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IVSC 1969-2009 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRIT COMPETITION

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Other Spirits

## **Absinthe**

## Gold (Best in Class)

**Oliver Matter** 

Absinthe Brevans AO Spare

Absinthe - Green 60-68%

Thick, slow-forming louche. A really attractive, fragrant nose with fennel, anise and mountain herbs, and a lovely creamy finale.

## **Absinthe**

## Silver (Best in Class)

Studer & Co. AG **Studer Absinth** Absinthe - Green 55%

## **Absinthe**

## Silver

**Bohemian Enterprises Ltd** Oliva Absinthe Supérieure Absinthe - Green 60-68%

## **Absinthe**

## **Bronze**

Maison de la Vie

**Redux Absinthe** 

Absinthe - Green 60-68%

## Philadelphia Distilling

**Vieux Carre Absinthe Superiore** 

Absinthe - Green 60-68%

## TNB (Pty) Ltd

**Doubs Gold Absinthe** 

Absinthe - Green 60-68%

## **Aquavit**

## Gold (Best in Class)

### Arcus AS

## Gammel Opland Ettermodnet pa Portvinsfat

Aguavit - Golden

Pale gold. Delicate caraway with gentle anise and liquorice. Some clear lemon character and hints of coriander. Full in the mouth with lively texture. Hints of fennel and dry straw. Fine balance with dry, zesty finish.

## **Aquavit**

## **Silver**

**Arcus AS** 

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Aquavit - Golden

## **Aquavit**

## **Bronze**

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Aquavit - Golden

## Armagnac

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Baron de Povferré

Baron de Poyferré Jean du Haut 1985

Armagnac - 1985 - Bas Armagnac

Deep and dark. Nose abounds with plums, prune and vanilla. Hints of ginger, tobacco and violets. Good floral backing. Big, rich and deep flavoured mouth. Magnificent balance. Soft vet full flow in the mouth with an incredibly complex array of flavours that settle slowly into the palate. As smooth as it is there is a beautiful spirity lift in the tail. Wonderful Armagnac.

## Comte J-V de Boisséson Bas-Armagnac du Château de Lacquy

Armagnac - 1990

Deep, dark amber with a glowing edge. Magnificent, complex, mature nose packed with dry spice, prune, marmalade and marzipan. Great floral backing where violets stand out. Ultra smooth in the mouth with almost oil-like, gentle, flow across the palate. Deep flavours repeat what the nose promised all heightened by a good alcoholic brace. An attractive pepper note gives some bite. Incredibly long finish where the floral notes show well along with the spice. Super sipping that will give lots of satisfaction.

### Janneau SA

### Janneau XO

Armagnac - XO

Deep, dark amber. Very attractive, well matured nose with dry spice, dried fruit and fine oak. Goraeous smooth flow across the palate with the silkiest of textures. Great array of flavours unpack all the time in the mouth giving great complexity. Very satisfying sipping.

#### Janneau SA

Janneau 12 Year Old

Armaanac - 12 YO

Medium depth of amber. Enticing nose with orange peel and violets, hints of tobacco, dried fruit and spice, Silkv smooth in the mouth with rich, complex flavours of dried fruit, hints of honey and lots of dry spice. A touch of herb. Great oak support and a lona, spicy finish.

## Armagnac

## Silver (Best in Class)

### ADEX-Maison de l'Armaanac Baron de Siaoanac VS

Armagnac - VS - Bas Armagnac

Pale gold. Lightly fragrant nose with delicate ripe fruit notes and a smoky background. Fresh mint in the mouth with curious but attractive bitter/sweet sensation. Soft fruity flow with a refreshing youthful bounce. Hint of ginger in a lively finish.

## ADEX-Maison de l'Armagnac Baron de Siaoanac 10 YO

Armaanac - 10-15 YO - Bas Armaanac

Dark mahogany. Gorgeous, pungent nose packed with lime blossom, dried fruit, honey and ginger with a fine oak underlay. Full and smooth in the mouth with lots of prune and an odd but attractive astringency. Lovely, flavourful drink brimming with life.

## Armagnac Castarède SA

Armaanac Castarède XO 20 Years Old

Armagnac - Over 15 YO - Bas Armagnac

Deep and dark. Nose packed with prunes, wood and vanilla with mature notes. Well rounded mouth with chocolate, char and toffee flavours. Hints of caramel and old marmalade. Lots of spice in a prolonged finish.

