



Los Angeles International Spirits Competition Winners Announced ***Tequila Takes Top Award***

POMONA, CA (June 1, 2017) – A tequila took the top spot of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition. Tequila Honor Del Castillo – Reflexion Blanco took Best of Show with 98 Points. Sable & Rosenfeld Vermouth Jalapeno Topsy Onions took Best of Show in the mixers category with 95 points.

Judged in May using a point system, the 2017 spirits competition had 392 Spirits entries from 146 producers. For the past four years, mixers have had their own competition being that so many entries are received in this non-alcoholic product category.

Besides the two best of shows, the competition also awarded 65 Best of Category Awards, 10 Best of Division Awards, 221 Gold Medal Awards, 123 Silver Medal Awards and 36 Bronze Medal Awards.

The competition received spirits from 30 countries: Australia, Barbados, Canada, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, UK, Ukraine, USA, Vietnam, Virgin Islands. The panel of judges hailed from throughout the United States.

Other top winners included:

- Best of Whiskey: Irishman Single Malt, 96 Points
- Best of Gin: Bombay Sapphire East 12 Botanicals London Dry Gin, 93 Points
- Best of Shochu: iichiko BLU, 95 Points
- Best of Vodka: Roberto Cavalli, 93 Points
- Best of Brandy: Gautier 4 Years Aged, 92 Points
- Best of Liqueurs: Appalachian Sippin' Cream Un-aged Dark Chocolate Coffee Cream, 94 Points
- Best of Agave Spirits: Xicala Mezcal Joven, 92 Points

A complete list of winners is available at www.laspiritscomp.com.

The public will get its first opportunity to taste the medal-winning spirits at [Cheers – L.A's Wine, Spirits, Beer & Food Festival](#) June 24. Cheers features the award winners from all the Los Angeles International Competitions (beer, wine, spirits and extra virgin olive oils) as well as gourmet food trucks and dancing. Winners will also be available for tasting at the [LA County Fair](#), Sept. 1-24. The Fair features a complete wine/spirits/beer education program taught by industry experts.

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