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Message from Distilled Spirits Aotearoa and Spirits New Zealand

This is the third year of the New Zealand Spirits Awards, and once again the number of entries has surpassed all our expectations. While the number of International entries has remained steady, there has been a 100% increase in New Zealand entries since our inaugural year of 2019.

The world is a far different place compared to two years ago. We know that we have lost at least three New Zealand distilling businesses to COVID but compared to the rest of the world we have been relatively unscathed. This doesn't mean that the impacts of the last 18 months have not left deep scars. Globally distillers have had to make huge sacrifices, and they would not still be in business if they did not carry a great passion for the industry and the product they are crafting. We can celebrate the fact that even through this hardship there is a continuing desire to make high quality spirits, and by entering these awards show them off to New Zealand and the world.

The success of the spirits industry in New Zealand has wider ripples, and we are happy to see supporting industries joining in the growth. We have had a record number of sponsors this year, generous in their support and sharing our passion for spirits.

With closed borders, we are once again extremely fortunate to have a strong pool of experienced, world standard judges in New Zealand. Our talented judges have again been very generous in donating their time to participate in three days of intensive sensory work-out.

The New Zealand Spirits Awards aims to benchmark our local products against overseas imported spirits. Consumers can benefit from knowing they are drinking a gold medal New Zealand-born spirit, aligned with global quality. We are extremely proud to bring you this latest round of world class medal winning spirits available on the New Zealand market.



James

Dr Sue James

Chairperson Distilled Spirits Aotearoa (NZ) Inc



Robert Brewer Chief Executive Spirits New Zealand Inc



Message From the Head Judges

It's been a privilege to serve the New Zealand spirits community once again this year, as we celebrate the third year of the NZ Spirits Awards. In particular, the growth in New Zealand distillers and locally made spirits shows significant expansion of the industry here. It's an honour to assess the high calibre of entries alongside a panel of diverse, experienced and passionate judges who each bring unique skills and perspectives to the process. It is with thanks to this group of people who give their talents and time freely to support the industry, alongside the organisers and supporters of the event that we gather around a table of meticulously crafted spirits. Without the efforts of Distilled Spirits Aotearoa, Spirits NZ and supporting partners, it would not be possible to keep the glasses filled! These awards mark a significant place in the NZ Spirits landscape as we not only reward and acknowledge the work of distillers and their craft but also what it means for consumers who get to raise their glasses and enjoy the best of the best.

Alex, Charles, Joanne, Nick and Tash

2021 Judging Panels

Dark Spirits Panel

Tash McGill Sola Fida Consulting HEAD JUDGE

Alex Ricketts The Last Word **HEAD JUDGE**

Mikey Ball Ballin Drinks & Creative Limited Alex Bazeley Moore Wilson's Matthew Johns Terroirs Distillers/Pokeno Whisky Alastair Walker Caretaker **Grant Finn Cameron Douglas** Sommnz

Other Spirits Panel

Charles Gillet The Last Word **HEAD JUDGE** Maria Grau Rough Hands Ltd John Ridley Thirsty Camel

Keith Tibble Eurovintage

Light Spirits Panel

Joanne Hort Massey University HEAD JUDGE

Nick Widley Mama Cod/ Kismet Cocktail and Whisky bar HEAD JUDGE

Jonny Cresswell Pernod Ricard NZ Sarah Tyler d:STIL Project **Claire Filer** High Ginx Helen Kraal J Ballantyne & Co Fritz Kuckuck Rough Hands Ltd Scott O'connor The Churchill