### Comte de Lauvia

Taste the Difference 18 YO Armagnac Extra

Armagnac - Over 15 YO

Dark with areen tinged rim. Mature notes on the nose with plum, prune and some caramel and dry spice. Good depth of quality flavours in velvet smooth mouth. Great style and balance with firm, spice filled finish.

### Comte de Lauvia

Comte de Lauvia 8 YO VSOP

Armaanac - Up to 10 YO

Medium depth of mahogany. Gently perfumed nose with rose floral hints. Good spice. Clean, fresh and spirity in the mouth. Some ripe fruit with slight nutty tones. Well integrated. Classic style. Lively finish with floral aromatics and some ripe fruit.

### Marauis de Montesauiou Tesco VSOP Armagnac

Armaanac - VSOP

Deep gold. Oak, caramel sugar and raisins on a very appealing nose. Full in the mouth with good balance of wood and ripe dried fruit. All very well integrated. Lively and zesty with fine spicy aromas in a firm finish.

## **SCV Château du Tariauet**

Château du Tariquet Blanche Armagnac AOC

Blanche Armagnac AC

Colourless. Delightful gromatics and floral notes on the nose with some vanilla. Rich and full in the mouth with lots of developing flavour and sweet fruited palate. Firm texture and lively feel. Dry and spicy finish.

## Armagnac

## Silver

Comte de Lauvia

Comte de Lauvia 21 YO Armagnac

Armagnac - Over 15 YO

Janneau SA

Janneau 18 Year Old Armagnac

Armagnac - Over 15 YO

Janneau 25 Year Old Armagnac

Armagnac - Over 15 YO

Janneau 5 Year Old

Armagnac - Up to 10 YO

Janneau 8 Year Old

Armagnac - Up to 10 YO

Janneau VSOP

Armagnac - VSOP

## Armagnac

## **Bronze**

**SCV Château du Tariquet** 

Tariquet Bas-Armagnac Le Légendaire

Armagnac - 10-15 YO - Bas Armagnac

## **Bitters**

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Radeberger Destillation & Liqueurfabrik GMBH Original Radeberger Bitter

**Bitters** 

Very attractive nose with herbs and spice where cloves, cardamom and liquorice all feature strongly. Full bodied in the mouth with all the flavours from the nose in full array with a sweet and bitter character coming across strongly. Full bodied and powerful. Long, long aftertaste.

## **Bitters**

## Silver

Altvater Gessler- JA Baczewski GmbH Piolunowka Bitter Liqueur

**Bitters** 

## Campari

Campari

**Bitters** 

## Calvados

## Gold (Best in Class)

### **Debrise Dulac**

### VSOP Calvados Pere Magloire Pays d'Auge

Calvados - VSOP - Pays d'Auge

Amber golden colour. Rich and creamy nose, vanilla, crème Anglaise with luscious fruit notes. Wonderfully warm and silky in the mouth, round, refined and beautifully balanced. A real stunner.

#### **Debrise Dulac**

### XO Calvados Pere Magloire Pays d'Auge

Calvados - XO - Pays d'Auge

Pale yellow gold with amber glints. Complex nose, a touch of honey, spiced apple and smoke. Soft and elegant in the mouth with finely edged balance. Fresh, rewarding and excellent.

## Calvados

## Silver (Best in Class)

### **Debrise Dulac**

### 20 Year Old Calvados Pere Magloire Pays d'Auge

Calvados - 20 YO - Pays d'Auge

Golden amber with an olive tawny edge. Floral with fresh orchard fruits. Nice development with creamy fruit. Soft, spicy, round and smooth with a pleasant oakiness. A soft, pleasant medium finish.

#### **Debrise Dulac**

### 12 Year Old Calvados Pere Magloire

Calvados - 12 YO

Golden tawny amber colour. Sweet apple fruits and oak on the nose. Mouthfilling, with a definite sweet edge and a solid oak core. Good, well flavoured and harmonious.

## S.A. Domaine du Coauerel

Domaine du Coauerel Calvados VSOP

Calvados - VSOP

Pale golden colour with bronze flecks. Elegant refined floral nose, luscious apple blossom, with a gentle nutty creaminess. Wonderful balance in the mouth, fresh and fruity with a crisp minty finish.

