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# *Catalogue*

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## From the President



On behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's Wine, Beer & Cider, Distilled Spirits, Cheese & Dairy Produce, and Fine Food competitions. Your dedication and excellence are the cornerstones of our mission to foster a prosperous and sustainable future for Australian agriculture.

Rooted in the vision set forth in the Society's original 1822 Prospectus, our mission is to implant a public spirit of agricultural improvement within the hearts of all. This mission is brought to life through our competitions, which drive innovation and set industry benchmarks for quality and excellence. Your participation not only elevates the standards of produce but also inspires the entire agricultural community.

We are deeply grateful to our Judges, Officials, Stewards, and all volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise. Their commitment ensures the integrity and success of our competitions. To our RAS Councillors, Committee Chairs, and RAS staff, your meticulous efforts in curating these events are what makes them tick.

I am proud to work alongside such a dedicated team and community. Together, we celebrate and propel Australian agricultural excellence. I trust that you enjoyed your Sydney Royal experience and encourage you to join us again next year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John C. Bennett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

John C. Bennett, OAM  
President, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## St Agnes Distillery named Best Spirit, whisky liqueur makes its mark, and absinthe is back on the menu at the 2025 Sydney Royal Distilled Spirit Awards.

Tuesday, 16 September 2025.

Fourteen of Australia's best spirits were crowned tonight as the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW announced the champion winners of its 2025 Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show.

The national awards follow the rigorous judging of almost 300 Australian spirits last week, with *St Agnes Distillery* claiming the coveted **Best Distilled Spirit of Show**, alongside **Best Brandy**, with its *St Agnes XO 15 Year Old*.

This marks the second consecutive year St Agnes has taken out the top prize, with the revered producer having won in 2024 thanks to its St Agnes XO Grand Reserve 40 Year Old, and according to Sydney Royal Chair of Judges, Stuart Gregor, the distillery is more than deserving of the spotlight.

"Brandies from the winning distillery should probably be registered as national treasures - they are exquisite, and the winner balances freshness and age perfectly. They are the world's best, no question," shared Gregor.

South Australia dominated the whisky category, with *Tria Prima* taking home **Champion Single Malt Whisky** for its *Tria Prima Enchantress*, while *Fleurieu Distillery* won **Champion Grain or Blend Whisky** for the second year running, this time with its *Mary Ann* blend. The distillery also took home the prestigious **Chair of Judges Annual Prize** with its *Telemachus* whisky.

"The whisky classes really shone this year, particularly the single malt whiskies. To me, this is proof that Australian whisky is on the cusp of a potential golden age. The *Telemachus I* selected for the Chair of Judges Annual Prize is a stunning example of where I think Australian whisky can land over the next few years," Gregor said.

In the lighter spirits, gin was celebrated for its impressive medal count, with 75% of entries in the traditional class and 89% of entries in the contemporary class receiving a medal.

The top picks - *Never Never Distilling Co's Triple Juniper Gin*, which won **Champion Traditional Gin**; *Bright Night Spirit's Wild Tasmanian Gin*, which took home **Champion Contemporary Gin**; and *Four Pillars' Navy Strength Gin*, which was named **Champion Other Gin**.

"I firmly believe Australia makes the world's best gin right now, and this show reinforced that view for me - the winners were terrific and show a lovely balance of traditional and Aussie botanicals.

"And my favourite surprise was the calibre of liqueurs entered. This is often a class that is overlooked and sometimes dominated by overly sweet "fake fruit" flavours. This year, there were four or five liqueurs that could easily have won a trophy.

"The Champion Liqueur was an absolute blinder, uniquely delicious and balanced, and a style we would love to see more of."

**Champion Liqueur** went to *Marionette's* rich and fruity whisky liqueur, the *Caretaker's Cottage Black Forest*. In the **Champion Alternative Spirit** category, *Never Never Distilling Co* came out on top again, this time with its limited edition, *Australian Absinthe*.

Shining a light on NSW small producers, *Blue Mountains Gin Company* won **Champion Vodka** with its *Wild*



*Dog Vodka*, while *Banks & Solander Distillery's Cask Strength Rum* was named **Champion Cane Spirit or Rum** and **Best NSW Distilled Spirit**. And the perfect drink for summer? *Four Pillars' Rare Dry Gin and Tonic*, which won **Champion Ready to Drink**.

"The Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show is about shining a light on the Australian distilled spirits industry and celebrating the craftsmanship of some of our best producers. And I believe in 2025 we did just that, the calibre of entries was fantastic and the spread of exhibitors from across the nation was great to see - with four states represented amongst tonight's champion winners.

"I congratulate all of the winners and thank all who contributed and exhibited at this year's Show."

To explore all of the medal winners, please visit [Distilled Spirits](#).

The 2025 Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Awards were announced in conjunction with the 2025 Sydney Royal Beer and Cider Awards. To explore this year's top beers and cider, visit [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au).

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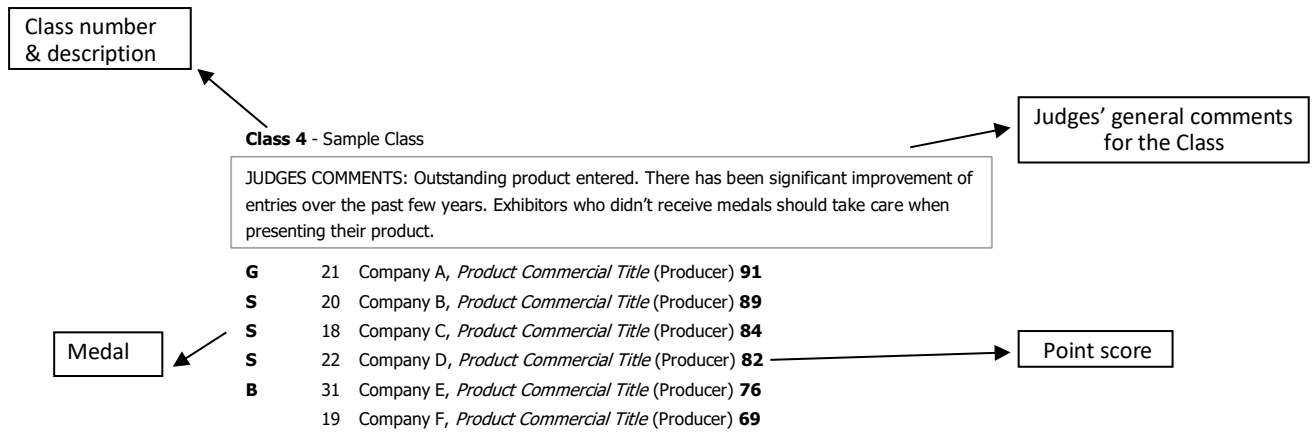
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MEDIA RELEASE