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2021 Medal Results



VODKA CATEGORY SPONSOR

Vodka

Double Gold

Reefton Distilling Co. – Wild Rain Vodka Tito's – Tito's Handmade Vodka

Gold

Haku – Haku Spiritual NZ Vodka – Spiritual NZ Vodka

Silver

Burnt Hill - Burnt Hill Vodka Dunedin Craft Distillers - Chocolate Vodka Good Times - Citrus Vodka Good Times - Passionfruit and Pineapple Vodka Medoff - Medoff Classic National Distillery Company - Aquifer National Distillery Company - Coffee and Cacao Aquifer National Distillery Company - Damson Plum Vodka Peaked - Peaked Organic Vodka Russkaya - Russkaya Vodka Shungite Scapegrace - Scapegrace Vodka The Bond Store - Kāpiti Coast Vodka The Vicar's Son Gin - The Vicar's Son - Juniper Vodka

Bronze

Akavita – Akavita Botanical Vodka Armada Spirits – Armada Vodka Broken Heart – Broken Heart Vodka Copperhead Road – Pure Heart Premium Vodka Good Times – Raspberry Vodka Good Times – Vodka National Distillery Company – Citrus Aquifer National Distillery Company – Hot Cross Bun Vodka National Distillery Company – Hot Cross Bun Vodka National Distillery Company – Vanilla Aquifer Peaked – Peaked Organic Chilli Vodka The Vicar's Son Gin – The Vicar's Son - Coffee Vodka Vesta – Vesta Coffee Vodka

2021 Medal Results



GIN CATEGORY SPONSOR

Gin

Double Gold

Barrister Barrister – Blue Gin Hastings Distillers – East Block 200 Pink & White – Geothermal Gin – White (London Dry)

Gold

1919 Distilling - Sir Winston - Sir Winston Classic
Broken Heart - Broken Heart Queenstown Edition
Dr Beak - New Zealand Premium Gin
Elemental Distillers - Marlborough - Roots Dry Gin
Good George - Day Off - Day Off Original
Humdinger - Dry Gin
Kaimai Brewing and Distilling - Eliza's Claim Gold Gin
National Distillery Company - New Zealand Dry Gin
National Distillery Company - Verdigris
The Spirits Workshop - Curiosity Gin - Negroni Special

Silver

1919 Distilling - 1919 Dry Pink Gin
1919 Distilling - 1919 Pineapple Bits
Aurora Distillery - Arrival Gin - Petone Dry
Begin Distilling - Juno Gin - Juno 2021 Autumn Gin
Begin Distilling - Juno Gin - Juno 2021 Summer Gin
Begin Distilling - Juno Gin - Juno Extra Fine Gin
Begin Distilling - Juno Gin - Juno Styx Barrel-Aged Gin
Bombay Sapphire - Bombay Sapphire
Bombay Sapphire - Bombay Sapphire English Estate
Broken Heart - Broken Heart Angel's Share Batch No3
Broken Heart - Broken Heart Rhubarb Gin

Bureaucrats Gin Ltd – Black Doris Plum CarbonSix Distillery - CarbonSix Black Gin Coromandel Distilling Company - Awildian - Coromandel Dry Gin Coromandel Distilling Company - Awildian - Coromandel Dry Gin - Spiced Dancing Sands Distillery - Dancing Sands Sauvignon Blanc Gin Denzien Urban Distillery - Smoke & Embers Denzien Urban Distillery - Te Aro Dry Dr Beak - New Zealand Garden Gin Elemental Distillers - Norwester - Roots Navy Strength Gin Fenton Steet Gin – The Pioneer Fords - Fords Gin Hayman's – Hayman's London Dry Haymans - Haymans Old Tom Imagination Distilling - Imagination Lewis Farms Strawberry Gin Imagination Distilling - Imagination Wakame Seaweed Dry Gin KJ&co - KJ&co #6 Gin Kyoto Distillery – Ki No Bi Sei Kyoto Distillery – Ki No Tea Method and madness - Method and madness Gin National Distillery Company - Bloody Syrah National Distillery Company - Damson Plum Gin National Distillery Company - Home, Land & Sea National Distillery Company - Meow National Distillery Company - NZ Native No8 Distillery - Horopito Fire Gin No8 Distillery - No8 Hibiscus Gin Peddlers Gin Company - Peddlers Shanghai Craft Gin Pink & White - Geothermal Gin - Pink Reefton Distilling Co. Little Biddy - Little Biddy Gin -Cask Aged (Bourbon) Reefton Distilling Co. Little Biddy - Little Biddy Gin - Pink Rifters - Original Dry Rifters - Quartz Gin Sandymount Distillery - Chapter one Sandymount Distillery - Lovers Leap Dry Gin Seppeltsfield Road Distillers - 2020 Barossa Shiraz Gin Seppeltsfield Road Distillers – Barossa Dry