## S.A. Domaine du Coquerel

Domaine du Coquerel Fine Calvados

Calvados - Fine

Pale golden yellow. Young, fresh, lively, spirity nose with apples and vanilla. Straightforward palate, sweet, mellow and with nice balance. Very pleasant.

## Calvados

## Silver

#### Busnel

Tesco VSOP Pays d'Auge Calvados

Calvados - VSOP - Pays d'Auge

### Calvados Christian Drouin SAS

Calvados Christian Drouin Appellation Pays d'Auge Controlée XO

Calvados - XO - Pays d'Auge

#### Camus

**Calvados Bernerov Fine** 

Calvados - Fine

### Calvados Bernerov VSOP

Calvados - VSOP

### Calvados Berneroy XO

Calvados - XO

#### Chateau du Breuil SAS

Calvados Chateau du Breuil VSOP

Calvados - VSOP - Pays d'Auge

## S.A. Domaine du Coauerel

**Domaine du Coauerel XO** 

Calvados - XO

## Calvados

## **Bronze**

### **Busnel**

Taste the Difference XO 12 YO Calvados

Calvados - 12 YO - Pavs d'Auge

### Chateau du Breuil SAS

Calvados Reserve Des Seigneurs 20 YO

Calvados - 20 YO - Pays d'Auge

## Gold (Best in Class)

### Albert de Montaubert

Albert de Montaubert XO Silver Cognac 25 years Cognac - XO

Bright amber with a buttery yellow gloss. Wonderful complexity on the nose, exuberant citrus aromas which blend with creamy vanilla, leather books, a grind of coriander and heather honey. Beautiful balance in the mouth, absolute perfection, smooth, sensuous and very complete. This took the judges by storm. A very wonderful Cognac indeed.

### **Bisauit**

### **Bisquit VSOP Fine Champagne**

Cognac - VSOP - Fine Champagne

Rich, full nose brimming with marmalade, candied orange and lots of raisins. Beautifully mature notes. Lively, almost nervy, action in the mouth reveals loads of flavours along the line of the nose. A wonderful creamy flow develops with time in the mouth showing very satisfying mature and mellow characters. Elegance personified.

#### Chateau de Beaulon

## Château de Beaulon XO Vintage 1975

Cognac - 1975

Very attractive nose with spice and perfume along with nuts and raisins. Deep floral backing. Almost unctuous in the mouth with a velvet flow. Flavours of honey and some pepper spice. Rich, yet dry and elegant.

#### **H** Mounier SA

### Extra Grande Champagne Prince Hubert de Polignac

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

Nose blossoms with fruit and fine oak notes which show well controlled wood management. Well developed flavours in a smooth, soft, flowing mouth. Raisin and toffee show with the wood towards the finish. Great balance of all components. A refreshing and satisfying drink.

### Louis Rover SA

Louis Royer VSOP Fine Champagne Cognac Force 53 Cognac - VSOP - Fine Champagne - Cask Strength 53%

Heather and honey on the nose with fine floral notes. Hints of stone fruit including peach and apricot. Deep, full mouth with lots of fruit flavours with honey and Madeira cake adding to the complexity. Youthful and lively yet very satisfying.

### **SNC P Frapin & Cie**

### Frapin Cognac Grande Champagne Multimillesime Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

Enticing nose packed with peach, apricot, pear and passion fruit. Some exotic notes have a bequiling Muscatlike character. Rich but well balanced in the mouth with absolute velvet flow across the palate delivering all the flavours the nose suggested including dark chocolate and fruit cake. Long, mellow finish with some spicy notes right at the end.

## Cognac

### Gold

### Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc. **Courvoisier VSOP Fine Champagne**

Cognac - VSOP - Fine Champagne

Inviting nose with fudge, apricot and raisin. Fairly soft in the mouth with yielding flow across the palate. Lots of fruit flavours and wood on the palate. More fruit in long finish along with fine floral notes.

#### **Godet Freres**

### Godet Freres Cognac XO Excellence

Cognac - XO

Medium golden yellow colour. Lemon with a touch of honey and herbs. Zesty and fresh in the mouth with a nice honeysuckle note. Juicy citrus palate, grapefruit with freshly squeezed grape juice. Lively on the finish.

