



SAN FRANCISCO WORLD
SPIRITS COMPETITION

2018 BEST IN SHOW & PREMIUM AWARDS



2018 PREMIUM AWARDS



THE TASTING PANEL MAGAZINE
DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR

Kavalan Distillery
Taiwan



IMPORTER OF THE YEAR

Sazerac Company
USA



DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society
USA

THE SAN FRANCISCO WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION IS A TRULY INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

ENTRIES IN THE 2018 COMPETITION WERE SUBMITTED FROM OVER 65 COUNTRIES ON SIX CONTINENTS.



2018 BEST IN SHOW



BEST IN SHOW UNAGED WHITE SPIRIT

BEST TEQUILA
BEST BLANCO TEQUILA

Cazcanes Blanco Tequila
Jalisco, Mexico

ALCOHOL: 50% RETAIL PRICE: \$50



BEST IN SHOW AGED WHITE SPIRIT

BEST RUM
BEST EXTRA-AGED RUM – 5 YEARS & OLDER

Plantation Jamaica 2002 Vintage Rum
Jamaica

ALCOHOL: 42% RETAIL PRICE: \$46



BEST IN SHOW WHISKY

BEST SCOTCH
BEST SINGLE MALT WHISKY
BEST INDEPENDENT MERCHANT SINGLE MALT

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society
Cask No. 29.224 Single Malt Scotch – We arrived!
Islay, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 55% RETAIL PRICE: \$215



BEST IN SHOW BRANDY

BEST COGNAC
BEST COGNAC EXTRA-AGED/VINTAGE

GAUTIER Cognac 1755 Extra
Cognac, France

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$250



BEST IN SHOW LIQUEUR

BEST HERBAL/BOTANICAL LIQUEUR

Montenegro Amaro
Emilia Romagna, Italy

ALCOHOL: 23% RETAIL PRICE: \$33

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BEST VODKA

NEFT Vodka, Austria

ALCOHOL: 49% RETAIL PRICE: \$30

BEST GIN

Batch Industrial Strength Gin, United Kingdom

ALCOHOL: 55% RETAIL PRICE: \$56

BEST GENEVER

Old Duff Genever, Holland

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$30

BEST FLAVORED GIN

Watershed Distillery Chamomile Flavored Guild Series Gin
Ohio, USA

ALCOHOL: 44% RETAIL PRICE: \$29

BEST SHOCHU

iichiko Special Shochu, Oita, Japan

ALCOHOL: 30% RETAIL PRICE: \$45

BEST BAIJIU

Yushan Yuan Jiao 8 Year Old Kaoliang Liquor, Chiayi, Taiwan

ALCOHOL: 52% RETAIL PRICE: \$16

BEST WHITE RUM

Tanduay Asian Rum Silver, Philippines

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$20

BEST DARK/GOLD RUM

Arizona Craft Distillery Regalo de Vida Gran Rum, Arizona, USA

ALCOHOL: 53% RETAIL PRICE: \$40

BEST FLAVORED RUM

Ableforth's XO 15 Year Old Rumbullion!, United Kingdom

ALCOHOL: 46%

BEST CACHAÇA

Avua Cachaça Prata Cachaça, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

ALCOHOL: 42% RETAIL PRICE: \$35

THE 2018 SAN FRANCISCO WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION WAS THE LARGEST IN ITS 19-YEAR HISTORY.

THE 2,469 ENTRIES RECEIVED MARKED AN 11% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION.



TO VIEW COMPLETE 2018 COMPETITION RESULTS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.sfspiritscomp.com

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BEST REPOSADO TEQUILA

Azuñia Organic Reposado Tequila

Jalisco, Mexico

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$34

BEST AÑEJO TEQUILA

Tequila Siete Leguas Añejo Tequila, Jalisco, Mexico

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$57

BEST EXTRA AÑEJO TEQUILA

El Tesoro Paradiso Extra Añejo Tequila

Jalisco, Mexico

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$100

BEST MEZCAL

Mezcal Nacional 1938 Mezcal, Oaxaca, Mexico

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$85

BEST STRAIGHT BOURBON

Bulleit Barrel Strength Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Kentucky, USA

