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CHIEF JUDGE'S REPORT TIM GNIEL

The Royal Australian Spirits Awards entered its fourth year and we continue to align with Roval Adelaide Wine Show to celebrate the tradition of judging spirits at the show. While we saw a slight decrease in entries, the number of exhibitors increased. Gin continues to be the major category with 53% of entries as we would expect, with all other categories apart from Whisky holding steady or slowly growing. It was particularly pleasing to see the growth in Rum and the 'other' category with spirit styles as diverse as Pisco and Rakija being represented and also being awarded strong medals. This is a great reflection of where the industry is at the moment and highlights the creativity and individuality of our producers. This year we had a panel to judge aged spirits lead by Darren Lanae, Darren has excellent insight and knowledge of barrels and barrel aged spirit. While entries in the Whisky category were down the quality was excellent and continues to improve with a high percentage of Gold Medals awarded. It was areat to see a Rum trophy presented this year with an interesting and well-made spirit, as always with this Show there were some outstanding Brandies. Gin continues to drive the industry and we had good representation across the classes with strong gold medals being awarded. The best examples had punchy fresh Juniper and were full of character. There were a couple of issues across the classes though with some base spirit issues and exhibits that just needed more intensity of flavour and care in production. The 'New Make' and 'Other' Class spirits were interesting and exciting with Gold medals in both, hopefully this is a sign of things to come in the future and consumers should look for these producers. I would like to thank the judges for their time and commitment to the event. We have had a strong group of core judges while the Show has been running and we introduced two new associates to that aroup this year. I hope we can continue to introduce new judges to the system as we progress. I would like to thank Lucy and her team from RA&HS for their help in running the Show and the stewards, it was a well-run and professional process for the judges which is an important part of Awards like these.. The judges and stewards volunteer their time and we appreciate the commitment. I would like to thank the exhibitors for entering as there would not be a show without themand I hope they get some benefit from the benchmarking process. Finally, I would like to thank the sponsors for their aenerous support and I look forward to the continued growth of the Spirit Awards.

Cheers, Tim Gniel

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MEDAL RESULTS

WHISKY

CLASS 1 - SINGLE MALT

Award		Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	9	Fleurieu Distillery	Tapestry	17.7
G	13	Tin Shed Tistilling	Iniquity Single Malt Whisky Silver Label	17.7
G	14	Fleurieu Distillery	The Hunting Of The Snark	17.6
G	3	New World Whisky Distillery	Starward Fortis	17.3
G	21	New World Whisky Distillery	Starward Solera	17.3
G	17	Waubs Harbour Distillery	Port Storm, Distilled	17.2
S	5	Waubs Harbour Distillery	Waubs Original, Distilled	16.8
S	20	The Aisling Distillery Pty Ltd	The Aisling Heritage Collection Series 3 Ap	era 16.5
S	16	New World Whisky Distillery	Starward Nova	16.1
S	15	St Agnes Distillery	Camborne Single Malt Whisky	15.8
В	1	Morris Whisky	MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky SIGN	ATURE 15.1
В	4	Fleurieu Distillery	The Bird by Bird In Hand Winery	15.1
В	10	Morris Whisky	MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky	15.1
В	12	Amber Lane Distillery	Liquid Amber	15.1
В	18	Waubs Harbour Distillery	Founder's Reserve	15.1
В	2	St Agnes Distillery	Camborne Single Malt Whisky	14.6
В	8	Morris Whisky	MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky	14.6
В	11	Tin Shed Tistilling	Iniquity Single Malt Whisky Talamara	14.4
В	19	Amber Lane Distillery	Equinox	14.3
	6	Tin Shed Tistilling	Iniquity Gold Batch 007	13.3
	7	Morris Whisky	MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky	12.9

CLASS 2 - BLENDED

Award G	Cat 2	^{Exhibitor} New World Whisky Distillery	^{Variety} Starward Two-Fold	Points 17.0
S	1	Fleurieu Distillery	Country to Coast #4 by Black Gate and Fleurieu Distillery	16.3
CL/	ASS	3 - CASK STRENGTH		
Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	2	Amber Lane Distillery	Noble Lane second release	17.9
G	1	Amber Lane Distillery	Silk Road second release	17.1
S	3	Amber Lane Distillery	Sleigh Bells second release	16.7
S	4	Fleurieu Distillery	Don Quixote	15.9