## Cognac

## Silver (Best in Class)

### ABK6 -Coanac SNC du Maine Drilhon Le Reviseur VS

Cognac - VS - Petite Champagne

Inviting nose abounds with lovely floral notes and sweet spice. Smooth across the palate to the extent of appearing sweet. Good spirity undertone. Very individual style. Elegant and precise. Delightful.

## Silver (Best in Class)

## ABK6 -Cognac SNC du Maine Drilhon **Levrat Aaed 8 Years**

Cognac - VSOP

Nose opens with delicate floral notes followed by passion fruit and arapefruit. Some beautiful mature notes round off the nose. Elegant and clean in the mouth with pear driven flavours. Lively finish. Well distilled and presents itself in fine fashion.

### Chateau de Reaulon

### Tres Vieille Reserve du Château Millésime 1983

Coanac - 1983

Complex, fruity nose with passion fruit, grapefruit and some orange rind. Rich and full in the mouth with a smoky backing and lots of chocolate. Great balance and the smoky thread continues into long finish. Attractive, smoky style.

### Coanac De Luze

## Cognac De Luze XO Fine Champagne

Coanac - XO - Fine Champaane

Attractive, ripe fruited nose with spice, oak and some herb and nut characters. Full in the mouth with mature mellowness and velvet, but lively flow. Some delicate flavours of spice and praline. Soft and yielding, yet with a fine elegance. Long, lingering finish.

#### Herve Bache-Gabrielsen

## **Dupuy Extra Fine Champagne Cognac**

Cognac - Extra - Fine Champagne

Lively nose with dried fruit, toffee and some tropical tones. The palate is complete and mellow with well developed flavours. Hints of chocolate and ripe grape. Beautifully constructed and great balance. Rich but well behaved. Fine, long finish.

### Laurent Jouffe

### Coanac Laurent Jouffe VSOP

Cognac - VSOP - Grande Champagne

Fruit and nuts on the nose with berry fruit developing in the glass. Full bodied in the mouth with fine flow across the palate. Seemingly sweet and rich in the mouth. Lively texture. Dried fruit and candied orange present before well sustained finish. Good style.

### Louis Rover SA

### Louis Royer VS Cognac

Coanac - VS

Attractive ripe fruit nose with plums and prune. Deliahtful floral bouquet in the back and hints of candied fruit. Bright, lively yet delicate flow across the palate with great balance. Candied fruit flavours really come out in the mouth with nuts and dried fruit. Delightful harmony. Fresh finish.

### Louis Rover SA

### Louis Royer Distillerie d'Aumagne Fins Bois Cognac

Cognac - VSOP - Bon Bois

Attractive, fruity, floral nose with spicy hints and a light herbal touch. Gentle flow across the palate with lively spirity feel. Eleaant and well balanced. Fantastic Bon Bois.

## **Louis Rover SA**

## Louis Royer Distillerie de l'Ecole Petite Champagne **Coanac Tres Vieux**

Cognac - XO - Petite Champagne

Gorgeous nose loaded with dried fruit, honey and hint of auince. Deep, rich, full flavoured mouth with smooth flow and fine texture. Complexity and flavours develop in the alass. A very natural brandy with a good balance. Long finish containing hints of honey and ripe fruit. Very satisfying.

### **Louis Rover SA**

## Louis Royer Distillerie des Saules Cognac Rare Borderies

Cognac - XO - Borderies

Nose is fully packed with spice, honey and toasted notes. Dried fruit follows with sweet spice and vanilla. Smooth flow across the palate with a silky texture. Well integrated mouth with sweet characters, fruit flavours and fine oak. All surrounded by aentle citrus notes. Long, well sustained finish.

### Louis Rover SA

### Louis Royer Distillerie Chantal Bon Bois Cognac

Cognac - VS - Bon Bois

Very attractive nose loaded with lime blossom followed by a range of citrus fruits. Some spice, dried fruit and touch of honey and vanilla. Beautifully balanced. Gentle edge of citrus leads into a lively finish.

#### Martell & Co.

### **Martell Creation Grand Extra**

Cognac - Extra

Gentle, floral nose with violets. Hints of biscuit with some herbal and mint tones. Warm and spicy in the mouth revealing a range of complex fruit flavours. Filled with a hearty flavour yet elegant and well balanced.

