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JUDGES



STANDING (LEFT TO RIGHT): Russel Johnson, Hugh Holds, Hugh Lumsden, Sacha La Forgia, Nicole Durdin, Paul Jackson, Tim Gniel, Darren Lange, Peter Godden, George Georgiadis, Amy Martin And Graham Wright.

JUDGES

CHIEF JUDGE'S REPORT

TIM GNIEL



WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT AWARDS.

After a Covid induced break in 2020 the Awards returned in 2021. This year marked a change as the Spirit Awards moved to align with the Royal Adelaide Wine Show. I think this is fitting as the Wine Show has always traditionally judged Brandy but with the rise in the craft industry a new show was needed to judge the wide range of spirits now available.

I am pleased to say that, in a difficult year, we had a 53% increase in entries over the inaugural Show, with 185 entries in total. The Gin category represented 60% of the entries which is no surprise as the range of Gins available continues to grow. There was also a healthy increase in exhibitors of Vodka, Whisky, Brandy and white/spiced Rum reflecting the areas of growth in the craft industry in general. The Whisky category in particular will continue to grow as more producers have product that has spent the minimum time in oak.

The results of the awards were incredibly strong, with gold medals and trophies awarded in all categories except Rum, a variety we are looking forward to seeing grow. hopefully we will see more Rum entries in the future. As the Spirit Awards evolve, the definition of some of the classes will be more detailed to ensure that exhibitors can enter their products in a suitable class. As a general comment with fruit infused spirits there needs to

be a focus on bright fresh fruit characters and stability of the product.

An unprecedented amount of entries this year meant that we had three panels of experienced judges, and were excited to introduce two new judging associates so the judging could be completed within the two days.. Having the third judging panel this year allowed us to have a specialist brown spirits panel to focus on Whisky, Rum and Brandy.

I would like to thank the judges for their time and commitment to the event. We had a range of experts including producers, consultants and retailers with a cross section of perspective. This year we were able to use the judging set up used for the Royal Adelaide Wine Show, so with this framework and the experience of the RA&HS staff, it meant we had a seamless and professional set of tastings for judges.

Thank you to all the stewards and volunteers, in particular head steward, Bryan Jones. There are differences in the way Spirits are presented and judged, so Bryan's experience and attentiveness was appreciated.

I would like to thank the exhibitors for entering as there would not be a show without them and I hope they get some benefit from the benchmarking process. Finally, I would like to thank the sponsors for their generous support and I look forward to the continued growth of the Spirit Awards.

Cheers,
Tim Gniel



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Amy Martin
George Georgiadis
Graham Wright
Peter Godden
Russell Johnson
Sacha La Forgia
Sarah Lark
Hugh Lumsden
Paul Jackson
Darren Lange
Graham Jones

STEWARDS

Gary Beelitz
Lisa Nelson
Tracey Ellis
Maddy Thomas
Shirley Capurso
Mindy Dao
Ali Bennett
Rhiannon Klar
Amanda Ford
Amelia Weston
Kerstin Freund



STEWARDS



MEDAL RESULTS

WHISKY

CLASS 1 - SINGLE MALT

G	7	Tria Prima	Bruxa	17.1
S	6	Fleurieu Distillery	Englishman In New York	15.8
B	10	Golotta Bottling Co.	Anthropocene Whisky - Small Reserve Release 05	15.4
B	2	Fleurieu Distillery	Albatross	15.1
B	4	Tria Prima	Enchantress	14.8
B	9	Fleurieu Distillery	The Bivouac	14.6
B	3	Golotta Bottling Co.	Anthropocene Whisky - Second Release	14.1

CLASS 3 - CASK STRENGTH

S	1	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Iniquity Gold Batch 006	15.6
B	2	Fleurieu Distillery	Whisky De Garde	14.9

CLASS 4 - PEATED

S	1	Fleurieu Distillery	The Jabberwocky	15.5
B	3	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Iniquity Flustercluck	15.1
	2	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Peated Shiraz Solera	

CLASS 5 - GRAIN

G	1	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Muscat Finish Whiskey	17.7
S	4	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Australian Whiskey	16.1
B	3	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Native Grain Whiskey	15
	2	Martin Distillation Company	Contempt Single Barrel Whisky	
	5	Australian Liquor Company	Ancient Wisdom Whisky	

CLASS 6 - OTHER

G	2	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Triple Smoke Whiskey	17.4
	1	Australian Liquor Company	Ancient Wisdom Malted Choc Whisky	