## HOW TO READ THE RESULTS CATALOGUE



### LEGEND

- G** Gold Medal winner
- S** Silver Medal winner
- B** Bronze Medal winner

## MEDAL AWARDS

Medal Awards are determined by the Judges on the following scale of points:

All Classes Total 100 points

- (a) Gold medal for outstanding Exhibits gaining 90pts and over;
- (b) Silver medal for excellent Exhibits gaining 82pts but fewer than 90pts;
- (c) Bronze medal for quality Exhibits gaining 74pts but fewer than 82pts.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS, TROPHIES AND SPECIAL PRIZES

### Champion Traditional Gin

Eligible Class: 1

**2025 Winner:**

Triple Juniper Gin  
Never Never Distilling Co  
Class No. 1 / Cat No. 24

### Champion Contemporary Gin

Eligible Class: 2

**2025 Winner:**

Bright Night Wild Tasmanian Gin  
Bright Night Spirits  
Class No. 2 / Cat No. 75

### Champion Other Gin

Eligible Classes: 3 – 7

**2025 Winner:**

Navy Strength Gin  
Four Pillars Distillery  
Class No. 4 / Cat No. 125

### Champion Vodka

Eligible Classes: 8 – 11

**2025 Winner:**

Wild Dog Vodka  
Blue Mountains Gin Company  
Class No. 8 / Cat No. 141

### Champion Single Malt Whisky

Eligible Classes: 12

**2025 Winner:**

Tria Prima Enchantress  
Tria Prima  
Class No. 12 / Cat No. 160

### Champion Grain or Blend Whisky

Eligible Classes: 13 – 16

**2025 Winner:**

Mary Ann  
Fleurieu Distillery  
Class No. 14 / Cat No. 196

### Champion Cane Spirit or Rum

Eligible Classes: 17 – 22

**2025 Winner:**

Cask Strength Rum  
Banks & Solander Distillery  
Class No. 20 / Cat No. 213

### The JJ McWilliam Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Best Brandy

Eligible Class: 23

**2025 Winner:**

St Agnes XO 15 Year Old  
St Agnes Distillery  
Class No. 23 / Cat No. 224

### Champion Liqueur

Eligible Classes: 24 – 30

**2025 Winner:**

Caretaker's Cottage Black Forest  
Marionette  
Class No. 24 / Cat No. 230

### Champion Alternative Spirit

Eligible Class: 31

**2025 Winner:**

Australian Absinthe  
Never Never Distilling Co  
Class No. 31 / Cat No. 282

### Champion Ready to Drink

Eligible Classes: 32 – 39

**2025 Winner:**

Rare Dry Gin and Tonic  
Four Pillars Distillery  
Class No. 32 / Cat No. 287

### Champion Non-Alcoholic Spirit

Eligible Class: 40

**2025 Winner:**

Not awarded

### The Chair of Judges Annual Prize

This Annual Prize is supported by the RAS of NSW. Awarded to the Exhibit that impressed the Chair of Judges the most that did not get an award elsewhere.

**2025 Winner:**

Telemachus  
Fleurieu Distillery  
Class No. 12 / Cat No. 166

### Best NSW Distilled Spirit

Eligible Class: 1-39

**2025 Winner:**

Cask Strength Rum  
Banks & Solander Distillery  
Class No. 20 / Cat No. 213

### Best Distilled Spirit of Show

Winners of the following Champions and Trophies are eligible: Traditional Gin, Contemporary Gin, Other Gin, Vodka, Single Malt Whisky, Grain or Blend Whisky, Cane Spirit or Rum, The JJ McWilliam Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Best Brandy, Liqueur, Alternative Spirit, Ready to Drink.

**2025 Winner:**

St Agnes XO 15 Year Old  
St Agnes Distillery  
Class No. 23 / Cat No. 224



# THE BEST OF THE BEST

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RAS OF NSW PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Tathra Oysters, NSW - Winner 18th Annual President's Medal



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## Australia's Premier Food & Beverage Award

The President's Medal is Australia's most prestigious award for food and beverage producers. Unlike other awards judged solely on taste, the Medal recognises excellence across the entire production cycle — from gate to plate.

Exhibitors are assessed on six integrated pillars: environmental sustainability, social responsibility, financial sustainability, climate and business shock resilience, succession and governance, and knowledge sharing and industry impact.

The 19th Annual President's Medal will draw from Champion and Trophy-winning Exhibits from the 2025 Sydney Royal Wine, Cheese & Dairy Produce, Fine Food, Beer & Cider, and Distilled Spirits competitions, examining and celebrating producers whose passion, innovation and leadership set a benchmark for the future of Australian agriculture.

To find out more [www.rasnsw.com.au/presidentsmedal](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/presidentsmedal)

## GIN

## CLASS 1 - Gin - Classic

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Some incredible examples of true juniper forward London dry style gin. The golds, well made technical gin, with great integrated botanicals that linger with a mouth hugging finish. For those wanting to achieve more in this class, we recommend more juniper forward and classic supporting botanicals. The class is really strong in Australia.