Southward Distilling - New Zealand Blood Orange Gin

2021 Medal Results

Gin - Silver, continued

Southward Distilling - Wave Gin Tangueray – Tangueray London Dry Tanqueray – Tanqueray No.10 The Spirits Workshop gingin - gingin GIN The Botanist - The Botanist Gin The Spirits Workshop - Curiosity Gin - Curious Dry The Spirits Workshop - Curiosity Gin - Curiously Classic The Spirits Workshop - Curiosity Gin - Recipe #23 The Vicar's Son Gin – The Vicar's Son Gin – Classic London Dry Thomson Whisky - Victor Gin - Victor Gin Original Twelfth Hour Distillery - Twelfth Hour Dry Gin Waiheke Distilling Co Limited – Traditional London Dry Waiheke Distilling Co Ltd - Red Ruby Washhouse Distillery - Waitoki Washhouse - Waitoki Washhouse Gin (the original) Wild Diamond - Wild Diamond Rare Dry Gin

Bronze

1919 Distilling - 1919 Classic Gin 1919 Distilling - 1919 Raspberry Lamington Barrister – Barrister Pink Gin Blush Gin – Blush Boysenberry Gin Blush Gin - Blush Citrus Gin Blush Gin – Blush Rhubarb Gin Broken Heart - Broken Heart Angel's Share Batch No2 Bureaucrats Gin Ltd – The Bureaucrat Caorunn – Caorunn Gin CarbonSix Distillery - Takapuna Gin - Butterfly Pea Flower CarbonSix Distillery – Takapuna Gin – Zesty Citrus Coromandel Distilling Company - Awildian - Coromandel Mānuka Gin Coromandel Distilling Company - Awildian - Tangelo Gin Christian Drouin Calvados - Christian Drouin Le Gin Dancing Sands Distillery - Dancing Sands Wasabi Gin Darnley's Gin - Darnley's London Dry Original Gin Denzien Urban Distillery - Our Coast Fenton Steet Gin - 1564 Venus & Adonis Geraldine Distillery - Citrus Gin

Good George Day Off - Day Off Doris Graham Norton - Graham Norton's Own Irish Gin Graham Norton - Graham Norton's Own Irish Pink Gin Hastings Distillers – Albertine Hayman's – Hayman's Royal Dock (57%) Herrick Creek Distillery - Nine Fathoms Canterbury Gin Imagination Distilling - Black Barn Syrah Barrel Aged Gin Imagination Distilling – Imagination Reikorangi Triple Distilled Dry Gin Imagination Distilling - Imagination Rhubarb & Raspberry Gin Kyoto Distillery – Ki No Bi Dry Lady H Gin – Lady H Gin Lighthouse Gin - Lighthouse Gin Hawthorn Edition National Distillery Company - Adorn National Distillery Company - Hemp Gin National Distillery Company - Juniper Fairy National Distillery Company - Navy Strength National Distillery Company - Storm - Black Wolf Gin No8 Distillery - Dunners Dry Gin Papaka Road – Papaka Road Gin Queen's – Queen's Gin Roku – Roku Scapegrace - Scapegrace Black Scapegrace – Scapegrace Classic Scapegrace – Scapegrace Gold Seppeltsfield Road Distillers - House Gin Seppeltsfield Road Distillers – Savoury Allsorts Southward Distilling - Mountain Gin Tanqueray - Tanqueray Flor De Sevilla Tanqueray – Tanqueray Rangpur The Alchemist's Distillery - Barrel Aged Gin The Spirits Workshop- Curiosity Gin - Ruby Thomson Whisky - Victor Gin - Victor Gin Kaffir Lime Waiheke Distilling Co Ltd - Spirit of Waiheke Wild Diamond - Wild Diamond Black Gin

