



NZ Spirits Awards 2025



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Message from Robert Brewer

Chief Executive, Spirits New Zealand

The New Zealand Spirits Awards continually surpasses expectations. This year is no exception as we continue to grow the Awards into New Zealand's premier event for the judging of our best international and local products.

The fact that we had over 400 entries this year when globally, as well as locally, economic headwinds might have had distillers putting their hands in their pockets is testimony to the importance and quality of the Awards as well as the tenaciousness of sector participants. This indefatigable quality that exists within the spirits industry is also evidenced by the quality of the entries being judged and the broad support we get from sponsors – the Awards would not exist as they do without either of these coming together for one outcome – the promotion and growth of the spirits industry.

And as consumer trends change I feel the sector is well placed to take advantage of a consumer that is drinking less but looking for premium, unique drinking experiences. Spirits – either consumed neat or as a cocktail or RTD – are fast becoming the preferential premium choice for the busy, mindful drinker.

A big thank you to the tireless judges, my fellow organising committee members, sponsors, event partner Avenues Event Management, the Board of Distilled Spirits Aotearoa and, of course, the Board of Spirits New Zealand who continue to underwrite the Awards as they have from year one. Bring on next year!



Message from Dave Hawk

Distilled Spirits Aotearoa (DSA) Board
Member and New Zealand Spirits Awards Head
Judge Facilitator



Every year, the New Zealand Spirits Awards give us the chance to do something special — to come together as an industry and celebrate the craft, creativity, and hard work that go into producing world-class spirits in Aotearoa. These awards are a true team effort. Behind the scenes, dozens of people — many of them volunteers — contribute countless hours to make this event happen. It's a partnership between Distilled Spirits Aotearoa and Spirits New Zealand, and a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together for our industry.

This year, we've seen the awards grow once again, with three new categories introduced — including a Cocktail Bartender of the Year award, shining a light on the hospitality industry that is such an important part of our ecosystem and is facing its own tough times right now. It's one way we can acknowledge the challenges our wider industry faces, while still creating moments of celebration.

Amidst a tough trading environment, rising costs, and regulatory pressures, the awards remain a beacon of excellence and recognition. They are a showcase for the ingenuity and passion of local producers, and an opportunity to benchmark ourselves against the very best from around the world.

Thank you to everyone who entered, judged, sponsored, supported, and gave their time. These awards would not happen without you — and we're proud to stand alongside you in championing spirits in New Zealand.



Meet the Team Behind the 2025 NZ Spirits Awards Judging

It takes a dedicated team to bring the NZ Spirits Awards judging to life each year. From logistics and coordination to judging room operations, this year's event was made possible by the organising committee, the Avenues Event Management team, and our stewarding crew working behind the scenes.

Organising Committee



Ben Leggett, Ben Newman and David Hawk

Avenues Event Management & Stewarding Team



Kayleigh Williams (Event Manager), Henry Soper, Charlotte Carr, Aimee Fraser, James Austin, Maria Salvador, Lila Maffitt and Nadia El Kastawi



Message From the Head Judges

As the New Zealand Spirits Awards continue to grow in both scale and stature, this year's Awards saw another impressive field of entries. Despite ongoing challenges across the global drinks industry — and a tough climate for producers, it's inspiring to see the response being remarkable creativity, discipline, and innovation.

We were particularly impressed by the continued momentum in emerging categories such as agave spirits, and liqueurs/other, alongside consistently strong representation across whisky, gin, and rum. It's encouraging to see producers taking bold risks while maintaining a commitment to quality.

Our judging process is designed to be rigorous, fair, and respectful of the craft behind every bottle. Each product is evaluated blind, and we place particular emphasis on offering meaningful feedback for domestic producers — with the goal of nurturing excellence and supporting ongoing development.

It's a privilege to evaluate products made with such care and passion. After days of thoughtful tasting and discussion, we're proud to present results that reflect the very best of the industry.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners — we look forward to celebrating with you.

