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# JUDGES

## 2024



Front L to R: Amy Martin, Russell Johnson, Tim Gniel,  
Stewart Morrow, Briony Liebich

Back L to R: Paul Jackson, Hugh Lumsden, Darren Lange,  
Graham Wright, Hugh Holds, Bryan Jones,







# CHIEF JUDGES REPORT TIM GNIEL

The Royal Australian Spirits Awards has entered its fifth year, and we continue to see a high calibre of entries from a broad range of producers across Australia.

We amassed 156 entries; this is despite the financial pressures in the industry and aligns with other shows nationally.

Not surprisingly, the gin category continues to dominate, making up 50% of spirit entries. These entries were well represented across the classes, with strong gold medals being awarded. The best examples showcased punchy, fresh juniper and were full of character. In contemporary gin, there were also some great examples demonstrating balance and purpose. A general comment would be that thought needs to be given to botanical selection and how those botanicals complement each other.

There is a growing number of barrel-aged gin and fruit gin, with some commendable entries. Further consideration of the purpose and a focus on freshness, ensuring they complement the gin character rather than overpowering it, is essential.

The whisky category grew in numbers this year, reflecting the direction in which the industry is heading. The 'Other' spirits category also held its own with both entries and quality. Several gold medals were awarded to different styles, including aromatic bitters, herbal liqueurs, and 'New Make' (unaged spirit), showcasing the growth and individuality of producers.

The aged spirits judging panel was led by Darren Lange, who brought his esteemed

insight and expertise in barrels and barrel-aged spirits to the judging floor. The quality of entries in the whisky category was excellent and continues to improve, with a high percentage of gold medals awarded.

It is great to welcome a new sponsor for the Champion Rum this year and present the trophy to an interesting and well-made spirit. As always with this show, there were some outstanding brandies.

I would like to thank the judges for their time and commitment to the event. The knowledge and passion they impart throughout this process is what makes the competition what it is.

Awards of this level do not happen without an incredible amount of hard work behind the scenes, including Lucy and her team from RA&HS, as well as the volunteer stewards, who have created a straightforward and professional process for the judging.

A final thank you must go to the exhibitors for entering, as there would not be a show without them. Competition hones excellence and provides an opportunity for producers to benchmark their products against others. The continued support of these awards plays a vital role in strengthening the reputation of Australian spirits.

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Cheers,  
Tim Gniel



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# MEDAL RESULTS

## WHISKY

### CLASS 1 - SINGLE MALT


Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	8	Starward Whisky Distillery	Nova, Distilled, 2-5 years old	17.6
G	23	Amber Lane Distillery	Alchemical Series - Air	17.5
G	17	Fleurieu Distillery	Never A Dull Moment	17.2
G	2	Starward Whisky Distillery	Solera	17.1
S	10	Starward Whisky Distillery	100 Proof	16.3
S	1	Amber Lane Distillery	Alchemical Series - Water	15.7
S	6	The Aisling Distillery Pty Ltd	The Aisling Heritage Collection Series 5 Apera	15.7
S	5	Amber Lane Distillery	Alchemical Series - Earth	15.6
S	24	Amber Lane Distillery	Pineau 350	15.6
S	9	Tria Prima	Magissa batch 1	15.6
S	18	Tria Prima	Bruxa batch 2	15.6
S	13	Fleurieu Distillery	Albatross	15.5
B	3	Fleurieu Distillery	Tapestry	15.3
B	15	The Aisling Distillery Pty Ltd	The Aisling Heritage Collection Series 4 Tawny	14.8
B	20	Tria Prima	Shaman batch 2	14.6
B	21	The Aisling Distillery Pty Ltd	The Aisling Heritage Collection Series 3 Apera	14.5
B	19	Amber Lane Distillery	Alchemical Series - Quintessence	15.1
	16	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Whisky	
	4	St Agnes Distillery	Camborne Single Malt Bourbon Cask	
	14	St Agnes Distillery	Camborne Single Malt Brandy Cask	
	7	St Agnes Distillery	Camborne Single Malt Apera Cask	
	12	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Iniquity Cuvee Cask	
	22	Tria Prima	Warlock batch 1	

### CLASS 2 - BLENDED

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	3	Fleurieu Distillery	Country to Coast #5	17.3
B	1	Starward Whisky Distillery	Two-Fold	15.2
B	2	36 South Double Grain Whisky	36 South	14.3