2021 Medal Results



BOTANICALS AND OTHER SPIRITS CATEGORY SPONSOR

Botanicals and Other Spirits

Silver

Ballin' Drinks Workshop – Ballin' Taiheke Hops Cardamaro – Cardamaro Amaro Herradura – Herradura Anejo No8 Distillery – No8 Absinthe - 1926 Patron – Patron Silver Taizi – New Zealand Sorghum Spirit The Spirits Workshop – Curiosity Spirits - Absinthe Verte

Bronze

Ballin' Drinks Workshop – Ballin' Citrus Leaf El Jimador – El Jimador Anejo Kiwi Spirit Distillery – TeKiwi 100% Blue Agave Tequilana Spirit Patron – Patron Anejo Patron – Patron Resposado

MICRONZ

LIQUEUR CATEGORY SPONSOR

Liqueur

Gold

Cointreau – Cointreau De Kuyper – De Kuyper Kwai Feh Liqueur Rum Co. of Fiji – Ratu 5YO Spiced Rum

Silver

Chambord - Chambord Curiosity Gin - Curiosity Gin - Pinot Barrel Sloe De Kuyper – De Kuyper Butterscotch Schnapps De Kuyper - De Kuyper Pineapple Liqueur De Kuyper – Peach Tree Hastings Distillers Ltd – L'Opera Hayman's - Hayman's Sloe Gin (26%) Imagination - Imagination Damson Plum & Blackberry Gin Liqueur Jagermeister – Jagermeister Lemon Fellows - Frankie - Crema di Orangecello Lemon Fellows - Giuseppe - Limoncello Lemon Fellows - Sandy - Crema di Limoncello Lemon Fellows - Uncle Mikey - Orangecello Malibu – Malibu Passionfruit NEAT - NEAT Passionfruit Martini No8 Distillery - No8 Pineapple Rum Elixir de Dunedin Quick Brown Fox - Quick Brown Fox Coffee Liqueur Reefton Distilling Co. - Tayberry Liqueur The Damson Collection - Damson Plum Liqueur

Bronze

Awildian – Damson Gin De Kuyper – De Kuyper Blue Curacao Haymans – Haymans Peach & Rose (25%) Kiwi Spirit Distillery – Apricot Liqueur Kiwi Spirit Distillery – Tangelo Liqueur

2021 Medal Results

Liqueur - Bronze, continued

Lemon Fellows - JayJay - Limecello Lemon Fellows - Rosie - Crema di Limecello Lemon Fellows - Ryan - Starcello NEAT - NEAT Espresso Martini No8 Distillery - No8 Limoncello No8 Distillery - No8 Walnut Wine Peaked - Peaked Organic Coffee Liqueur Peaked - Peaked Organic Toasted Orange Liqueur Reefton Distilling Co. - Blueberry Liqueur Rutte - Rutte Sloe

Brandies

Gold

Martell – Martell Cordon Bleu Martell – Martell XO Remy Martin – Remy Martin VSOP

Silver

Darroze - Darroze 8 Year Old Armagnac Dolin - Dolin Vermouth Rouge Lheraud - Lheraud VSOP Cognac National Distillery Company - Teresa St Remy - St Remy Brandy VSOP St Remy - St Remy Brandy XO Tosti - Tosti Vermouth Rouge

