Brand Guild	Four Roses Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Consumer / \$25.00 or less	94	Best of Class, Gold. Clean; delicious; peach; pear. Well balanced and easily approachable.	https://www.fourrosesbourbon.com/
Best Single Barrel Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest Toasted Single Barrel- 3970	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	94	Best of Class, Gold. Delicious! Hint of brown sugar. Soft; light; airy and approachable.	www.unclenearest.com

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Best Tennessee Whiskey	Uncle Nearest Inc	Nearest Green Tennessee Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)	97	Best of Class, Double Gold. Great balance and integration. Honey, lovely toasty oak. Easy sipper. Traditional.	www.unclenearest.com
Best of Class	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ RTD Mojito	3032 Ready to Drink Rum Based	91	Gold Mixed aromatics are impressive. Married with balance of freshness and sugar cane.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Best of Class	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)	95	Double gold. Hearty; rich; and full. Apricot and peach.	https://www.fourrosesbourbon.com/
Best of Class	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey	Small Batch Bourbon 10 years and younger, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	97	Double Gold. Fresh; savory. Lovely balance of earth profile and cardamon.	www.unclenearest.com
Best of Class	HavanaTX Spirits - Zubi Rum	ZUBI Rum Blanco	Rum White	97	Double Gold. Lovely; fruity; peach. outlier of sweetness. Bold flavor yet light bodied.	https://zubirum.com/
Double Gold	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey	Tennessee Whiskey, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)	96	Well made. Perfect balance between baking spices and warm toasty oak.	www.unclenearest.com
Gold	Armens Barrels LLC Florena Diamond	Florena Diamond	Vodka Organic, Sugar Cane	93	Easy approachable; touch of sweetness; fresh; clean; earthy; savory.	https://armensbarrels.com
Gold	Dos Caras Tequila	Dos Caras Tequila Blanco	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	92	Unique; earthy. Well made.	https://www.doscarastequila.com

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Gold	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Charles Goodnight	Charles Goodnight Texas Straight Bourbon	Straight Bourbon, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	91	Straight forward; powerful mouthfeel with hints of butterscotch and caramel.	https://www.goodnightwhiskey.com/the-bourbon/
Gold	Foley Family Wines and Spirits High Ground	High Ground Vodka	Vodka, Rye	94	Earthy aromatics. Subtle hint of rye. Weighty; good intentions of alternative grain. Fresh; crisp airy.	https://www.highgroundvodka.com/
Gold	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ	BACARDÍ Spiced	Rum Spiced	92	Hint of orange peel; nutmeg. Well balanced rum, with complimentary spices.	https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Gold	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Cosmo	Pre-mixed Cocktails of a minimum of 15% abv	90	Cranberry lime.	https://rancholagloria.com/
Gold	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Lime Splash	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	90	Bright definite lime. Good balance and sweetness. Refreshing.	https://rancholagloria.com/
Gold	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Mango Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion	90	Taste like mango. Well balanced and fruit forward.	https://rancholagloria.com/
Gold	REJONEO TEQUILA	Rejoneo Tequila	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila	93	Savory; salty; fresh. Clean mouth feel.	www.rejoneotequila.com
Gold	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest Cognac Cask-Batch 002	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Toasty; edge of Asian 5 spice. Complex.	www.unclenearest.com
Gold	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - BLEND NO: 072	Tennessee Whiskey, Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Expressive nose; flavors explode in your mouth.	www.unclenearest.com

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Gold	Uncle Nearest Inc	Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey - Batch 3633	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Luxury (\$70.01 and higher)	93	Big bold flavors. Open and clean with intense flavors.	www.unclenearest.com
Silver	2 Towns Ciderhouse	Craftwell Guava Crush	Ready to Drink Cider Based			www.2townsciderhouse.com
Silver	2 Towns Ciderhouse	Craftwell Transfusion	Ready to Drink Cider Based			www.2townsciderhouse.com
Silver	Bundaberg Brewed Drinks	Bundaberg Ginger Beer	Ginger Beer			http://www.bundaberg.com
Silver	Dos Caras Tequila	Dos Caras Tequila Añejo	Anejo Tequila			https://www.doscarastequila.com
Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits	Tequila El Mexicano Blanco 90	Silver/Gold (Non-Aged) Tequila			https://www.elmexicanous.com/
Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Ampersand	Ampersand Malus	Other Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)			https://www.ampersandspirits.com/
Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Ampersand	Ampersand Vinea	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)			https://www.ampersandspirits.com/

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Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Gambit	Gambit Bourbon	Special Barrel Finished Bourbon, Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)			https://www.gambit6.com/
Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Tequio	Tequio Blanco Tequila Soda	Ready to Drink Tequila Based			https://www.drinktequio.com/
Silver	Foley Family Wines and Spirits Tequio	Tequio Reposado Tequila Soda	Ready to Drink Tequila Based			https://www.drinktequio.com/
Silver	Kilimanjaro Distillery LLC Xplorer	Peanut Butter Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Premium (\$25.01 - \$40.00)			www.XplorerSpirits.com
Silver	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ Rum	BACARDÍ Gold Rum	Rum Dark/Gold			https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Silver	Nike Communications, Inc. BACARDÍ Rum	BACARDÍ Superior Rum	Rum White			https://www.bacardi.com/us/en/
Silver	Ogden Own Distillery	Porter's Peach Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Consumer / \$25.00 or less			www.ogdensown.com
Silver	Ogden Own Distillery	Porter's Peanut Butter Whiskey	Flavored Whiskey, Consumer / \$25.00 or less			www.ogdensown.com

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Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Lemon Drop	Pre-mixed Cocktails of a minimum of 15% abv			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Jalisco Mule	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Lime Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Lime Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Mango Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Paloma	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Strawberry Blitz	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Strawberry Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/

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Silver	Patco Brands Rancho La Gloria	Watermelon Margarita	Ready to Drink Wine/Cocktail/Fusion			https://rancholagloria.com/
Silver	The Brand Guild Four Roses Bourbon	Four Roses Single Barrel Bourbon	Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years , Ultra Premium (\$40.01 - \$70.00)			https://www.fourrosesbourbon.com/