– **Sam, Joanne, Yvonne, Nick, Adam, Patrick, Gina**



Judging Panels

Light Panel

HEAD JUDGES

Sam Bygrave – Boothby Media
 Joanne Hort – Massey University
 Yvonne Lorkin – Vondur Limited
 Nick Widley – Kismet Cocktail and Whisky Bar

JUDGES

Shaanah Bell – New Zealand Gin Day
 Adam Ivory – Star Group
 Andy Griffiths – Tipple Smiths
 George Grbich – The Gin Club
 Beth Scott – Reefton Distilling Co.
 Marcel Thompson – Still Magic Pty Limited
 Cate Toomey – Moore Wilson's
 Alex Vowles – Regent & Ascot

Dark Panel

HEAD JUDGES

Adam Chapman – Star Group
 Patrick Maguire – Maguire and Co Distilling

JUDGES

Amber Archer – Koji
 Jason Clark – Drinks Geek Beverage Creatives
 Aroha Jakicevich – Glengarry
 Tash McGill – More Good Drinks
 Alex Ricketts – The Last Word
 Ali Walker – Caretaker

Other Panel

HEAD JUDGES

Gina Nicholls – Ticket Boo Liquor Ltd

JUDGES

Charles Gillett – Wilko Bar
 PJ Renaud – Panacea
 Keith Tibble – Eurovintage

Associate Judges

Jazmine Budd – Crumpet
 Dany Dentith – Panacea group limited
 Steph Garraway – DBIB
 Justin McKenzie – Hawthorn Lounge
 Devan Nesbitt – Dee's Place
 Ivy Oxford – Boulcott St Bistro
 Jonny Park – Parasol & Swing

The judges are bound by a strict confidentiality agreement and are required to declare any conflict of interest in entries over which they deliberate, and to stand aside from judging any category where they have a conflict of interest.



Introducing the Associate Judge Programme

New to the New Zealand Spirits Awards in 2025, the Associate Judge Programme was developed to support the next generation of spirits experts by providing hands-on judging experience. This year's Associates attended dedicated judges training before joining experienced panels on the morning of Thursday 17 July. Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm added great value to the process, while giving them unique insight into professional spirits judging.

2025 Trophy Winners

Gin – Navy Strength

PRESENTED BY SAVERGLASS

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Sandymount Distillery – Ladybird Navy Gin



Gin – Classic (Juniper Forward)

PRESENTED BY LACTANOL

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Broken Heart – Original Gin



Gin – Flavoured & Aged

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Awildian – Testamentum Series Tangelo Gin



Gin – Contemporary

PRESENTED BY UNIQUEPAK

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Juno – Extra Fine Gin



Vodka – Neutral

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Juno – Vesta Extra Fine Vodka



2025 Trophy Winners

Vodka – Flavoured

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

National Distilling Company – Aquifer Yuzu Vodka



Agave

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Del Mageuy Chichicapa



Whisky – Scotch/Irish

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Jura – 12yo



Whisky – North American

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Knob Creek



Whisky – World

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Waiheke Whisky - Moss



2025 Trophy Winners

Rum

PRESENTED BY LABEL AND LITHO

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Last Light Rum – Solera Aged



Brandy

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Tessaron – Composition Cognac



Liqueurs

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Remarkable Cream – Brazilian Dark Roast Coffee



Cpack New Zealand Packaging & Design Award

PRESENTED BY CPACK

Reefton Distilling Co. – Little Biddy Gin



Cue Marketing New Zealand Emerging Product Award

PRESENTED BY CUE MARKETING

Finders Gin – Prophecy Distilling Company Ltd.