Bronze

Christian Drouin Calvados – Drouin Calvados VSOP Elsewhen – Applejack Johanneshof Cellars Edelbrand – Johanneshof Cellars Marlborough Brandy Edelbrand Solera 1991 Metaxa – Metaxa 12 Star Remy Martin – Remy Martin XO



RUM CATEGORY SPONSOR

Rum

Double Gold

Havana club – Havana Club 7YO Lunatic & Lover – Barrel Rested Botanical Rum Mount Gay – Mount Gay XO

Silver

Appleton Estate - Appleton Estate 12 Rare Casks Appleton Estate - Appleton Estate 8 Reserve Beenleigh - Beenleigh Double Cask 5 YO Rum Flor de cana - Flor de cana 12 Flor de cana - Flor de cana 18 Flor de Cana - Flor de Cana 25 Rum Helmsman - Helmsman Spiced Rum Helmsman - Helmsman White Rum Mount Gay - Mount Gay Rum 1703 Old Cask Master Selection Rum Co. of Fiji - Ratu 5YO Spiced Rum Russell Rum - Russell Rum Lightly Spiced The Alchemist's Distillery - Gold Rum The NZ Rum Co - McJaggery White Rum

Bronze

1919 Distilling – Amber Rum Bacardi – Bacardi Carta Blanca Bacardi – Bacardi Ocho Bacardi – Bacardi Oro Bacardi – Bacardi Spiced Flor de cana – Flor de cana 4 Flor de cana – Flor de cana 7 Merser and co – Charles Merser Double Barrel Rum Mount Gay – Mount Gay Black Barrel Mount Gay – Mount Gay Eclipse Rum Co. of Fiji – Ratu SYO Dark Rum

2021 Medal Results



CATEGORY SPONSOR WHISKY

Whisky

Double Gold

Bruichladdich - Bruichladdich Port Charlotte 10 Talisker – Talisker 10 Year Old

Gold

Bushmills – Bushmills Black Bush Chivas Regal – Extra 13 Year Old Sherry Cask Jim Beam – Jim Beam Double Oak Jura – Jura 18 Teeling – Teeling Single Grain

Silver

Aberlour – 12 Year Old Aberlour – 14 Year Old Baker's - Baker's Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky Basil Hayden's – Basil Hayden's Bunnahabhain – Bunnahabhain 12 YO Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky Chivas Regal - Extra 13 Year Old American Rye cask Deanston - Deanston 12 YO Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Deanston - Deanston Virgin Oak Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Finlaggan – Finlaggan Eilean Mor Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky Finlaggan – Finlaggan Old Reserve Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky Glendronach – Glendronach Original 12 lleach – lleach Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky Jura – Jura 10 Laphroaig – Laphroaig 10YO Laphroaig – Laphroaig Select Maker's Mark – Maker's 46 Maker's Mark – Maker's Mark Method and Madness - Method and Madness Single Malt Raeburn – Raeburn Whiskey

Teeling - Teeling Dublin Pot Still Teeling - Teeling Single Malt Irish Whisky The Dalmore - The Dalmore 12 The Glenlivet - 12 Year Old The Glenlivet – 15 Year Old The Glenlivet – 18 Year Old The Glenlivet – Founder's Reserve Thomson Whisky - Boxer Single Cask Single Malt Thomson Whisky - Local Folk & Smoke Single Cask Single Malt Thomson Whisky - Rye & Barley Thomson Whisky - South Island Peat Single Malt Waiheke whisky - Bog Monster Waiheke Whisky – Moss Waiheke Whisky - Peated Sherry Finish Waitomo Whisky – Waitomo Whisky Woodford Reserve - Woodford Reserve Double Oaked