- G 24** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *TRIPLE JUNIPER GIN* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **94**
- G 33** PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Prohibition Liquor Co. Juniperus Gin* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **92**
- G 16** KB DISTILLING PTY LTD, *Frankly Gin Heaven* (Produced by Frankly Gin) **91**
- G 29** HANG 10 DISTILLERY, *Surfer's Signature Gin* (Produced by Hang 10 Distillery) **91**
- S 21** TRAVELLING WHILE STANDING STILL, *Travelling While Standing Still* (Produced by Travelling While Standing Still) **89**
- S 23** BUSH BLOOM DISTILLERY, *Bush Bloom - Dry Gin* (Produced by Bush Bloom Distillery) **89**
- S 34** BLACKWATTLE DISTILLING CO., *Imperial Dry Gin* (Produced by Blackwattle Distilling Co.) **89**
- S 5** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Australian Dry Gin* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **86**
- S 15** SIP & BANTER DISTILLERY, *The Classic Gin* (Produced by Sip & Banter Distillery) **85**
- S 3** RUSTY BARREL SPIRITS, *Rusty Barrel London Dry Gin* (Produced by Rusty Barrel Spirits) **84**
- S 14** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Tradition Dry Gin* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **83**
- S 28** ESTER SPIRITS, *Dry Gin* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **83**
- S 35** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Triple Juniper Gin Export Strength* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **83**
- B 20** ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *Blind Tiger Organic Rare Dry Gin* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **81**
- B 26** NINE CIRCLES DISTILLERY, *Coastal Gin* (Produced by Nine Circles Distillery) **81**
- B 11** BLUE MOUNTAINS GIN COMPANY, *Mountain Devil Classic Gin* (Produced by Jann Dillon) **80**
- B 19** YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Duke dry gin* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **79**
- B 4** THIEVES COLLECTION, *Botanical Gin* (Produced by Running With Thieves) **78**
- B 17** THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO., *STILL WORKING CLASSIC DRY GIN* (Produced by THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO.) **78**
- B 25** CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY, *Brookie's Byron Dry Gin 43%* (Produced by Cape Byron Distillery) **78**
- B 36** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Southern Strength Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **78**
- B 18** LITTLE LON DISTILLING CO, *CONSTABLE PROUDFOOT GIN* (Produced by LITTLE LON DISTILLING CO) **77**
- B 9** WHITE LIGHT BEVERAGES, *Triple G Gin* (Produced by Triple G Gin) **75**

- B 32** AOB, *The Slowing Down of Time* (Produced by AOB) **75**
- B 2** MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Southern Dry Gin* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **74**
- B 6** BLACKWATTLE DISTILLING CO., *Dry Sydney Gin* (Produced by Blackwattle Distilling Co.) **74**
- B 12** HOLD FAST DISTILLERY, *Dog's Watch Gin* (Produced by Hold Fast Distillery) **74**
- 7** MADIRRAA SPIRITS, *Madirraa Dry Gin* (Produced by Madirraa Spirits) **73**
- 8** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Bobbys London Dry* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Distillery) **73**
- 1** DUKA GROUP PTY LTD, *Iluka Coastal Dry Gin* (Produced by Duka Group Pty Ltd) **72**
- 10** DURRAS DISTILLERY, *Durras Distillery Gin* (Produced by Durras Distillery) **72**
- 13** HOLD FAST DISTILLERY, *Pearl Diver Gin* (Produced by Hold Fast Distillery) **71**
- 22** WOLFSBANE PTY LTD, *White Fae Allure Botanical Gin* (Produced by Wolfsbane) **71**
- 30** BATTERY POINT DISTILLERY, *House of Lenna Dry Gin Blend No. 1* (Produced by Battery Point Distillery) **71**
- 27** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY HIGHLAND GIN* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **68**
- 37** BLACKWATTLE DISTILLING CO., *O.P Sydney Gin* (Produced by Blackwattle Distilling Co.) **68**

## CLASS 2 - Gin – Contemporary

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Contemporary Australian gin is in good shape if this class is anything to go by. A range of expressive, flavour-forward gins, Australian native botanicals handled with care across the board, and some genuine standouts, some very good examples of where Australian gin is at right now.

- G 75** BRIGHT NIGHT SPIRITS, *Bright Night Wild Tasmanian Gin* (Produced by Bright Night Gin) **91**
- G 41** ARCHIE ROSE DISTILLING CO., *Signature Dry Gin* (Produced by Archie Rose Distilling Co.) **90**
- G 60** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Rosie Fox Gin* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **90**
- G 62** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Oyster Shell Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **90**
- G 67** HILLMAN BROS. DISTILLING CO., *Modern Australian Gin with lemon myrtle, wattle seed and macadamia nut.* (Produced by Hillman Bros. Distilling Co.) **90**
- S 70** BLACKWOOD VALLEY DISTILLERY, *Grounded Gin* (Produced by Blackwood Valley Distillery) **88**
- S 77** BANKS & SOLANDER DISTILLERY, *Signature Gin* (Produced by Banks & Solander Distillery) **88**
- S 66** THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO., *LIST OF TWO DOOS CONTEMPORARY GIN* (Produced by THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO.) **87**
- S 69** NINE CIRCLES DISTILLERY, *Signature Gin* (Produced by Nine Circles Distillery) **87**
- S 42** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Carn the Pear Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **86**