2025 Trophy Winners

Liquorland New Zealand Innovation Award

PRESENTED BY LIQUORLAND

TROPHY FIRST EQUAL

Remarkable Cream – Keto Piña Colada

TROPHY FIRST EQUAL

Reefton Distilling Co. – Little Biddy



New Zealand Best Pairing Award

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Kakapo – Kawakawa and Pink Peppercorn Gin



New Zealand Pre-Batched Cocktail Award

TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL IN CATEGORY

Good George Distilling Co. – Pornstar Martini



Medal Results – Whisky

Corn Whisky

BRONZE

Herrick Creek – Corn Whisky

Irish Whisky

GOLD

Redbreast – 12yo

SILVER

Bushmills – 10yo

Jameson – Single Pot Still

North American Whisky

GOLD

Jack Daniels – Triple Mash Bonded

Maker's Mark – 46

Doc Whiskey – Doc Whiskey

Knob Creek – 9yo

Sazerac – Rye

SILVER

Jim Beam – Black

Jim Beam – White

Maker's Mark – Kentucky Straight

Basil – Hayden

Buffalo Trace – Bourbon

Copper Still – Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Eagle Rare – 10yo

High West – Double Rye

High West – Bourbon

BRONZE

Jack Daniels – Bonded

Scotch Whisky

GOLD

Johnnie Walker – Gold

Jura – 12yo

Laphroaig – 10yo

Monkey Shoulder – Monkey Shoulder

Talisker – 10yo

SILVER

Buichalddich – The Classic Laddie

Chivas Regal – 18yo

Coal Ila – 12yo

Glendronach – 15yo

Glendronach – 12yo

Glenglassaugh – 12yo

Johnnie Walker – Blue

Jura – Bourbon Cask

Lagavulin – 16yo

Port Charlotte – Heavily Peated 10yo

Tamnavulin – Double Cask

Tamnavulin – Sherry Cask

The Balvenie – 12yo

The Deacon – The Deacon

The Glenlivet – 12yo

BRONZE

Benriach – 10yo

Highland Park – 12yo

Johnnie Walker – Black

Jura – Rum Cask

Medal Results – Whisky (Cont...)

World Whisky

GOLD

1919 Distilling – Goleta
Archie Rose – Rye Malt
House of Suntory – Toki Suntory Whisky
Thomson Whisky – Full Noise Cask Strength Manuka Smoke
Waiheke Whisky – MOSS

SILVER

1919 Distilling – Transpacific
1919 Distilling – First Light
Archie Rose – Single Malt
Canadian Club – 12yo
Divergence NZ Whisky – Petey
Divergence NZ Whisky – Whisky Society Barrel
Divergence NZ Whisky – Otago Pinot Barrel
Sandymount Distillery – Single malt
Scapegrace – Anthem
Thomson Whisky – Smoke Rings
Thomson Whisky – Two Tone
Waiheke Whisky – Series 2
Waiheke Whisky – Fairlight

BRONZE

Broken Heart – Single Malt Whiskey
Canadian Club – 1858
Divergence NZ Whisky – Virgin Oak
Good George Distilling – Peoples Cut Whisky
Scapegrace – Vanguard

Medal Results – Vodka

Characterful Vodka

SILVER

Crystal Head – Onyx Agave
Good Bones – Vodka
Southward Distilling – Original Vodka
Topors Own – Blade

BRONZE

Imagination – Triple Distilled Vodka
Titos – Small Batch
Wilderkin Spirits – Premium Vodka

Flavoured Vodka

GOLD

National Distilling Company – Damson Plum Vodka
National Distilling Company – Aquifer Yuzu Vodka
Wilderkin Spirits – Kick of Chili

SILVER

Good George Distilling – Kiwifruit Vodka
Juno – Vesta Coffee Vodka
ZOA – Feijoa Vodka