### CLASS 3 - CASK STRENGTH

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	6	Amber Lane Distillery	Apera 100	17.1
S	4	Amber Lane Distillery	Alchemical Series - Fire	16.3
S	7	Amber Lane Distillery	Silk Road	16.2
S	3	Tria Prima	Enchantress cask TP 002	15.7
B	2	Tria Prima	Enchantress cask TP 032	15.1
B	1	Amber Lane Distillery	Noble Lane	14.7
B	5	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Iniquity Talamara Cask Strength	14.6



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# CLASS 4 - GRAIN

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	1	78 Degrees Distilling Publicans	Australian Whiskey	15.8
S	2	78 Degrees Distilling Publicans	Muscat Finish Whiskey	15.6

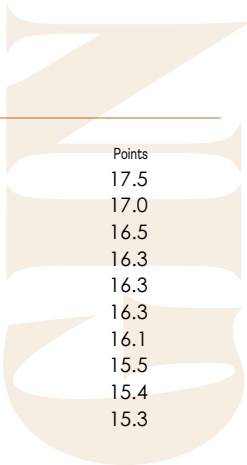
# GIN

## CLASS 6 - CLASSIC DRY

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	10	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Juniperus Gin	18.5
G	11	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Crows Gin	18.2
G	22	Ginny Pig Distillery	Botanic Gin	17.3
S	3	Green Street Distillery	Dry	16.9
S	7	Hidden Trove P/L	Acre 96 Luxe Gin	16.7
S	19	Ginny Pig Distillery	Meridian Gin	16.5
S	13	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Bold'	16.2
S	14	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Original Gin	16.1
S	5	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Small Acre Gin	16.0
S	16	78 Degrees Distilling Publicans	Classic Gin	15.9
S	18	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Big Dry Gin	15.7
S	6	Webb Spirit Co.	Original Australian Dry Gin	15.5
B	4	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Gin - Djinn	15.3
B	20	Ginny Pig Distillery	Classic gin	15.2
B	2	Lost Tide Spirit Co	Classic Dry Gin	14.9
B	1	St Agnes Distillery	Blind Tiger Organic Rare Dry Gin	14.9
B	15	Australian Distilling Co,	Adelaide Gin	14.6
B	8	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Begin Gin	14.2
	12	Australian Distilling Co,	Perth Gin	
	9	Majella Wines	Majella Wines Simple Gin	
	21	Moontide Distillery	The Pearler's Gin	
	23	Moontide Distillery	White Pearl Gin	
	24	White Light Beverages	Triple G Gin	

## CLASS 7 - CONTEMPORARY AROMATIC

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	17	Long Way Round Distilling Co.	Australian Dry Gin	17.5
G	19	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Bright'	17.0
S	6	Rakiura Distilling Company	Third Island Gin	16.5
S	9	Northern Distilling	Troppo Top End Gin	16.3
S	1	Pennant Distillery	Pennant Gin	16.3
S	21	78 Degrees Distilling Publicans	Desert Gin	16.3
S	3	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper Signature Gin	16.1
S	16	Northern Distilling	Troppo Yuzu Gin	15.5
B	22	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Signature'	15.4
B	14	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Citrus Gin	15.3



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B	20	Green Street Distillery	Labyrinth	15.2
B	12	Webb Spirit Co.	Native Lemon Aspen	15.1
B	2	Long Way Round Distilling Co.	Berry Dry Gin	15.1
B	11	Pennant Distillery	Autumn Gin	14.9
B	5	Pot & Still	Spirit of Fig	14.7
B	10	Northern Distilling	Ancient Lands Kakadu Plum Gin	14.7
B	8	Two Cats Distillery	The Distiller's Cat Signature Gin	14.7
B	4	Lost Tide Spirit Co	Big Thyme Gin	14.3
B	13	Two Cats Distillery	Catnip Floral Aromatic Gin	14.3
B	15	Heaps Good Spirits	Victor Harbor Gin	14.2
	18	Chubby Unicorn	Chubby Unicorn Citrus Gin	

## CLASS 8 - OLD TOM

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	1	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Old Tom Gin	15.6

## CLASS 9 - NAVY (HIGH STRENGTH 44%+)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	1	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Navy Strength Gin	17.5
S	2	Rakiura Distilling Company	Third Island Gin - Navy Strength	16.5
S	5	Two Cats Distillery	Cat O' Nine Tails Navy Strength Gin	16.3
S	9	Common Ground Brewing	Navy Gin	15.9
S	8	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Navy Gin	15.6
B	7	St Agnes Distillery	Blind Tiger Organic Navy Strength Gin	15.2
B	6	Australian Distilling Co,	Australian Distilling Co. Navy Gin	14.9
	3	Pennant Distillery	The Navy Gin	
	4	Pot & Still	Spirit of Fig	