- S 59 BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN, *BURLY CUCUMBER GIN* (Produced by BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN) **84**
- S 57 PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Prohibition Liquor Co. Original Gin* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **83**
- S 58 LITTLE JUNIPER DISTILLING CO., *Signature Gin* (Produced by Little Juniper Distilling Co) **83**
- S 64 ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *Blind Tiger Organic Mnadarin Gin* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **83**
- S 71 HILLMAN BROS. DISTILLING CO., *Good Gin with emu apple and elder flower* (Produced by Hillman Bros. Distilling Co.) **83**
- S 76 THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Autumn Dry Gin* (Produced by The Farmer's Wife Distillery) **83**
- S 40 KB DISTILLING PTY LTD, *Frankly Gin Heritage* (Produced by Frankly Gin) **82**
- S 45 MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Highlands Gin* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **82**
- S 51 SOUTH COAST DISTILLERY, *Sublime* (Produced by South Coast Distillery) **82**
- S 55 FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Modern Australian Gin* (Produced by Four Pillars Distillery) **82**
- S 61 NINE CIRCLES DISTILLERY, *Australian Dry Gin* (Produced by Nine Circles Distillery) **82**
- S 68 HILLMAN BROS. DISTILLING CO., *Signature Dry with Black Lime* (Produced by Hillman Bros. Distilling Co.) **82**
- B 63 BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN, *BURLY CITRUS GIN* (Produced by BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN) **81**
- B 72 FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Olive Leaf Gin* (Produced by Four Pillars Distiller) **81**
- B 74 KARU DISTILLERY, *Affinity Gin* (Produced by Karu Distillery) **81**
- B 43 LORD HOWE ISLAND DISTILLING CO., *Reef Gin* (Produced by Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.) **79**
- B 49 PANTS OFF DISTILLERY, *Antz Pantz Gin* (Produced by Pants Off Distillery) **79**
- B 54 SOUTH COAST DISTILLERY, *London Dry Gin* (Produced by South Coast Distillery) **79**
- B 38 Thirsty Messiah Brewery, *Thirsty Messiah Brewery Gin* (Produced by Thirsty Messiah Brewery) **78**
- B 53 NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Beeswax and Olive Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **77**
- B 47 MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Lilly Pilly Pink Gin* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **76**
- B 48 LORD HOWE ISLAND DISTILLING CO., *Island Gin* (Produced by Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.) **76**
- B 52 THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Gin* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **75**
- B 39 BONDI LIQUOR CO, *Rhubarb Gin* (Produced by Bondi Liquor Co) **74**
- B 46 BLUE MOUNTAINS GIN COMPANY, *Mountain Devil Magic Gin* (Produced by Jann Dillon) **74**
- 56 BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN, *BURLY BERRY GIN* (Produced by BURLY DISTILLERY PTY LTD T/A BURLY GIN) **73**
- 44 THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Summer Gin* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **72**
- 50 LORD HOWE ISLAND DISTILLING CO., *Mountain Rose Gin* (Produced by Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.) **72**
- 65 MALENY DISTILLING COMPANY PTY LTD, *MALENY DISTILLERY - HANDCRAFTED AROMATIC GIN* (Produced by MALENY DISTILLING COMPANY PTY LTD) **70**

**CLASS 3 - Gin – Old Tom**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Interesting range in Old Tom's entered, overwhelmingly decent offerings for an emerging category. Would like to see more juniper and more balanced sweetness to get top medals.

- S 81 ESTER SPIRITS, *Old Tom Gin* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **87**
- B 78 THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Winter Gin* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **81**
- B 79 AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Gin* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **81**
- 80 UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Young Toms Bathub Gin* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Distillery) **73**

**CLASS 4 - Gin – Navy**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Interesting array of Navy strength gins. With some exemplary entries. Great use of citrus and other complex botanicals. Top golds show great use of alcohol integration and two different flavour styles.

- G 125 FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Navy Strength Gin* (Produced by Four Pillars Distillery) **95**
- G 119 SIP & BANTER DISTILLERY, *The Navy Gin* (Produced by Sip & Banter Distillery) **90**
- S 112 ESTER SPIRITS, *Strong Gin* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **86**
- S 118 FOXDOG DISTILLERY, *Navy Strength gin* (Produced by Foxdog Distillery) **85**
- S 123 HOLD FAST DISTILLERY, *Man O' War - Navy Strength Gin* (Produced by Hold Fast Distillery) **84**
- S 124 NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Juniper Freak Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **83**
- S 117 KARU DISTILLERY, *Lightning Gin* (Produced by Karu Distillery) **82**
- S 121 MANLY SPIRITS CO., *North Head 116 Proof Navy Strength Gin* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **82**
- B 122 PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Prohibition Liquor Co. Navy Strength* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **81**
- B 113 WILDFLOWER GIN, *Wildflower Navy Gin* (Produced by Wildflower Gin) **80**
- B 114 KB DISTILLING PTY LTD, *Frankly Gin Hell* (Produced by Frankly Gin) **80**
- B 116 SOUTH COAST DISTILLERY, *Breakwater* (Produced by South Coast Distillery) **79**
- B 120 YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Sailor King Navy Gin* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **79**
- 115 CONRAD DISTILLERY, *Sidecar Gin* (Produced by Conrad Distillery) **72**

**CLASS 5 - Gin – Barrel Aged**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Overall, the class was a nice mix of different barrel aging styles. The ones that were awarded medals used high-quality oak that was balanced between its botanicals, oak flavours and sugar content.

- G 83** LITTLE JUNIPER DISTILLING CO., *Eileen's Christmas Pud* (Produced by Little Juniper Distilling Co.) **92**
- G 85** LORD HOWE ISLAND DISTILLING CO., *Barrel Aged Gin* (Produced by Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.) **90**
- S 88** BRIGHT NIGHT SPIRITS, *Bright Night Chardonnay Barrel Aged Gin* (Produced by Bright Night Gin) **88**
- S 94** ESTER SPIRITS, *Barrel Aged Gin #2* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **85**
- S 82** JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Shiraz Barrel Aged Gin* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **84**
- S 90** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Henri's Barrel Aged Gin - Portuguese Port Cask* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Gin) **84**
- B 89** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Henri's Barrel Aged Gin - Merlot Cask* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Distillery) **80**
- B 84** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *ARGO Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **79**
- B 86** BUSH BLOOM DISTILLERY, *Barrel & Bloom* (Produced by Bush Bloom Distillery) **79**
- B 91** THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Sweet Spring Gin* (Produced by The Farmer's Wife Distillery) **78**
- B 87** ESTER SPIRITS, *Barrel Aged Gin #1* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **77**
- B 92** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Henri's Barrel Aged Gin - Bourbon Cask* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Distillery) **76**
- B 93** THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Warm Winter Gin* (Produced by The Farmer's Wife Distillery) **75**

**CLASS 6 - Gin – Fruit**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: A diverse class with the best examples showing a deft touch with regards to sugar/acid in line with expression of adjunct fruit and core gin qualities. The weaker examples were either too subtle in their expression, which could have seen score higher in the contemporary class OR the fruit expression didn't sit cohesively enough with the base spirit.