BRONZE

5 Mile – Forest Vodka
Zealan – Feijoa Vodka

Neutral Vodka

GOLD

Broken Heart – Vodka
Juno – Vesta Extra Fine Vodka
Smirnoff – Vodka

SILVER

Absolut – ELYX
Alpine – Vodka
Budō – Vodka
Clarity – Vodka
Grey Goose – Vodka
House of Suntory – Haku Vodka
Ketal One – Vodka
Morale Vodka – Morale Vodka
National Distilling Company – Aquifer Vodka
Prophecy – Omeo Vodka
Rogue Society – Rogue Society Vodka
Sandymount Distillery – Gull Rock Vodka
Stil – Vodka
The Cambridge Distillery Co. – Velvet Vodka
The Heke – Wodka Waiheke Vodka
Third Island – Vodka

BRONZE

ZEALAN – Ultra Premium Vodka
ZOA – Vodka

Medal Results – Gin

Gin Barrel Aged

BRONZE

Imagination – Barrel Aged Gin

Waiheke Distilling Co. – Unchartered Barrel Aged Gin

Gin Classic (Juniper Forward)



CLASSIC GIN
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GOLD

4 Bars Distillery – Gin Clear Day

Broken Heart – Original Gin

Matahui Distillery – Summer Garden Gin

Mile Marker 66 – Gin

Sky Wave – Signature London Dry Gin

SILVER

Archie Rose – Signature Dry Gin

Bivrost Arctic – Gin

Bluff – London Dry Gin

Clarity – 2023 Gin

Clarity – Dry Gin

Dr Beak – New Zealand Premium Gin

Matahui Distillery – Winter Garden Gin

No 3 – London Dry Gin

Sandymount Distillery – Lovers Leap Dry Gin

Sandymount Distillery – New Zealand Gin Day Gin

Southward Distilling – Mountain Gin

Woodward Street Distilling Company – Penguins Crossing London Dry Gin

BRONZE

5 Mile – Original Gin

Airem – Organic London Dry Gin

Bombay Sapphire – London Dry Gin

Broken Heart Spirits – Queenstown Edition Premium Gin

Dabblers Gin – NZ Dry Gin

Dr Beak – New Zealand Garden Gin

Haymans – London Dry

House of Suntory – Roku Fin

Humdinger – Dry Gin

Lady H – Artisan Gin

Last Minute – Botanical Gin

Lavender Hill – London Dry Gin

Liberty Distilling – Soho Dry

Little Biddy – Amber Gin

National Distilling Company – New Zealand Dry Gin

Prophecy – Finders Gin

Saint Sin – Gin

Sandymount Distillery – Pequeno Dry Gin

Scapegrace – Dry Gin

Silent Pool – Silent Pool

The Botanist – The Botanist

The Cambridge Distillery – Duck Duck Gin

The Cambridge Distillery – The Clements Hotel

The Heke – Jardim Gin

Waiheke Distilling Co. – Dry Gin

Gin Contemporary



CONTEMPORARY GIN
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GOLD

1919 Distilling – Classic

5 Mile – Forest Gin

Curiosity Gin – Curious Dry

Daydream – Orchard

Fenton Street Gin – Taming of the Shrew

Fenton Street Gin – The Beast with Two Backs

Haymans – Old Tom

Juno – Extra Fine Gin

Kākāpō Distillery Ltd. – Mānuka Honey and Elderflower Gin

Liberty Distilling – Tribeca Lime

Matakana Gin – Matakana Gin

Mt Fyffe Distillery – Shearwater Gin



Medal Results – Gin (Cont...)

Gin Contemporary (Cont.)

National Distilling Company – New Zealand Native Gin

National Distilling Company – The Hemp Gin

SILVER

Bad Habits – Gin

Daydream – Botanic

Dr Beak – Exploration Series - New Zealand Garden Gin "Yuzu"