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CLASS 4 - GRAIN

Award Cat	^{Exhibitor}	_{Variety}	Points
G 2	The Hills Distillery	Muscat Finish Whiskey	17.6
G 1	The Hills Distillery	Native Grain Whiskey	17.1
S 3	The Hills Distillery	Australian Whiskey	16.4
B 4	Dusty Barrel Distillery	Barrel 001	15.3

GIN CLASS 6 - CLASSIC DRY

CLASS 7 - CONTEMPORARY AROMATIC

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	17	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Original Gin	17.0
G	20	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Bright'	17.0
S	2	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Desert Gin	16.0
S	13	Neat Spirits	Neat Spirits Tangerine Dream	16.0
S	15	Tynbery Beverage Co	Tinberry Distilling Co - Signature Gin	16.0
S	6	Yeo Haus	Yeo haus Gin	15.9

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S	25	Australian Distilling Co,	Tasmania Gin	15.6
S	37	The Packing Shed Distilling Company	Lawnbrook Citrus	15.5
S	38	Heaps Good Spirits	Victor Harbor Gin	15.5
B	19	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Gin - Djinn	15.2
В	11	Northern Distilling	Ancient Lands Kakadu Plum Gin	15.1
В	1	Australian Distilling Co,	Australian Distilling Co. Blood Orange Gin	15.0
В	31	The Packing Shed Distilling Company	Garden Party	15.0
В	10	Threefold Distilling	Tom Yummy Gin	14.9
В	14	Hidden Trove P/L	Acre 96 Luxe Gin	14.9
В	29	Merrigangs Distillery	Merrigangs Blooming Botatical Gin	14.9
В	34	Threefold Distilling	Mediterranean Gin	14.9
В	16	Tynbery Beverage Co	Tinberry Distilling Co - Olida Gin	14.8
В	18	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Signature'	14.8
В	3	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside No. 8 Botanical Gin	14.7
В	33	Ginny Pig Distillery	Classic Gin	14.6
В	4	Threefold Distilling	Aromatic Gin	14.5
В	7	Heaps Good Spirits	Heaps Good Gin	14.5
В	28	Webb Spirit Co.	Native Lemon Gin	14.5
В	21	Northern Distilling	Troppo Top End Gin	14.
В	22	Karu Distillery	Affinity Gin	14.4
В	36	Heaps Good Spirits	The Hills	14.4
В	12	Australian Distilling Co,	Fremantle Gin	14.3
В	23	G Patritti & Co	Patritti, Spirit of Oaklands Muscat Gin 2023	14.0
	35	Beachport Brewing Co	Beachport Spirit Co Ocean Gin	13.8
	9	Common Ground Brewing	Rose Gin	13.7
	30	Heaps Good Spirits	Chilli Gin	13.8
	8	Neat Spirits	Neat Spirits Sunshine Citrus Gin	13.7
	5	Newy Distillery	Signature Gin	13.5
	26	Southern Still Spirits	Southern Style Gin	12.8
	32	Southern Still Spirits	Gin	13.5
	24	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Sunset Gin	13.1
	27	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Sunshine State Gin	13.2

CLASS 8 - OLD TOM

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	1	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Old Tom Gin	17.0
S	3	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Old Tom Gin	16.0
W	2	Ester Distilling PL	Ester Old Tom	

CLASS 9 - NAVY (HIGH STRENGTH 44%+)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety		Points
G	4	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Navy Strength Gi	n	17.5
В	7	Bond Store Wallaroo	Elite Gin		15.2
В	1	Pennant Distillery	The Navy Gin		15.0
В	9	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Navy Gin		14.9
В	3	Kangaroo Island Distillery	First Harvest Juniper Gin		14.6
В	2	Nagambie Brewery & Distillery	3608 Navy Strength Gin		14.2
	6	Australian Distilling Co,	Australian Distilling Co. Navy Gin		13.6
W	8	Ester Distilling PL	Ester Strong		
	5	Karu Distillery	Lightning Gin		13.8

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CLASS 10 - BARREL AGED

Awa	rd Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	3	Polemic Aperitif Lab	The Aeneid	15.5
В	6	JBC Distillery	Christmas Spirit	14.8
В	7	JBC Distillery	Quince Gin	14.7
В	1	Threefold Distilling	Australian Whisky Cask Barrel Aged Aromatic	14.6
В	4	Polemic Aperitif Lab	The Odyssey	14.3
	2	Newy Distillery	Port Barrel Aged Gin	13.5
	5	Threefold Distilling	Shiraz Cask Barrel Aged Shiraz Mourvedre	13.6