- G 110** PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Prohibition Liquor Co. Field Blend Shiraz Gin* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **94**
- G 98** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Disco Flamingo's Pink Gin* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Distillery) **92**
- S 109** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Ginache Gin* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **84**
- S 107** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Zesty Bear Gin* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **83**
- B 95** MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Bramble Gin* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **81**
- B 103** BRIGHT NIGHT SPIRITS, *Bright Night Pink Gin* (Produced by Bright Night Gin) **79**
- B 97** FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Bloody Pinot Gin* (Produced by Four Pillars Gin) **78**

- B 108** YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Mandy* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **78**
- B 102** HOLD FAST DISTILLERY, *Sloe Gin* (Produced by Hold Fast Distillery) **77**
- B 104** JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Citrus Gin* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **77**
- B 106** FOXDOG DISTILLERY, *Mandarin Gin* (Produced by Foxdog Distillery) **77**
- B 101** THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO., *JAM'S VINDICATION SMILEY FACE GIN* (Produced by THE RARE ORCHID DISTILLING CO.) **76**
- B 105** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Gem Fest Gin* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **76**
- B 100** DUNALLEY BAY DISTILLERY, *Spiced Sloe Gin* (Produced by Dunalley Bay Distillery) **74**
- 99** GLOWED UP, *Viki's Gin* (Produced by Glowed Up) **73**
- 111** THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Summer Spritz Gin* (Produced by The Farmer's Wife Distillery) **73**
- 96** CONRAD DISTILLERY, *Conrad Distillery* (Produced by Conrad Distillery) **72**

**CLASS 7 - Gin – Other**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Well-made gin testing the boundaries of conventional gins. Great to see people experimenting and trialling new botanicals and styles.

- S 126** BUSH BLOOM DISTILLERY, *Dr Ginny - Bush Honey and Warm Spices* (Produced by Bush Bloom Distillery) **84**
- S 127** FOXDOG DISTILLERY, *Samphire Gin* (Produced by Foxdog Distillery) **82**

**VODKA****CLASS 8 - Vodka – Classic**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Strong class with some excellent standout. A huge focus on the nature of the spirit. A good focus on the intent of a clean neutral spirit with engaging texture.

- G 141** BLUE MOUNTAINS GIN COMPANY, *Wild Dog Vodka* (Produced by Jann Dillon) **95**
- G 128** DUKA GROUP PTY LTD, *Iluka Premium Vodka* (Produced by Duka Group Pty Ltd) **93**
- G 131** WHITE LIGHT BEVERAGES, *White Light Vodka Original* (Produced by White Light Vodka) **91**
- G 134** MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Highlands Vodka* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **91**
- S 140** BLACKWATTLE DISTILLING CO., *Australian Grain Vodka* (Produced by Blackwattle Distilling Co.) **85**
- S 132** ESTER SPIRITS, *Clear Cut Vodka* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **84**
- S 136** RUSTY BARREL SPIRITS, *Rusty Barrel Vodka* (Produced by Rusty Barrel Spirits) **83**
- S 135** EUREKA DISTILLING, *Premium Vodka* (Produced by Eureka Distilling) **82**
- B 129** LEXELLE PTY LTD, *Alkira* (Produced by Lexelle Pty Ltd) **79**
- B 138** WOLFSBANE PTY LTD, *Premium Vodka* (Produced by Wolfsbane) **76**
- B 139** MADIRRAA SPIRITS, *Madirraa Artisan Vodka* (Produced by Madirraa Spirits) **75**

- B 130** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Pure Australian Vodka* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **74**
- 137** GLOWED UP, *Viki's Vodka* (Produced by Glowed Up) **72**
- 142** BLACKWATTLE DISTILLING CO., *Five Score Vodka* (Produced by Blackwattle Distilling Co.) **72**
- 133** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Original Vodka* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **66**

**CLASS 9 - Vodka – Flavour Distilled**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Standout showcased the flavour that was intended and match the base spirit profile. The winners were conceptually interesting, and balance was highly rewarded.

- G 147** KARU DISTILLERY, *Morita Chipotle Vodka* (Produced by Karu Distillery) **91**
- S 146** LORD HOWE ISLAND DISTILLING CO., *Island Vodka Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.* (Produced by Lord Howe Island Distilling Co.) **88**
- S 144** YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Lemon Myrtle Vodka* (Produced by Yamba distilling Co) **87**
- S 145** PANTS OFF DISTILLERY, *Pants Off Vanilla Vodka* (Produced by Pants Off Distillery) **82**
- B 143** CRAFT CARTEL LIQUOR, *Karl* (Produced by Ragazzi) **77**
- B 148** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY MORENA VODKA* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **77**

**CLASS 10 - Vodka – Flavour Infused**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Interesting class with some great intent. Overall, a very sweet category which needs to be addressed to let the spirit shine.

- S 149** JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Honey Vodka* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **88**
- S 152** AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Toffee Vodka* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **82**
- B 153** AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Coffee Vodka* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **80**
- B 150** AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Passionfruit Vodka* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **79**
- B 154** AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Lemon Myrtle Vodka* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **77**
- 151** AMBROSIA DISTILLERY, *Calamansi Vodka* (Produced by Ambrosia Distillery) **67**

**CLASS 11 - Vodka – Other**

No Entries

**WHISKY****CLASS 12 - Whisky – Single Malt**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Overall, great calibre of entries with a great selection of different cask styles with great barrel management. A breadth of flavours from more savoury and peated to fresher and more fruit forward. The top medals were all consistently high quality which is a testament to the strength of the category.

- G 160** TRIA PRIMA, *Tria Prima Enchantress* (Produced by Tria Prima) **93**
- G 166** FLEURIEU DISTILLERY, *Telemachus* (Produced by Fleurieu Distillery) **92**