Drivingcorp Ltd – Tui Street Gin

Drumshanbo – Gunpowder Gin

Dunedin Craft Distillers – Dunedin Dry Gin

Four Pillars – Olive Leaf Gin

Four Pillars – Rare Dry Gin

Humdinger – Citrus Gin

Imagination – Wakame & Lime Dry Gin

Juno – Autumn Seasonal Gin

Juno – Maia Gin

Juno – Spring Seasonal Gin

Juno – Winter Seasonal Gin

Kākāpō Distillery Ltd. – Kawakawa and Pink Peppercorn Gin

Little Biddy – Classic Gin

Mercury Belle Distillery – Thistle Dew Gin

Moksha – Spice of India Gin

National Distilling Company – Coral Gin

Sandymount Distillery – Ti Kouka Forest Gin

Tanqueray – No Ten

Third Island Gin – Third Island Gin

Twelfth Hour – Dry Gin

Unlikely Companions – Rose + Szechuan

Vicar's Son Gin – Without Sin

BRONZE

Armada – Premium Dry Gin

Budō – Gin

Clarity – Sundrop Gin

Clarklane distillery – Kawa Gin

Dunedin Craft Distillers – The Bay Gin

Elsewhere – North Canterbury

Four Pillars – Fresh Yuzu Gin

Gin Mare – Capri

Good George Distilling – Aotearoa Dry Gin

Juno – Summer Seasonal Gin

Kākāpō Distillery Ltd. – Rimurimu and Thyme Gin

Lunatic & Lover – Sea Lovers Gin

Mile Marker 66 – Ginger Gin

Moksha – Rose & Hibiscus Gin

Papaiti Gin – Humble Crumble

Papaiti Gin – Mountains to Sea

Papaiti Gin – Orchard

Papaiti Gin – Potager

Papaiti Gin – Waimarie Gin

Papaiti Gin – Whanganui Dry

Pungent Pukeko – Backyard Gin

Scapegrace – Black Gin

Unlikely Companions – Sea Salt + Kelp

Vicar's Son Gin – The Good Place

Waiheke Distilling Co. – Spirit of Waiheke Gin

Whistlebird – Gin Wildflower

Gin Flavoured

GOLD

Awildian – Testamentum Series Tangelo Gin

Good George Distilling – Lemon Gin

Liberty Distilling – Manhattan Rose

Southward Distilling – Coffee Gin

SILVER

Last Minute – Pink Gin

Kaimai Brewing and Distilling – Eliza's Claim Gold Gin

BRONZE

Elsewhere – Central Otago

Good George Distilling – Aphrodisiac Gin

Haymans – Citrus Gin

Herrick Creek – Moose Lake Smoked Gin

Humdinger – Pink Gin

Kaimai Brewing and Distilling – Agatha's Tears Dark Gin

Kaimai Brewing and Distilling – Eliza's Claim Ruby Gin

Lavender Hill – Sloe Gin

National Distilling Company – Very Berry Gin

Sandymount Distillery – Autumn Gin

Southward Distilling – Guajillo Chilli Gin

Waiheke Distilling Co. – Red Ruby Gin

Medal Results – Gin (Cont...)

Gin Navy Strength



NAVY STRENGTH GIN
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GOLD

5 Mile – Navy Gin

Sandymount Distillery – Ladybird Navy Gin

BRONZE

Clarity – Navy Gin

Imagination – Navy Strength

Papaiti Gin – Navigator

Third Island Gin – Navy Strength



Medal Results – Rum



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Gold Rum

GOLD

Mount Gay – XO
Hampden Estate – 8 Year Jamaican Rum
Last Light Rum – Solera Aged Rum

SILVER

Bumbu – XO
Diplomatico – Reserva Exclusiva
Mount Gay – Black Barrel
The NZ Rum Co – Barrel Aged

BRONZE

Angostura – 7yo
Bacardi – 8 Year Old Aged Rum
Bacardi – Anejo 4 Year Old Aged Rum
Flor De Cana – 12yo
Flor De Cana – 18yo
Goslings – Black Seal
National Distilling Company – Port O Ahuriri Golden Rum

Other Rum

SILVER

Dancing Sands – Coconut & Vanilla Rum
Sunken Cannon – Socabaya Honey Rum

BRONZE

Best Behaviour – Mānuka Smoked Rum

Overproof Rum

GOLD

Last Light Rum – Cask Strength 100% Pot Still Rum
Last Light Rum – Cask Strength Solera Aged Rum