### Remy Martin

#### Remy Martin 1989

Cognac - 1989 - Grande Champagne

Nose filled with fine mature notes. Great, flavoursome. well rounded mouth with ripe berries, fruit cake and sweet spice. Hints of honey with a touch of chocolate. Gentle but attractive astringency livens up a very smooth flowing mouth. A classic of its kind.

## Silver (Best in Class)

## **Remy Martin**

### Remy Martin Coeur de Coanac

Cognac - VS - Fine Champagne

Touches of heather and honey on the nose with a distinct vanilla backing. Lively flow across the palate with a fine texture and good balance. Hints of dried fruit and ripe peach. Fairly youthful and with lots of vitality.

#### **SARL FTD**

### Coanac Maxime Triiol Fins Bois 1979

Cognac - 1979 - Fins Bois

Deep, rich bouquet with violets and minerals. Hints of candied fruit, chestnuts and cigar. Strong impression in the mouth with super smooth flow across the palate. Hints of fig and cinnamon add extra complexity. Beautiful balance and fine oak support. Gorgeous sipping Cognac with old world, genteel charm.

#### SARL FTD

### Cognac Maxime Trijol Petite Champagne 1969

Cognac - 1969 - Petite Champagne

Very attractive, complex nose with nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron. Hints of liquorice and some dusty wood. Pretty austere in the mouth with dry, yet attractive with spicy notes. Firm but full across the palate tending to a dry finish.