## CLASS 10 - BARREL AGED

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	2	Polemic Aperitif Lab	The Odyssey	15.5
B	4	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper Eileen's Christmas Pud Gin	15.0
B	1	Tin Shed Distilling Co	TSD Barrel Aged Gin	14.5
B	5	Polemic Aperitif Lab	The Aeneid	14.2
	3	Heaps Good Spirits	Barrel Aged Gin	

## CLASS 11 - FRUIT

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	8	Ginny Pig Distillery	Spiced Fig Gin	17.5
G	11	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co. Field Blend Shiraz Gin	17.0
S	10	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Quince Liqueur Gin	15.7
S	9	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Blossom Gin	15.5
B	13	Ginny Pig Distillery	Pink gin	14.5
B	7	Heaps Good Spirits	Tropical Chilli Gin	14.5

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B	2	Webb Spirit Co.	Rubus	14.5
B	14	Green Street Distillery	Citrus River	14.1
B	3	Ginny Pig Distillery	Blueberry Gin	14
B	17	Australian Distilling Co.	Rhapsody Ruby Gin	14.0
B	6	Australian Distilling Co.	Blood Orange Gin	14.0
B	5	Heaps Good Spirits	Native Pink Gin	14.0
	4	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Mandarin Gin	
	16	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	BEGIN SLOEBERRY and BITTERS GIN	
	15	Heaps Good Spirits	Chilli Mandarin Gin	
	12	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper Rare Plum Gin	
	1	Pot & Still	Fig Gin	

CLASS 12 - OTHER

NO EXHIBITS

VODKA

CLASS 13 - CLASSIC

Award Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S 3	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	ARKTIKA VODKA	15.5
B 2	Australian Distilling Co,	Melbourne Vodka	15.1
B 1	White Light Beverages	White Light Vodka Original	14.8

CLASS 14 - FLAVOUR DISTILLED

Award Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S 3	Two Cats Distillery	The Cat's Tail Citrus Vodka	15.7
B 4	Moontide Distillery	The Gwendoline Vodka	14.4
B 1	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	ARKTIKA VANILLA VODKA	14.7
B 5	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	ARKTIKA SALTED CARAMEL VODKA	14.6
2	Roylancer Distillery Co	Roylancer Distillery Co Premium Vodka	

CLASS 14 - OTHER

Award Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
B 1	Chubby Unicorn	Chubby Unicorn Stave Oaked Spirit	14.5





RUM

CLASS 18 - DARK (OVERPROOF) ABV OVER 50%

NO EXHIBITS

CLASS 19 - DARK (UNDERPROOF) ABV UNDER 50%

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	VarietyPoints	
G	1	Mad Monkey Distillery	Pure Single Rum - Ex Australian Whisky Cask	17.2
B	2	Hidden Trove P/L	Hidden Trove Tawny barrel Rum	14.5

CLASS 20 - SPICED/FLAVOURED

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	VarietyPoints	
S	1	Mad Monkey Distillery	Flora	15.5





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CLASS 21 - GRAPE BRANDY/ - 2 YEARS.

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
B	1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VS	15.4

CLASS 22 - GRAPE BRANDY/ OVER 3 YEARS.

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	3	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO	17.9
G	1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes Bartenders Cut	17.2
S	4	Polemic Aperitif Lab	Misery Loves Company	15.8
B	2	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VSOP	15.2

CLASS 23 - BRANDY, FRUIT

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
B	1	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Apple Brandy - Lobodos	15.2

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## OTHER

### CLASS 25 - LIQUEUR FRUIT (INCLUDING LIMONCELLO)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	5	Two Cats Distillery	The Sour Cat Limoncello	16.6
S	3	Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo?s	Ragazzi e Succo limoncello	15.9
S	4	Imperial Measures Distilling	Mandeaux Liqueur	15.8
S	7	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper Little Cello Limoncello	15.6
B	2	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Limoncello	14.6
B	1	Pot & Still	Fig Aperitif	14.4
B	8	Heaps Good Spirits	Heaps Good Cello	14.3
B	6	Common Ground Brewing	Cherry Bounce	14.3
	9	Long Way Round Distilling Co.	Limoncello	

### CLASS 26 - LIQUEUR HERBAL / BOTANICAL (INCLUDING APERITIF STYLE BITTER LIQUEURS)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	1	Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo?s	Ragazzi e Succo Amaro	17.5
B	2	Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo?s	Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo	15.0
B	3	Pot & Still	Fig Amaro	14.4