SILVER

Last Light Rum – High Ester Overproof Rum
Lunatic & Lover – Exponential Organic Overproof Rum

BRONZE

Lost Barrel Rum Co. – Heritage - Imperial Porter Cask
The NZ Rum Co. – Cane Juice Rum

Spiced Rum

SILVER

Best Behaviour – Spiced Rum
Bumbu – Original

BRONZE

National Distilling Company – Damson Plum Spiced Rum
Lost Barrel Rum Co. – Spiced Rum

White Rum

SILVER

Clairin Communal – Haiti Rum
Last Light Rum – High Ester Rum
Veritas – White Rum

BRONZE

Lunatic & Lover – Fundamental Unaged Organic Rum
Lūla – White Rum
The NZ Rum Co. – McJaggery White Rum

Medal Results – Agave

Mezcal

GOLD

Del Maguey – Chichicapa
Paquera – Mezcal Espadin

SILVER

Amigos Aotearoa – Amigos Aotearoa Mezcal Artesanal

Tequila Anejo

GOLD

Casa Noble – Anejo

SILVER

1800 – Anejo Tequila

Tequila Blanco

GOLD

Casa Noble – Blanco

SILVER

Herradura – Plata
Vendedor de Sueños – Tequila Blanco

BRONZE

1800 – Silver Tequila
Patron – Silver Tequila
Cazcabel – Blanco
Corazon – Blanco

Tequila Reposado

GOLD

Herradura – Reposado

SILVER

1800 – Reposado Tequila

BRONZE

Casa Noble – Reposado
El Jimador – Reposado Tequila

Medal Results – Brandy

Armagnac/Cognac

GOLD

Martell – VSOP

Tesseron – Composition Cognac

SILVER

Remy Martin – VSOP Champagne Cognac

Tesseron – Lot 90 Cognac XO Ovation

BRONZE

Remy Martin – XO Cognac Fine Champagne

Brandy Other

SILVER

ELSEWHEN – Anomaly Cell Division Collaboration

ELSEWHEN – Singularity MMXVIII

BRONZE

Sandymount Distillery – Solera Brandy



Medal Results – Liqueurs

Cream

GOLD

Baileys – Irish Cream
Remarkable Cream – Brazilian Dark Roast Coffee

SILVER

Remarkable Cream – Heritage Edition
Remarkable Cream – Rum Espresso

BRONZE

Bumbu – Cream
Good George Distilling – Festive Cream
Remarkable Cream – Butterscotch
Remarkable Cream – Dark Chocolate
Remarkable Cream – Keto Chocolate Espresso Martini
Remarkable Cream – Raspberry White Chocolate

Anise/Herbal

GOLD

Schipper's – Herr Doktor

SILVER

Matahui Distillery – Fennel Liqueur

Fruit

SILVER

Glavya – Original Honey Tangerine Liqueur
Good Bones – Lemon Liqueur
Imagination – Damson Plum & Blackberry Gin Liqueur
Mt Fyffe Distillery – Raspberry Liqueur
Solbevi – Limoncello
Sovrano – Orangello
Wilderkin Spirits – Punchy Plum Liqueur

BRONZE

Caffo – Clementino Della Piana
Curiosity Gin – Pinot Barrel Sloe
Herrick Creek – Apple Pie Moonshine
Matahui Distillery – Spiced Plum Liqueur
Sovrano – Limoncello
Storytime Spirits – BB Peach
The Cambridge Distillery Co. – Citron Violin (Limoncello)

Spirit

GOLD

Foxhole – Peanut Butter Flavoured Whiskey
Haymans – Peach & Rose Cup
Skrewball – Peanut Butter Whiskey Liqueur
Topors Own – Salted Caramel