ALCOHOL: 63% RETAIL PRICE: \$60

BEST SMALL BATCH BOURBON

Elijah Craig Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Kentucky, USA

ALCOHOL: 47% RETAIL PRICE: \$30

BEST BOURBON

BEST SINGLE BARREL BOURBON

Henry McKenna Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Kentucky, USA

ALCOHOL: 50% RETAIL PRICE: \$35

BEST SPECIAL BARREL-FINISHED BOURBON

One Eight Distilling Untitled Whiskey No. 10

Washington, D.C., USA

ALCOHOL: 44% RETAIL PRICE: \$99

BEST CRAFT DISTILLER WHISKEY

Balcones '1' Texas Single Malt Whiskey, Texas, USA

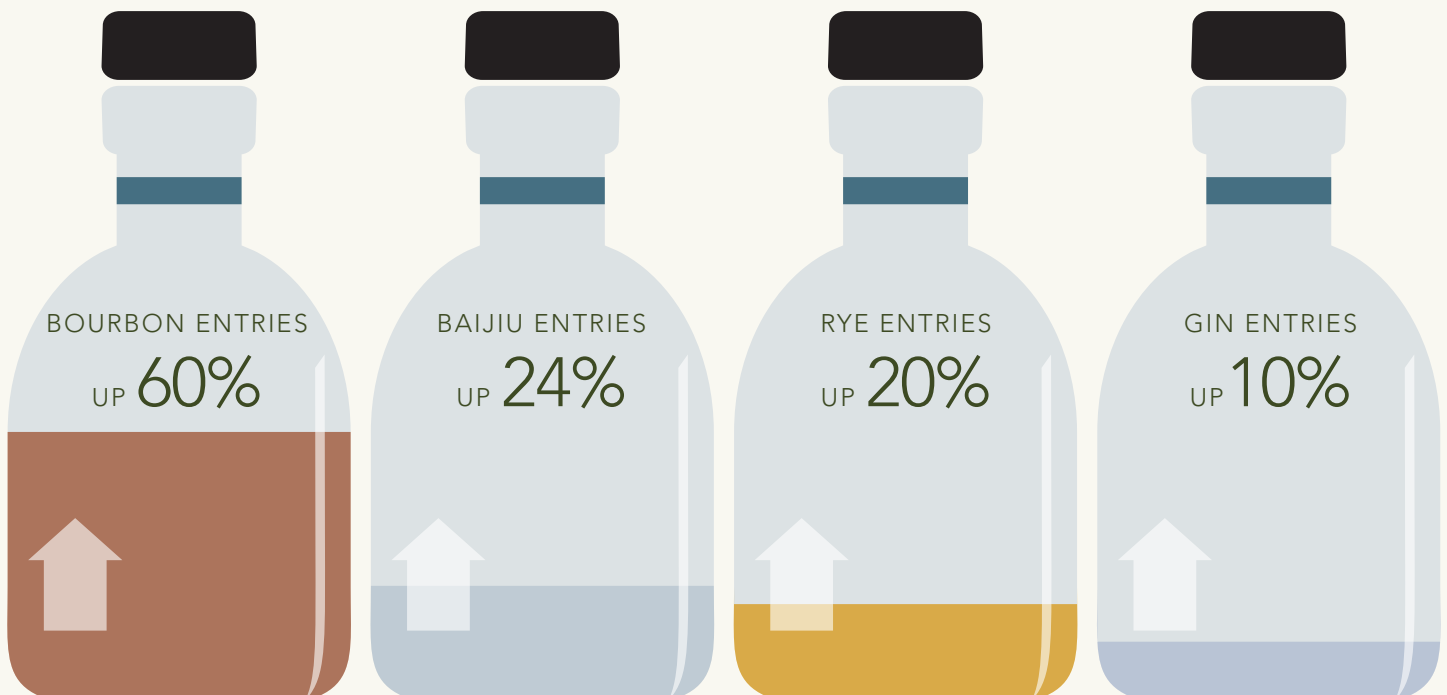
ALCOHOL: 53% RETAIL PRICE: \$70

BEST CORN WHISKEY

David James Straight American Whiskey, Indiana, USA

ALCOHOL: 60% RETAIL PRICE: \$65

CERTAIN CATEGORIES SAW MAJOR INCREASES IN THEIR NUMBER OF ENTRIES,
REFLECTING INDUSTRY TRENDS AND MARKET TASTES.



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BEST RYE WHISKEY

Knob Creek Cask Strength Rye Whiskey, Kentucky, USA

ALCOHOL: 59% RETAIL PRICE: \$70

BEST CANADIAN WHISKY

Crown Royal 13 Year Old Blenders' Mash Whisky, Canada

ALCOHOL: 45%

BEST OTHER SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Kavalan King Car Conductor Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$120

BEST OTHER WHISKEY

Jos. A. Magnus & Co. Murray Hill Club Blended Bourbon

Washington, D.C., USA

ALCOHOL: 52% RETAIL PRICE: \$92

BEST FLAVORED WHISKEY

Uncle Bob's Root Beer Whiskey, California, USA

ALCOHOL: 35% RETAIL PRICE: \$20

BEST SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY

The Tyrconnell

10 Year Old Madeira Cask Finish Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Ireland

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$75

BEST IRISH WHISKEY

BEST PURE POT STILL IRISH WHISKEY

Powers 12 Year Old John's Lane Irish Whiskey, Cork, Ireland

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$65

BEST BLENDED SCOTCH 16 YEARS AND OLDER

Dewar's The Signature 25 Year Old Scotch, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$322

BEST BLENDED SCOTCH

BEST BLENDED SCOTCH – NO AGE STATEMENT

Cutty Sark Prohibition Blended Scotch, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 50% RETAIL PRICE: \$29

BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH UP TO 12 YEARS

Talisker 10 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Islands, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$60

BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH 13 TO 19 YEARS

Highland Park The Dark 17 Year Old Single Malt Scotch,

Orkney, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 53% RETAIL PRICE: \$300

BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH 20 YEARS AND OLDER

Glencadam 25 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Highland, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 46% RETAIL PRICE: \$475

BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH NO AGE STATEMENT

Ardbeg Corryvreckan Single Malt Scotch, Islay, Scotland

ALCOHOL: 57% RETAIL PRICE: \$90

BEST BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society

Cask No. Blended Batch 01

Blended Malt Scotch Exotic Cargo

Scotland

ALCOHOL: 50% RETAIL PRICE: \$90

BEST COGNAC VSOP

GAUTIER Cognac VSOP, Cognac, France

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$42

BEST COGNAC XO

Maxime Trijol XO Grande Champagne Cognac, Cognac, France

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$145

BEST ARMAGNAC

Cyrano Armagnac XO, Armagnac, France

ALCOHOL: 42% RETAIL PRICE: \$48

BEST SPANISH GRAPE BRANDY

Torres 20 Hors d'Age Superior Brandy, Spain

ALCOHOL: 40%

BEST PISCO

Pisco La Caravedo Puro Torontel Pisco, Ica, Peru

ALCOHOL: 40% RETAIL PRICE: \$33

BEST APÉRITIF

Lillet Rosé Apéritif, Bordeaux, France

ALCOHOL: 17% RETAIL PRICE: \$25