- G 169** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Liquid Amber* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **92**
- G 186** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Silk Road 2025 Limited Release* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **92**
- G 179** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Sherry Lane* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **91**
- G 174** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY SINGLE MALT WHISKY EX BOURBON CASK* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **90**
- S 157** TRIA PRIMA, *Tria Prima Magissa* (Produced by Tria Prima) **88**
- S 175** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY SINGLE MALT WHISKY EX MOSCATEL SHERRY BARREL* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **88**
- S 184** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Noble Lane 2025 Limited Release* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **88**
- S 185** FLEURIEU DISTILLERY, *The Palace Of Humbug* (Produced by Fleurieu Distillery) **87**
- S 158** ARCHIE ROSE DISTILLING CO., *Single Malt Whisky* (Produced by Archie Rose Distilling Co.) **86**
- S 165** BATTERY POINT DISTILLERY, *Port Cask* (Produced by Battery Point Distillery) **86**
- S 180** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Pineau 395* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **86**
- S 155** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Coastal Stone Nor'easter Australian Single Malt Whisky* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **85**
- S 162** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Coastal Stone 6 Year Old Single Malt Whisky Apera Cask* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **85**
- S 178** ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *Camborne Single Malt Shiraz Cask Whisky* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **85**
- S 181** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Coastal Stone 8 Year Old Single Malt Whisky Double Cask* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **85**
- S 183** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Coastal Stone 8 Year Old Single Malt Whisky Beer Cask* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **85**
- S 167** CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY, *Cape Byron 'The Original'* (Produced by Cape Byron Distillery) **84**
- S 170** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Silk Lane* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **83**
- S 172** SOUTH COAST DISTILLERY, *SCD-002 Single Malt Whisky* (Produced by South Coast Distillery) **83**
- S 171** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA SINGLE MALT WHISKY EX AMONTILLADO SHERRY CASK* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **82**
- B 168** AOB, *Reality is Not What It Seems* (Produced by Adams' Distillery) **81**
- B 161** AMBER LANE DISTILLERY, *Equinox* (Produced by Amber Lane Distillery) **80**
- B 173** ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *Camborne Single Malt Peated Cask Whisky* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **79**
- B 176** DUNALLEY BAY DISTILLERY, *Single Malt Whisky* (Produced by Dunalley Bay Distillery) **79**

- B 164** BATTERY POINT DISTILLERY, *TRIPLE CASK WHISKY* (Produced by BATTERY POINT DISTILLERY) **77**
- B 156** THIEVES COLLECTION, *Gold Edition Whisky* (Produced by Thieves Collection) **76**
- B 159** COROWA DISTILLING CO, *Bosque Verde* (Produced by Corowa Distilling Co) **75**
- 177** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY SINGLE MALT WHISKY EX PEDRO XIMENEZ SHERRY CASK* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD) **73**
- 182** ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *Camborne Single Malt Tawny Cask Whisky* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **71**
- 163** COROWA DISTILLING CO, *The Corowa Characters* (Produced by Corowa Distilling Co) **63**

#### CLASS 13 - Whisky – Blended

JUDGES' COMMENTS: All submissions were elegant with restrained use of oak and was fantastic to see such refined and solid entries across the board. A really exciting category to watch.

- G 194** FLEURIEU DISTILLERY, *Country To Coast #6* (Produced by Fleurieu Distillery and Black Gate Distillery) **94**
- G 187** ARCHIE ROSE DISTILLING CO., *Australian Malt Whisky* (Produced by Archie Rose Distilling Co.) **92**
- S 190** MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Coastal Stone Xplore Blended Whisky* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **86**
- S 193** HANG 10 DISTILLERY, *The Goofy Barrel* (Produced by Hang 10 Distillery) **83**
- S 188** JANCE DISTILLERY, *Double Oak* (Produced by Jance Distillery) **82**
- S 189** PANTS OFF DISTILLERY, *Kilts Up* (Produced by Pants Off Distillery) **82**
- S 191** GLENROWAN WHISKY, *Batch #0001* (Produced by Glenrowan Whisky) **82**
- B 192** NINE CIRCLES DISTILLERY, *Single Malt* (Produced by Nine Circles Distillery) **78**

#### CLASS 14 - Whisky – Cask Strength

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Extremely diverse range of profiles, some really well-balanced expressions and surprisingly elegant well executed submissions in the mix. A lot still show their spirit profile amongst the higher ABV showing some real maturity in this category.

- G 196** FLEURIEU DISTILLERY, *Mary Ann* (Produced by Fleurieu Distillery) **94**
- S 200** SOUTH COAST DISTILLERY, *SCD-002 Cask Strength Single Malt* (Produced by South Coast Distillery) **88**
- S 195** AOB, *Dieman's Rising 001* (Produced by AOB & Highwayman) **87**
- S 197** FLEURIEU DISTILLERY, *Here Comes The Flood* (Produced by Fleurieu Distillery) **86**
- B 198** TRIA PRIMA, *Tria Prima Enchantress Rebis Range cask TP 032* (Produced by Tria Prima) **81**
- B 199** BATTERY POINT DISTILLERY, *Small Cask Sherry* (Produced by Battery Point Distillery) **79**

#### CLASS 15 - Whisky – Grain

JUDGES' COMMENTS: A very diverse and interesting category, great exploration of innovation. A really exciting category.

- G 201** DISTRIKT DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, *Cosmic Toast 'Char Level Zero' Stout Cask Rye Whiskey* (Produced by Whipper Snapper Distillery) **92**
- S 204** DUSTY BARREL DISTILLERY, *Dusty Barrel Distillery* (Produced by Nick Hope) **88**
- S 205** DISTRIKT DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, *Distrikt Whiskey 'Ga- Lactic Malt Zero' Straight Rye Whiskey* (Produced by Whipper Snapper Distillery) **86**
- S 203** ARCHIE ROSE DISTILLING CO., *Rye Malt Whisky* (Produced by Archie Rose Distilling Co.) **85**
- S 206** DISTRIKT DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, *Distrikt Whiskey 'Vacuum Distilled Rye' Single Cask Single Grain* (Produced by Haiver Spirits) **85**
- S 202** EUREKA DISTILLING, *Subourbon American Style Whiskey* (Produced by Eureka Distilling) **84**

#### CLASS 16 - Whisky – Other

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Great diversity and innovation, small but diverse category showing some interesting whiskies, and looking forward to seeing this category develop.

- S 207** THIEVES COLLECTION, *Gold Edition Bourbon Style* (Produced by Thieves Collection) **86**
- B 208** THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Old George Reserve Whisky* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **76**

## CANE SPIRIT

#### CLASS 17 - Cane Spirit

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Unique and innovative class, lots of diversity and some really exciting entries coming out of this category. Looking forward to seeing what comes out of this category in the future.

- S 209** YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Mighty Clarence Cane Spirit* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **87**
- S 210** BANKS & SOLANDER DISTILLERY, *White* (Produced by Solander Rum Company) **85**
- S 211** ESTER SPIRITS, *White Cane* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **85**

#### CLASS 18 - Cane Spirit – Spiced

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Some great submissions coming out of this category, showing that Australian is really paving its way to carve out its own space in the spiced cane segment.

- B 212** ESTER SPIRITS, *Spiced Cane* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **81**

## RUM

#### CLASS 19 - Rum – White

No Entries

#### CLASS 20 - Rum – Overproof

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Impressive integration of alcohol in the high proof category, creating a delicious overproof rum.