SILVER

Cointreau – L'unique
Combiar – L'Original Triple Sec
Foxhole – Banana Toffee Flavoured Whiskey
Scapegrace – Thunderdonk Salted Caramel Whiskey
Scapegrace – Thunderdonk Spiced Maple Whiskey
The Heke – Fire in the Hole

BRONZE

1800 – Coconut Tequila
Dancing Sands – Salted Caramel Rum Liqueur
Foxhole – Apple Cinnamon Flavoured Whiskey
Good George Distilling – Happy Ending Whisky Liqueur
Lady H – Gincello
Lady H – Tropical Summer Escape

Other

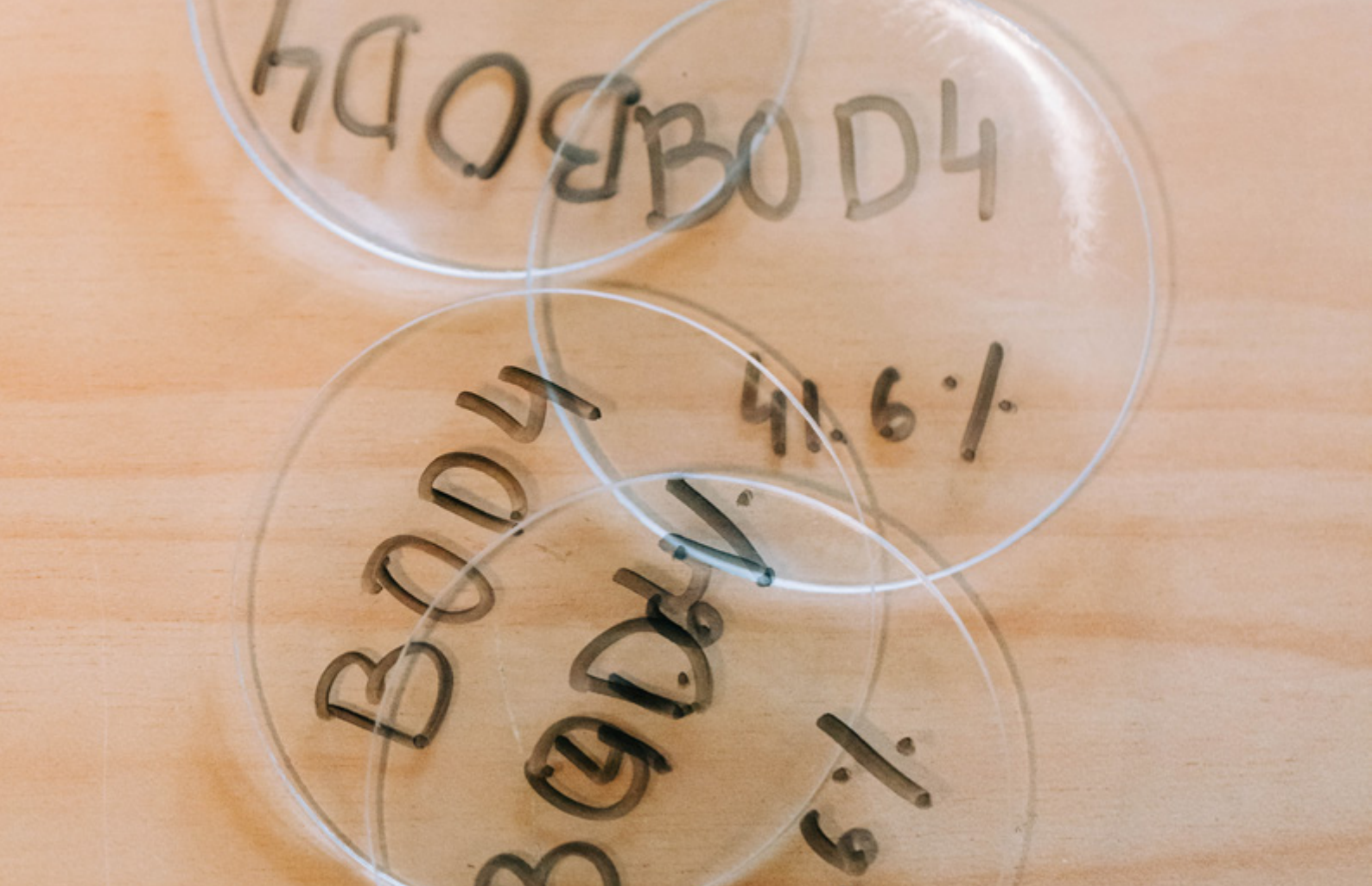
SILVER

Quick Brown Fox – Coffee Liqueur
Shanky's Whip – Shanky's Whip

BRONZE

Combiar – Amboka Coffee Spirit
Good Bones – Coffee Liqueur
Haymans – London Light
Lavender Hill – Negroni
Santa Maria al Monte – Elixir di Caffè
Thomson Whisky – Tommy





Medal Results – Aperitif/Digestif & Other Spirits

Vermouth

BRONZE

Known Unknown – Bloody Vermouth

Sandymount Distillery – Red Marker Sweet Vermouth

Amaro

GOLD

Tosti – Cardamaro

SILVER

Caffo – Vecchio Amaro del Capo Riserva

Other Spirits

SILVER

Pure – Rice Baijiu Spring 52%

BRONZE

Pure – Rice Baijiu Spring 20%

Medal Results – Pre-Batched Cocktail

GOLD

Good George Distilling Co. – Pornstar Martini
Good George Distilling Co. – Dark Chocolate Espresso Martini
Good George Distilling Co. – Espresso Martini
Good Spirits – Espresso Martini
Besos Margarita – Habanero
Batched – Gin Sour
Batched – Espresso Martini

SILVER

Besos Margarita – Clasica
Good George Distilling Co. – White Choc Espresso Martini