### CLASS 27 - LIQUEUR NUT

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	1	Prohibition Liquor Co	Bootleg Craft Spirits - Hazelnut & Macadamia Liqueur	16.0

### CLASS 28 - LIQUEUR COFFEE

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	4	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper - the Dark Side of Little Juniper Decaf - Coffee Liqueur	16.3
S	1	Prohibition Liquor Co	Bootleg Craft Spirits - Coffee Liqueur	15.5
B	2	Little Juniper Distilling	Little Juniper - the Dark Side of Little Juniper - Coffee Liqueur	14.8
	3	Long Way Round Distilling Co.	Single Origin Coffee Liqueur	



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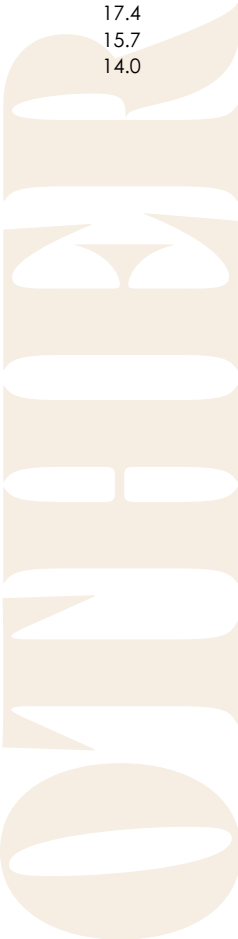
Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	1	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	ZEUS OYZO	16.6
B	2	Lost Tide Spirit Co	Chai Spice Liqueur	15.0

CLASS 32 - NEW MAKE UNAGED SPIRIT

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	1	Tiny Friday Social	Tiny Friday Pisco	17.0
B	2	Majella Wines	Majella Wines ODV	15.0

CLASS 33 - OTHER (NOT IN ANY OTHER CLASS)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	1	Inspirited Pty Ltd.	Convict Aromatic Bitters	17.4
S	2	Roylancer Distillery Co	Ruby Port Whisky Blend	15.7
B	3	Roylancer Distillery Co	Tawny Port Whisky Blend	14.0



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Cat. No. 3 - St Agnes XO

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### CHAMPION WHISKY

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- Class 1 Cat. No. 8 - Nova,  
2-5 years old

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### CHAMPION RUM

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Won by: Mad Monkey Distillery  
- Class 19 Cat. No. 1 - Pure Single  
Rum - Ex Australian Whisky Cask

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### CHAMPION GIN

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Won by: Prohibition Liquor Co  
- Class 6 Cat. No. 10 - Prohibition  
Liquor Co Juniperus Gin

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# MEDALLIONS

## BEST BLENDED WHISKY

Won by: Fleurieu Distillery  
- Class 2. Cat. No. 3  
Country to Coast #5

## BEST SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Won by: Starward Whisky  
Distillery - Class 1 Cat. No.  
8 - Nova, 2-5 years old

## BEST CASK STRENGTH WHISKY

Won by: Amber Lane  
Disillery - Class 3.  
Cat. No. 6 Apera 100

## BEST CLASSIC DRY GIN

Won by: Prohibition  
Liquor Co  
- Class 6 Cat. No. 10 -  
Prohibition Liquor Co  
Juniperus Gin

## BEST CONTEMPORARY AROMATIC GIN

Won by: Long Way Round  
Distilling Co.  
- Class 7. Cat. No. 17 -  
Australian Dry Gin

## BEST OLD FRUIT GIN

Won by: Ginny Pig Distillery  
- Class 11. Cat. No. 8 -  
Spiced Fig Gin

## BEST NAVY GIN (44%+)

Won by: Prohibition Liquor Co  
- Class 9. Cat. No. 1 -  
Prohibition Liquor Co  
Navy Strength Gin

## BEST DARK RUM (Underproof/ABV under 50%)

Won by: Mad Monkey Distillery  
- Class 19 Cat. No. 1 - Pure Single  
Rum - Ex Australian Whisky Cask

## BEST HERBAL/ BOTANICAL LIQUEUR

Won by: Ragazzi e Succo  
Aperitivo's  
- Class 26 Cat. No. 1 -  
Ragazzi e Succo Amaro,

## BEST GRAPE BRANDY (over 3 years)

Won by: St Agnes Distillery  
- Class 22 Cat. No. 3 -  
St Agnes XO



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