- G 213** BANKS & SOLANDER DISTILLERY, *Cask Strength Rum* (Produced by Solander Rum Company) **95**

**CLASS 21 - Rum – Underproof**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: A really exciting category with great diversity in representations of what Australian rum can be, from bold and punchy to floral and bright, looking forward to seeing this category grow and flourish as it continues to innovate.

- G 216 THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Old George Reserve Rum* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **90**
- G 220 LORD BYRON DISTILLERY, *Double Wood Rum* (Produced by Lord Byron Distillery) **90**
- S 217 EUREKA DISTILLING, *Pythagoras Rum* (Produced by Eureka Distilling) **88**
- S 215 NOOSA HEADS DISTILLERY, *Noosa Rum* (Produced by Noosa Heads Distillery) **85**
- B 214 RUSTY BARREL SPIRITS, *Rusty Barrel Gold Rum* (Produced by Rusty Barrel Spirits) **80**
- B 219 THIEVES COLLECTION, *Distillers Reserve Rum* (Produced by Thieves Collection) **80**
- B 218 KARU DISTILLERY, *Outcask Rum* (Produced by Karu Distillery) **78**

**CLASS 22 - Rum – Spiced**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Seeing some really innovative use of spices in this category, and excited to see where the future of this category leads to.

- S 221 RUSTY BARREL SPIRITS, *Rusty Barrel Spiced Rum* (Produced by Rusty Barrel Spirits) **87**

**BRANDY****CLASS 23 - Brandy**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: A wonderful bracket of Australian brandy that shows the depth of talent and skill of our producers in this arena. Great stuff.

- G 224 ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *St Agnes XO* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **96**
- G 226 ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *St Agnes Bartenders Cut* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **90**
- S 225 ST AGNES DISTILLERY, *St Agnes XO Grand Reserve* (Produced by St Agnes Distillery) **87**
- S 222 HILLGROVE DISTILLERY, *Aged Brandy* (Produced by Hillgrove Distillery) **84**
- B 223 MAJELLA WINES, *Majella Pot Still VS Brandy* (Produced by Majella Wines) **81**

**LIQUEUR****CLASS 24 - Liqueur – Fruit**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: An interesting and diverse class. A number of very interesting and clever approaches to existing and unique styles. The 'cello entries were generally solid though there were plenty of areas for development identified by the judges. The best entries in this class had well balanced sugar, acid, spirit and presented the champion fruit(s) in a way that was vibrant and expressive.

- G 230 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Caretaker's Cottage Black Forest* (Produced by Marionette) **94**
- S 228 EUREKA DISTILLING, *Moreau Apple Pie Liqueur* (Produced by Eureka Distilling) **85**
- S 241 CECE LIQUEUR PTY LTD, *Cello Limoncello* (Produced by Cece Liqueur Pty Ltd) **85**

- S 250 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Orange Curaçao* (Produced by Marionette) **85**
- S 233 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Dry Cassis* (Produced by Marionette) **83**
- S 237 MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Triple Sec* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **83**
- S 251 LITTLE JUNIPER DISTILLING CO., *Little Cello* (Produced by Little Juniper Distilling Co.) **83**
- S 239 MANLY SPIRITS CO., *Zesty Limoncello* (Produced by Manly Spirits Co.) **82**
- S 243 WINSOME SPIRITS, *Drink Me Limoncello* (Produced by Winsome Spirits) **82**
- B 234 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Apricot Brandy Liqueur* (Produced by Marionette) **80**
- B 248 HOLD FAST DISTILLERY, *Yuzucello* (Produced by Hold Fast Distillery) **80**
- B 229 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Amaretto* (Produced by Marionette) **79**
- B 236 HILLGROVE DISTILLERY, *Pomegranate Liqueur* (Produced by Hillgrove Distillery) **79**
- B 240 KILLIEKRANKIE DISTILLERY, *LIMECELLO* (Produced by KILLIEKRANKIE DISTILLERY) **79**
- B 227 BLACKWOOD VALLEY DISTILLERY, *Apple Liqueur* (Produced by Blackwood Valley Distillery) **77**
- B 232 CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Elderflower* (Produced by Marionette) **76**
- B 244 KILLIEKRANKIE DISTILLERY, *Limoncello* (Produced by Killiekrankie distillery) **76**
- B 231 WINSOME SPIRITS, *Drink Me Creme de Cassis* (Produced by Winsome Spirits) **74**
- B 245 LIMONCELLO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD T/A AMBRA SPIRITS, *AMBRA LIMONCELLO* (Produced by AMBRA SPIRITS) **74**
- B 246 EUREKA DISTILLING, *Moreau Limoncello* (Produced by Eureka Distilling) **74**
- 235 CECE LIQUEUR PTY LTD, *Cello Passioncello* (Produced by Cece Liqueur Pty Ltd) **73**
- 252 ESTER SPIRITS, *Trashy Triple Sec* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **73**
- 242 WOLFSBANE PTY LTD, *Limoncello* (Produced by Wolfsbane.com.au) **72**
- 247 BONDI LIQUOR CO, *Orangecello with Quandong* (Produced by Bondi Liquor Co) **72**
- 249 BANKS & SOLANDER DISTILLERY, *Limecello* (Produced by Banks & Solander Distillery) **72**
- 238 KILLIEKRANKIE DISTILLERY, *BLOODYCELLO* (Produced by Killiekrankie Distillery) **65**

**CLASS 25 - Liqueur – Cream**

**No Entries**

**CLASS 26 - Liqueur – Coffee**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Super interesting look at variety of coffee blends and styles. Great to see coffee liquors that aren't overly cloying and show interesting spice and spirit complexity.

- G 257 YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Dark Horse Coffee Liqueur* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **93**
- G 255 PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Bootleg Craft Spirits Coffee Liqueur* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **90**
- S 253 GRADA, *Grada Coffee + Spirit* (Produced by Grada) **89**

**B 256** THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Coffee Liqueur* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **79**

**B 254** CECE LIQUEUR PTY LTD, *Cello Caffecello* (Produced by Cece Liqueur Pty Ltd) **75**

#### CLASS 27 - Liqueur – Rum

No Entries

#### CLASS 28 - Liqueur – Gin

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Interesting look at gin liquors and the fascinating styles and imagination of the distiller.