CLASS 11 - FRUIT

A	ward Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
(G 12	Heaps Good Spirits	Native Pink Gin	16.0
S	17	Ginny Pig Distillery	Spiced Fig Gin	15.6
E	11	Newy Distillery	Passionfruit Gin, Compound	15.2
E	1	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Mandarin Gin	15.0
E	19	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd	Ambra Watermelon Mint Gin	15.0
E	7	Webb Spirit Co.	Rubus	14.8
E	6	Neat Spirits	Neat Spirits Old Vine Shiraz	14.7
E	5	Threefold Distilling	Autumn Harvest Shiraz Mourvedre Gin	14.6
E	14	Ginny Pig Distillery	Pink Gin	14.5
E	2	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Quince Liqueur Gin	14.2
E	15	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Begin Sloeberry And Bitters Gin	14.2
	13	Bond Store Wallaroo	Lime and Pandan Gin	13.5
	8	Common Ground Brewing	Blood Orange & Sage Gin Liqueur	13.3
	9	Ginny Pig Distillery	Blueberry Gin	13.
	10	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin 'Shiraz'	13.8
	3	Neat Spirits	Neat Spirits Raspberry Tart	13.7
	4	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co. Field Blend Shiraz Gin	13.8
	16	Threefold Distilling	Summer Harvest Raspberry Gin	13.7
	18	Woods, Frank	Christmas Gin	13.2

CLASS 12 - OTHER

Awar	d Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
В	1	Polemic Aperitif Lab	Polemic x Soi 38, Pandan Gin	14.7











VODKA

CLASS 13 - CLASSIC

Awar	d Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	2	White Light Beverages	White Light Vodka Original	16.0
В	4	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Arktika Vodka	15.0=
В	9	Robbers Dog	Vodka	14.5
В	6	Nagambie Brewery & Distillery	3608 Vodka	14.0
	5	Australian Distilling Co,	Australian Distilling Co. Vodka	11.7
W	3	Fnq Spirits	Skybury Vodka	
W	7	Fnq Spirits	Croc Vodka	
	8	Merrigangs Distillery	Merrigangs Raw Vodka	13.5
	1	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Vodka	13.0

CLASS 14 - FLAVOUR DISTILLED

Awa	rd Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
В	4	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Arktika Hazelnut Vodka	14.7
В	1	Roylancer Distillery Co	Roylancer Distillery Co premium vodka	14.5
В	2	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Arktika Salted Caramel Vodka	14.5
В	3	Karu Distillery	Morita Chipotle Vodka	14.0

CLASS 15 - FLAVOUR INFUSED

Award Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
2	Salena Estate Wines	Lock 4 Chilli Vodka	13.2
1	Newy Distillery	Mint, Cucumber & Lime Vodka	12.7





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RUM

CLASS 18 - DARK (OVERPROOF) ABV OVER 50%

Award B	Cat 1	Exhibitor Brix Distillers	VarietyPoints Select Cask Series "Pinot Gris Cask"	15.2
CL	ASS	19 - DARK (UNDERPROC	DF) ABV UNDER 50%	
Award	Cat	Exhibitor	VarietyPoints	
G	5	Mad Monkey Distillery	Pure Single Rum - Ex Tawny Cask	17.2
S	2	Brix Distillers	Brix Australian Rum	16.3
S	3	Karu Distillery	Outcask Rum	16.3
S	1	Tin Shed Tistilling	Requiem Rum Tom Brennan	15.8
S	4	Robbers Dog	Rum	15.6

CLASS 20 - SPICED/FLAVOURED

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety Points	
S	1	Mad Monkey Distillery	Flora	15.5
В	2	Brix Distillers	Brix Australian Spiced Rum	14.2
	3	Brix Distillers	Brix Australian Mango Rum	12.9



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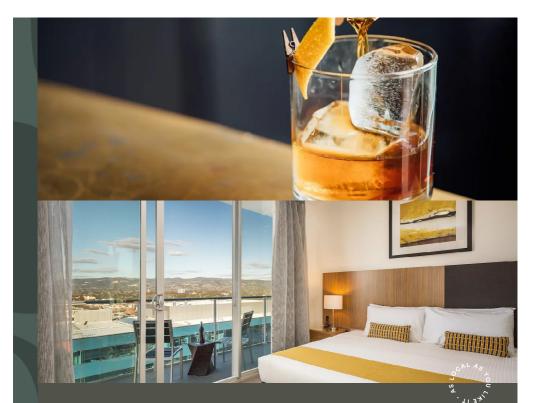




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CLASS 21 - GRAPE BRANDY/ - 2 YEARS.