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CLASS 7 - CLASSIC DRY

G 14	No7 Distillery	Dry Citrus	17.6
G 23	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Classic Gin	17
S 12	Hayward Park Pty Ltd	VIMY	16.8
S 4	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Small Acre Gin	16
S 1	No7 Distillery	Dry Myrtle	16
S 13	Never Never Distilling Co.	Triple Juniper Gin	15.9
S 8	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	Barossa Dry	15.9
S 9	Hayward Park Pty Ltd	MAD MEN	15.7
S 5	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin Bold	15.6
B 2	Ginny Pig Distillery	Classic Dry Gin	15.2
B 6	Never Never Distilling Co.	Southern Strength Gin	15
B 29	Small Batch Distilling	Red Hen Gin	14.8
B 25	Jones and Smith Distillery	Epoch - Signature Dry Gin	14.8
B 24	The Primary Goods Company	Dovetail Artisan Gin	14.6
B 19	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Collingwood Gin	14.5
B 20	Australian Distilling Pty Ltd	Gingin Gin	14.5
B 18	The Bathtub Gin Co	Angry Duck Gin	14.3
B 30	Black Cat Gin	Black Cat Gin Botonic	14.2
B 11	Ester Distilling PL	Ester Dry	14.2
B 7	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Big Dry Gin	14
10	LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd	LOBO Gin - Djinn	
26	St Agnes Distillery	Blind Tiger Organic Gin	
15	Underground Spirits	Signature Gin	
21	White Light Beverages	Triple G Gin	
27	St Marys Vineyard	St Mary's London Dry Gin	
16	Storey, Luke	Dry Gin	
28	Taylor & Smith Distilling Co	Taylor & Smith Dry Gin	

GIN (CONT.)

CLASS 8 - CONTEMPORARY AROMATIC

G 22	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	House Gin	17.5
G 29	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside No. 8 Botanical Gin	17.4
G 12	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Original Gin	17
S 34	Prancing Pony Brewery	London Calling	16.4
S 14	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin Signature	16
S 2	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Desert Gin	16
S 17	Storey, Luke	Australiana Gin	15.8
S 3	Threefold Distilling	Aromatic Gin	15.7
S 33	Never Never Distilling Co.	Med Gin	15.7
S 19	The Bathtub Gin Co	Forest Gin	15.5
B 27	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Better Gin	15
B 41	Henry Fisher	Citrus Gin	15
B 28	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Sunset Gin	14.5
B 23	Storey, Luke	Signature Gin	14.5
B 32	That Spirited Lot Distillers	Island Flower Gin	14.5
B 36	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	Savoury Allsorts	14
B 37	The Splendid Gin	The Splendid Gin MESMERIC	14
B 24	Black Cat Gin	Black Cat Gin Aubrey	14
B 43	That Spirited Lot Distillers	Hawker Market Gin	14
42	Good Spirits Distilling Coming	Tropo, Top End Dry Gin	
16	Threefold Distilling	Mediterranean Gin	
38	The Bathtub Gin Co	Best Day Ever Gin	
1	Metcalf Distilleries	Metcalf's Feisty Botanical Gin	
7	Underground Spirits	Ad Crescendum var Flosferam Native Gin	
25	The Splendid Gin	The Splendid Gin CLASSIC	
15	Swan Valley Gin Company	Diablo Artisan Gin	
9	Henry Fisher	Dry Gin	
31	Storey, Luke	Spice Explorer Gin	
8	Volkman, Jens	Gin 112	
5	Cappella Spirits	Cappella Ruby Grapefruit & Rosemary Gin	

CLASS 9 - OLD TOM

S 1	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Old Tom	16.1
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CLASS 10 - NAVY (HIGH STRENGTH 44%+)

G 2	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Navy Strength Gin	17.5
G 7	Never Never Distilling Co.	Juniper Freak 2020 Gin	17
S 1	Ester Distilling PL	Ester Strong	16
S 4	Storey, Luke	Coal Miner Gin	15.5
B 3	The Splendid Gin	The Splendid Gin MESMERIC	14.1
B 8	Jones and Smith Distillery	Epoch - Navy Strength	14
5	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Navy Strength Gin	



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CLASS 11 - BARREL AGED

B	5	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Shiraz Barrel Aged Gin	15.1
B	1	Australian Liquor Company	Ancient Wisdom Gin	14.3
B	4	The Bathtub Gin Co	Mighty Apollo Gin	14.1
	2	Underground Spirits	Shiraz Gin with Tasmanian Pepperberries	

CLASS 12 - FRUIT

S	12	Jones and Smith Distillery	Epoch - Sloe Gin	16
S	7	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	2021 Barossa Shiraz Gin	15.5
B	2	Threelock Distilling	2021 GSM	15
B	14	Never Never Distilling Co.	Ginache 2021	14.5
B	9	Pot & Still	Fig Gin	14.1
B	10	Ambleside Distillers	Ambleside Mandarin Gin	14
	6	Jones and Smith Distillery	Epoch - Cherry Gin	
	15	Swan Valley Gin Company	Four Vines Shiraz Gin	
	4	Metcalf Distilleries	Metcalf's Scandalous Sloe Gin	
	3	Ginny Pig Distillery	Spiced Fig Gin	
	1	Ginny Pig Distillery	Blueberry & Vanilla Gin	
	8	Pot & Still	Riberry gin	
	5	Husk Distillers	Ink Sloe & Berry Gin	
	11	Storey, Luke	Passionfruit Gin	
	13	Limoncello Australia T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Blood Orange Gin	