Good Spirits – Lychee Martini
First Class Cocktails – Pineapple & Chilli Margarita
The Liquor Cellar – Red Berry Cosmo
The Liquor Cellar – Pineapple & White Chocolate Gimlet

BRONZE

Besos Margarita – Espresso Margarita
Good Spirits – Fig Negroni
Good Spirits – Chilli Marg
First Class Cocktails – Watermelon Negroni
First Class Cocktails – Coconut & Peach Margarita



2025 Summary of Entries

WHISKY 69

SCOTCH	24
IRISH	4
NORTH AMERICAN	15
WORLD WHISKY	26

RUM 42

WHITE	6
SPICED	7
GOLD	15
OVERPROOF	6
DARK	4
OTHER	4

BRANDY 10

ARMAGNAC/COGNAC	5
OTHER	5

GIN 167

CONTEMPORARY	77
NAVY STRENGTH	6
FLAVOURED	34
BARREL AGED	2
CLASSIC (JUNIPER FORWARD)	48

VODKA 42

FLAVOURED	12
NEUTRAL	22
CHARACTERFUL	8

AGAVE 18

MEZCAL	3
TEQUILA	15

LIQUEURS 54

CREAM	12
ANISE/HERBAL	2
FRUIT	17
SPIRIT	18
OTHER	5

APERITIF/DIGESTIF & OTHER SPIRITS 8

VERMOUTH	2
AMARO	2
OTHER SPIRITS	4

TOTAL ENTRIES 410



2025 Medal Summary

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
WHISKY	16	39	11
RUM	5	13	15
BRANDY	2	4	2
GIN	24	41	69
VODKA	6	23	7
AGAVE	5	5	6
LIQUEURS	7	18	25
APERITIF/DIGESTIF & OTHER SPIRITS	1	2	3

Medals

Medals awarded on individual merit for each category:

Gold Awarded to standout spirits that are near the peak of achievement.

Silver Awarded to impressive spirits that show sophistication, skill and intricacy.

Bronze Awarded to a well-rounded spirit with no outstanding flaws.



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