Award Cat	^{Exhibitor}	_{Variety}	Points
S 2	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes Perpetual	16.3
S 1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VS	16.2
CLASS	22 - GRAPE BRANDY/ C	OVER 3 YEARS.	
Award Cat	Exhibitor	^{Variety}	Points
G 1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO	18.4
S 3	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VSOP	16.2
Si 2	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes Bartenders Cut	16.1
CLASS	23 - BRANDY, FRUIT		
Award Cat	Exhibitor	_{Variety}	Points
S 1	LOBO Juice and Cider	LOBO Apple Brandy - Lobodos	16



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OTHER

CLASS 25 - LIQUEUR FRUIT (INCLUDING LIMONCELLO)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	3	Imperial Measures Distilling	Mandeaux Liqueur	16.2
S	8	The Packing Shed Distilling Company	Australian Limoncello	15.6
В	6	Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Limoncello	15.1
В	5	Newy Distillery	Limoncello	15.0
В	1	Heaps Good Spirits	Heaps Good Cello	14.2
	2	Mad Monkey Distillery	Dai Dai cello	13.6
	4	Newy Distillery	Lime Gin Liqueur	13.4
	7	Robbers Dog	Limecello	13.6

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

Exhibitor	Variety	Points
Ragazzi e Succo Aperitivo's	Ragazzi e Succo aperitivo	15.6
Imperial Measures Distilling	Ruby Bitter Aperitif	14.5
Imperial Measures Distilling	Rapture Amaro	14.2
Limoncello Australia Pty Ltd T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Blood Orange	14.0
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CLASS 28 - LIQUEUR COFFEE

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
S	2	Prohibition Liquor Co	Bootleg Craft Spirits - Coffee Liqueur	15.5
В	4	The Packing Shed Distilling Company	Coffee Liqueur	14.8
В	1	Lily Fields Distilling Co	Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur	14.2
В	3	Heaps Good Spirits	Ginspresso	14.2
W	5	Fng Spirits	Croc Coffee	

CLASS 29 - LIQUEUR OTHER

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
В	1	Edgemill Group Pty Ltd	Zeus Oyzo	14.9

CLASS 32 - NEW MAKE UNAGED SPIRIT

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points	
G	3	Tiny Friday Social	Tiny Friday Pisco	17.0	
S	4	DNA Distillery	Gold Rakija	16.3	
S	1	DNA Distillery	Classic Rakija	16.0	
S	5	DNA Distillery	Pear Rakija	15.7	
В	2	Brix Distillers	BRIX AUSTRALIAN CANE SPIRIT	15.2	

CLASS 33 - OTHER (NOT IN ANY OTHER CLASS)

Award	Cat	Exhibitor	Variety	Points
G	3	Macedon Distillery	ANISON (ouzo)	17.4
В	1	Southern Still Spirits	Muscat Tsipouro	14.4
В	2	Southern Still Spirits	Tsipouro	14.4
	4	Macedon Distillery	Anison Limited Edition (ouzo)	13.9

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MEDALLIONS

BEST BLENDED WHISKY

Won by: New World Whisky Distillery Starward Two-Fold,

BEST CASK STRENGTH WHISKY

Won by: Amber Lane Distillery Noble Lane second release

BEST OLD TOM GIN

Won by: Ambleside Distillers Ambleside Old Tom Gin

BEST SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Won by: Tin Shed Distilling Co Iniquity Single Malt Whisky Silver Label

BEST CLASSIC DRY GIN

Won by: Prohibition Liquor Co Juniperus Gin

BEST NAVY GIN (44%+)

Won by: Prohibition Liquor Co Navy Strength Gin

BEST GRAIN WHISKY

Won by: The Hills Distillery Muscat Finish Whiskey,

BEST CONTEMPORARY AROMATIC GIN

Won by: Prohibition Liquor Co Original Gin

BEST DARK RUM (Underproof/ABV under 50%)

Won by: Mad Monkey Distillery Pure Single Rum – Ex Tawny Cask

BEST GRAPE BRANDY (over 3 years)

Won by: St Agnes Distillery St Agnes XO

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