CLASS 13 - OTHER

B	4	The Splendid Gin	The Splendid Gin Summer Cup	15.4
B	7	Pot & Still	Orange Gin	15.4
B	1	Messenger, Harriet	Ink Gin	15
B	2	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Moonlight Gin	14.7
B	6	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Gingerbread Gin	14.7
B	5	Henry Fisher	Shiraz Gin	14.5
B	8	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Liquor Co Bathtub Cut Gin	14
	3	Small Batch Distilling	Red Hen Ultra Violet	



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VODKA

CLASS 14 - CLASSIC

G	5	The Primary Goods Company	Renegat Ultra-Premium Vodka	17.1
G	9	Underground Spirits	Signature Vodka	17
S	2	White Light Beverages	White Light Vodka	16.3
S	6	Martin Distillation Company	No8 Vodka	16.2
S	1	Spring Bay Distillery	Spring Bay Vodka	16.1
B	3	St Marys Vineyard	St Mary's Vodka	14.5
	8	Henry Fisher	Vodka	
	4	Australian Distilling Co.	Australian Distilling Co. Vodka	

CLASS 15 - FLAVOUR DISTILLED

S	4	Swan Valley Gin Company	Duende Blood Orange Vodka	16.8
S	3	That Spirited Lot Distillers	Tres Citricos	15.7
S	2	Swan Valley Gin Company	Duende Pedro Ximinez Vodka	15.5
B	5	That Spirited Lot Distillers	Godfather Coffee Vodka	14.5

CLASS 16 - FLAVOUR INFUSED

S	3	Underground Spirits	Vodka with Caramel	16.4
B	2	Storey, Luke	Cucumber, Mint & Lime Vodka	15.2
B	1	St Marys Vineyard	St Mary's Cara Cara Orange Vodka	15.1
B	4	St Marys Vineyard	St Mary's Rose and Date Vodka	14.9
B	5	St Marys Vineyard	St Mary's Spiced Pear Vodka	14.6

CLASS 17 - OTHER

B	1	Australian Liquor Company	Ancient Wisdom Vodka	15.1
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RUM

CLASS 18 - WHITE

S	1	Messenger, Harriet	Husk Pure Cane	16.3
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CLASS 20 - DARK (UNDERPROOF) ABV UNDER 50%

1	Martin Distillation Company	Blazing Iron Rum
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CLASS 21 - SPICED/FLAVOURED

B	1	Sydney Distilling Co	Brix Spiced	14.3
B	2	Messenger, Harriet	Husk Bam Bam	14.1
B	3	Messenger, Harriet	Husk Botanic	14.1

BRANDY

CLASS 22 - GRAPE BRANDY/ 2 YEARS AND UNDER 3 YEARS.

S	1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VS	15.9
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CLASS 23 - GRAPE BRANDY/ OVER 3 YEARS.

G	2	Southern Vintners & Negotiants	Noble Road The Peak Brandy	17.4
G	1	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO Imperial	17.1
S	4	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO	16.7
B	3	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes Bartenders Cut	15
	5	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VSOP	

CLASS 24 - BRANDY, FRUIT

S	2	LOBO Juice and Cider	LOBO Apple Brandy - Lobodas	15.7
B	3	The Hills Distillery	78 Degrees Apple Brandy	14.9
	1	Volkman, Jens	Tisco	



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OTHER

CLASS 26 - LIQUEUR FRUIT (INCLUDING LIMONCELLO)

B	2	Imperial Measures Distilling	Mandeaux Liqueur	15
B	4	Threefold Distilling	Australian Lemoncello	14.5
B	3	Imperial Measures Distilling	Cerise Liqueur	14.1
B	5	Pot & Still	Fig Apéritif	14.1
	1	Limuncello Australia T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Blood Orange Apéritif	

CLASS 27 - LIQUEUR HERBAL / BOTANICAL (INCLUDING APERITIF STYLE BITTER LIQUEURS)

G	1	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ruby Bitter Apéritif	17.1
S	4	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Amaro	16.6
S	2	The Hills Distillery	Bitter Orange	16.1
	3	Swan Valley Gin Company	Duende Vermouth Aperitivo	

CLASS 29 - LIQUEUR COFFEE

	1	Limuncello Australia T/A Ambra Spirits	Ambra Cappuccino Liqueur	
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CLASS 31 - LIQUEUR RUM (MUST HAVE A RUM BASE)

B	1	Sydney Distilling Co	Brix Citrus Got Real 2021	14.7
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CLASS 32 - LIQUEUR OTHER

S	1	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Anise	15.6
	2	Gypsy Hub	The Craft & Co Gingerbread Gin Liqueur	

CLASS 33 - NEW MAKE UNAGED SPIRIT

S	3	St Marys Vineyard	Mulligan's Cane Spirit	15.6
B	2	Sydney Distilling Co	Urban Cane 2020 Harvest	15
B	4	Sydney Distilling Co	Brix White	14.4

CLASS 34 - OTHER

B	3	Messenger, Harriet	Husk Botanic	14.2
B	2	St Marys Vineyard	Mulligan's Spiced Cane Spirit	14.1



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