**S 260** KARU DISTILLERY, *Orsa Coffee Gin Liqueur* (Produced by Karu Distillery) **87**

**S 261** THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *2023 Release Sloe Gin* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **86**

**B 258** THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Blackberry Gin Liqueur* (Produced by The Farmers Wife Distillery) **81**

**B 259** THE FARMERS WIFE DISTILLERY, *Cold Brew Gin Liqueur* (Produced by The Farmers Wife Distillery) **80**

#### CLASS 29 - Liqueur – Whisky

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Small class so difficult to generalise. The top entry was unanimously appreciated by the judges for its base spirit quality and blended flavours successfully playing a supportive role.

**G 262** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY WHISKY LIQUEUR* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **93**

**263** THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY, *Whisky Liqueur* (Produced by The Canberra Distillery) **73**

#### CLASS 30 - Liqueur – Other

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Great standard of entries across the class, with some true to variety expressions of flavour, and some impressive Australian interpretations of amaro.

**G 268** MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Elderflower Liqueur* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **90**

**G 271** RAGAZZI E SUCCO APERITIVO'S, *Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo* (Produced by Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo's) **90**

**G 272** RAGAZZI E SUCCO APERITIVO'S, *Ragazzi e Succo Amaro* (Produced by Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo's) **90**

**S 265** ESTER SPIRITS, *Alternativo Aperitivo* (Produced by Ester Spirits) **87**

**S 264** JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Bay Aperitivo* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **86**

**S 269** PROHIBITION LIQUOR CO, *Bootleg Craft Spirits Hazelnut and Macadamia Liqueur* (Produced by Prohibition Liquor Co.) **86**

**S 266** CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Bitter Curaçao* (Produced by Marionette) **85**

**S 274** SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, *JOADJA DISTILLERY ANISE LIQUEUR* (Produced by SOUTHERN FRONTIER PTY LTD JOADJA DISTILLERY) **85**

**S 270** CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY, *Mac Liqueur - Macadamia & Wattleseed* (Produced by Cape Byron Distillery) **83**

**S 267** MILLSHEDS DISTILLERY AND BAR, *Salted Caramel Liqueur* (Produced by Nathan Ponder) **82**

**B 273** RAGAZZI E SUCCO APERITIVO'S, *Ragazzi e Succo Amaro e Agave* (Produced by Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo's) **81**

## ALTERNATIVE SPIRIT

#### CLASS 31 - Alternative Spirit

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Some exciting spirits in this category that demonstrate the passion and ambition of the industry, with standouts in distilled grape spirits whether they're in the style of rakia or grappa, and some excellent wormwood and anise spirits.

**G 282** NEVER NEVER DISTILLING CO, *Australian Absinthe* (Produced by Never Never Distilling Co.) **91**

**G 276** DNA DISTILLERY, *Pear Rakija* (Produced by DNA Distillery) **90**

**S 277** DNA DISTILLERY, *Classic Rakija* (Produced by DNA Distillery) **85**

**S 279** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Reposado - Blue Agave Spirit* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **84**

**S 280** YAMBA DISTILLING CO, *Adorno Grappa Nebbiolo* (Produced by Yamba Distilling Co) **84**

**S 281** BANKS & SOLANDER DISTILLERY, *Walnut Bitters* (Produced by Banks & Solander Distillery) **82**

**S 283** CAP & BELLS PTY LTD (MARIONETTE), *Absinthe* (Produced by Marionette) **82**

**B 275** DNA DISTILLERY, *Gold Rakija* (Produced by DNA Distillery) **81**

**B 284** LITTLE LON DISTILLING CO, *Little Lon Absinthe* (Produced by Little Lon Distilling Co) **79**

**B 278** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Blue Agave Spirit (Blanco)* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **77**

## READY TO DRINK (RTD)

#### CLASS 32 - Ready to Drink – Gin

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Great to see so much exploration of flavours in this category, from dry through to sweet expressions. An evolving and very exciting category to watch.

**G 287** FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Four Pillars Gin* (Produced by Rare Dry Gin and Tonic) **91**

**S 294** FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Navy Strength Gin And Ginger* (Produced by Four Pillars Distillery) **88**

**S 290** FOUR PILLARS DISTILLERY, *Gin Punch* (Produced by Four Pillars Distillery) **87**

**S 288** KIPPIS DRINKS PTY LTD, *Kippis Traditional Finnish Long Drink - Grapefruit Classic* (Produced by Kippis Drinks Pty Ltd) **84**

**S 291** KIPPIS DRINKS PTY LTD, *Kippis Traditional Finnish Long Drink - Grapefruit Zero Sugar* (Produced by Kippis Drinks Pty Ltd) **84**

**S 293** BUNKER DISTILLERY, *Strawberry & Yuzu Smash* (Produced by Bunker Distillery) **84**

**S 285** UNEXPECTED GUEST DISTILLERY, *Unexpected Guest Gin + Tonic* (Produced by Unexpected Guest Gin) **82**

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**CLASS 33 - Ready to Drink – Vodka**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Some very bright and vibrant personalities in this category which is great to see. A great breadth of flavour profiles and interpretations of what a vodka RTD can and should be too, demonstrating real playfulness and innovation within the category

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No Entries

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No Entries

**CLASS 36 - Ready to Drink – Rum**

No Entries

**CLASS 37 - Ready to Drink – Brandy**

No Entries

**CLASS 38 - Ready to Drink – Liqueur**

JUDGES' COMMENTS: Some fantastic products coming out of this category, nuanced, well put together flavour profiles that step outside the box and really celebrate flavours and ingredients Australian producers are drawing on to innovate.

- G 301 JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Negroni Spritz* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **90**
- S 300 KILLIEKRANKIE DISTILLERY, *Killiekrankie Fingerlime Tang* (Produced by Killiekrankie Distillery) **84**
- S 299 JERVIS BAY DISTILLING CO., *Amaretto Spritz* (Produced by Jervis Bay Distilling Co.) **82**

**CLASS 39 - Ready to Drink – Other**

No Entries

**NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRIT****CLASS 40 - Non-Alcoholic Spirit**

No Entries

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