Bronze

Canadian Club - Canadian Club 12YO Divergence Single Malt NZ Whisky - Divergence - Pinot Barrel Aged Divergence Single Malt NZ Whisky - Divergence - Port Wood Divergence Single Malt NZ Whisky - Divergence - Virgin French Oak Herrick Creek - Explorer Series - Bourbon Hibiki – Hibiki Japanese Harmony Islay - Islay Storm Single Malt Scotch Whisky Jim Beam – Jim Beam Black Jim Beam - Jim Beam Devil's Cut Jim Beam – Jim Beam White Jura – Jura Journey Jura – Jura Seven Wood Old Forrester - Old Forrester 1870 Original Batch Teeling - Teeling Small Batch Irish Whisky Thomson Whisky - "FIVE" 5 Year Old Single Malt Thomson Whisky - Manuka Smoke Single Malt Thomson Whisky – Two Tone Toki – Toki

Wild Turkey - Longbranch

2021 Medal Summary

CATEGORY	DOUBLE GOLD	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
GIN	3	10	65	53
VODKA	2	2	14	12
BOTANICALS AND OTHER SPIRITS			7	5
LIQUEURS		3	18	15
RUM	3		14	11
BRANDIES		3	7	5
WHISKY	2	5	35	19





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2021 Summary of entries

GIN	145
CONTEMPORARY	56
FLAVOURED	31
LONDON DRY	40
MATURED	7
HIGH STRENGTH	11
VODKA	33
FLAVOURED	15
VARIETAL	17
AGED	1
WHISKEY	70
AMERICAN STYLE	16
BLENDED	7
SINGLE MALT (AGE)	20

SINGLE MALT (NO AGE)	27			
RUM	32			
NO AGE	18			
AGE	14			
BRANDIES	15			
APPLE	1			
FRUIT	1			
WINE/POMACE/MARC	13			
BOTANICALS	12			
AGAVE BASED	6			
BOTANICAL	3			
COCKTAIL MODIFIERS / BITTERS 3				
LIQUEUERS	37			
CREAM	4			
FRUIT - NON CREAM	25			
OTHER	8			

TOTAL: 344

2021 List of Entrants

1919 DISTILLING
ARMADA SPIRITS LTD
AURORA DISTILLERY
BALLIN DRINKS & CREATIVE LIMITED
BEAM SUNTORY
BEGIN DISTILLING T/A JUNO GIN
BLUSH GIN LIMITED
BRANDHOUSE
BROKEN HEART SPIRITS
BUREAUCRATS GIN LTD
BURNT HILL LTD
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- COPPERHEAD ROAD DISTILLERY
- COROMANDEL DISTILLING COMPANY
- DANCING SANDS DISTILLERY
- DENZIEN URBAN DISTILLERY
- DR BEAK
- DUNEDIN CRAFT DISTILLERS
- EDC EASTERN DRINKS COMPANY LIMITED
- ELEMENTAL DISTILLERS LTD
- EUROVINTAGE
- **EVOLUTION BRANDS LTD**
- GERALDINE DISTILLERY T/A HUMDINGER GIN

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GLENGARRY WINES GOOD GEORGE HANCOCKS HASTINGS DISTILLERS HERRICK CREEK DISTILLERY ISLAND GIN JOHANNESHOF CELLARS LTD KAIMAI DISTILLING **KIWI SPIRIT DISTILLERY** LADY H SPIRITS LEMON FELLOWS LIGHTHOUSE GIN LION LUNATIC AND LOVER LTD LWF DISTILLING NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LIQUOR LIMITED NO QUARTER LIMITED NO8 DISTILLERY PAPAKA ROAD PEAKED DISTILLERY PEDDLERS GIN COMPANY PERNOD RICARD PINK & WHITE - GEOTHERMAL GIN Q-LIQUID REEFTON DISTILLING CO. **RIFTERS GIN** ROUGH HANDS LTD SANDYMOUNT DISTILLERY SEPPELTSFIELD ROAD DISTILLERS SOUTHWARD DISTILLING THE BOND STORE THE COUCH LTD THE DAM FINE GIN COMPANY LIMITED THE NATIONAL DISTILLERY COMPANY THE NZ RUM CO.

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