## Cognac

## Silver

#### Albert de Montaubert

Albert de Montaubert XO Gold Cognac 50 years

Cognac - XO

### Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

#### Courvoisier Initale Extra

Cognac - Extra

#### Courvoisier VS

Cognac - VS

#### Courvoisier Exclusif

Coanac - VSOP

### Courvoisier XO Imperial

Cognac - XO

### **Bisquit**

### **Bisauit Classique VS**

Cognac - VS

### **Bisquit XO Excellence**

Cognac - XO - Fine Champagne

#### Camus

### Camus Ile de Ré Fine Island Coanac

Cognac - VS

### Camus Ile de Ré Fine Island Cognac Double Matured

Coanac - VS

### Camus Ile de Ré Island Cognac XO

Cognac - XO

### Chateau de Coanac SAS

#### Coanac Otard VS

Cognac - VS

### Cognac Otard VSOP Fine Champagne

Cognac - VSOP - Fine Champagne

### Cognac Otard XO Gold

Cognac - XO

### Cognac Ferrand

### Pierre Ferrand Ambre Cognac

Cognac - VSOP - Grande Champagne

### Cognac Francois Voyer

### Cognac Francois Voyer XO Grande Champagne

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

### **Coanac Gautier**

### **Coanac Gauitier VSOP**

Coanac - VSOP

## Coanac Tesseron

Tesseron Lot No 90 XO Selection

Coanac - XO

### Tesseron Lot No 53 XO Perfection

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

#### Tesseron Lot N° 76 XO Tradition Grande Champagne

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

#### **Godet Freres**

### Godet Frères Cognac VSOP

Cognac - VSOP

#### **H** Mounier SA

### **VSOP Fine Champagne Nansen**

Cognac - VSOP - Fine Champagne

#### Reserve Grande Champagne Prince Hubert de Polignac

Cognac - VSOP - Grande Champagne

### **H** Mounier SA

### Dynastie Grande Champagne Prince Hubert de Polignac Hors d'Age

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

#### **VS Nansen**

Cognac - VS

## Silver

Herve Bache-Gabrielsen

Dupuy Hors D'Age Grande Champagne Cognac

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

Jenssen SAS

Jenssen XO Grande Champagne Cognac

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

**Louis Royer SA** 

Louis Royer Extra Grande Champagne Cognac

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

**Louis Royer VSOP Preference Cognac** 

Cognac - VSOP

**Louis Royer XO Cognac** 

Cognac - XO

Louis Royer Distillerie Les Magnolias Grande Champagne Cognac Tres Vieux

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

Taste the difference XO Cognac Grande Champagne

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

Martell & Co

L'Or de Jean Martell

Cognac - Extra

Pascal Fillioux

Jean Fillcoux Cognac Grande Champagne Très Vieux

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

SARL FTD

Cognac Maxime Trijol XO 40°

Cognac - XO

Cognac Maxime Trijol XO Grande Champagne

Cognac - XO - Grande Champagne

**Tiffon** 

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Cognac - XO

Unicognac

Tesco Finest XO Cognac

Cognac - XO

## Cognac

## **Bronze**

Cognac Francois Voyer

Cognac François Voyer Extra Grande Champagne

Cognac - Extra - Grande Champagne

H Mounier SA

**XO Nansen** 

Cognac - XO

XO Royal Prince Hubert de Polignac

Cognac - XO

**Louis Royer SA** 

**Louis Royer VSOP Cognac** 

Cognac - VSOP

Martell & Co Martell XO

Cognac - XO

Unicognac

Tesco VSOP Cognac

Cognac - VSOP

## Fruit Spirits

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Freihof Destillerie **Freihof Selection Apple**

Fruit Spirits - Apple

Colourless. Delicate but distinct ripe apple on the nose. Very pleasant aromas keep rising from the glass. Clean, crisp mouth filled with apple enlivened by fresh spirity lift. Clean and well balanced. Ripe apple aromas again in the fresh, crisp finish.

### **Freihof Selection Apricot**

Fruit Spirits - Apricot

Delicate apricot nose with a gentle spice backing. Fairly full bodied in the mouth with smooth flow across the palate and a slight spirit tingle. Clean, pure apricot flavour. Gentle but delightful.

### Grandes Distilleries Peureux Mirabelle La Cigogne

Fruit Spirits - Plum

Colourless. Delicate Mirabelle plum aromas with hints of cinnamon and clove. Beautifully clean in the mouth which highlights the fruit and spice flavours. Good balance and a zestv finish

### S Fassbind AG

#### S Fassbind Wildkirsch Eaux-de-Vie

Fruit Spirits - Wild Cherry

Colourless. Distinct cherry nose with crushed pip and marzipan. All repeats in lively mouth with addition of sweet spice. Intense marzipan develops in the mouth. Smooth across the palate with a lively texture. Fine balance and areat aromatic finish.

### S Fassbind AG

### S Fassbind Riai-Kirsch Les Eaux de Vie

Fruit Spirits - Cherry

Colourless. Gentle nose with distinct, sour cherry notes with marzipan and almond. Sweet sensation on the palate with delicate flavours of sour cherry and almond. Light and agile with a fair lift in the finish.

### S Fassbind AG

#### S Fassbind Brut de Fut Kirsch

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

Golden colour. Delicate cherry with hints of Oloroso sherry and coffee beans. Very intense and full bodied mouth. Hints of chocolate on the palate while the cherry character makes something of an impression as it lingers in the glass. Long lasting finish where cherry aromas dominate.

### S Fassbind AG

### S Fassbind Vieille Cerise

Fruit Spirits - Vieille Cerise

Pale vellow. Attractive nose with combination of honev. spice and subtle cherry. Kernels make quite an impression. Well filled mouth where there is some honey sweetness which gives a very smooth texture. The subtle cherry makes a bigger showing towards the finish.

## Studer & Co. AG

#### **Studer Williams**

Fruit Spirits - Pear

Colourless. Fresh, ripe, distinct Williams pear fills the nose. Full bodied mouth with explosion of pear that fills every cavity! Lively, spirity flow and with a slight hint of sweet spice. Pear aromatics dominate the dry finish.

## Fruit Spirits

## Silver

#### Freihof Destillerie

Freihof Selection Williams Pear

Fruit Spirits - Pear

### Kammer-Kirsch GmbH Destillerie

Kammer-Kirschbrand Barrique Oloroso Sherryfass Reifung

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

#### S Fassbind AG

S Fassbind Brut de Fut Williams

Fruit Spirits - Pear

## Fruit Spirits

## **Bronze**

### Freihof Destillerie

**Freihof Selection Cherry** 

Fruit Spirits - Cherry

Freihof Selection Plum

Fruit Spirits - Plum

Freihof Selection Raspberry

Fruit Spirits - Raspberry

**Grandes Distilleries Peureux** Poire William La Cigogne

Fruit Spirits - Pear

Framboise La Cigogne

Fruit Spirits - Raspberry

Italo Maschio

Italo Maschio Prime Arance

Fruit Spirits - Orange

Kammer-Kirsch GmbH Destillerie

Kammer Kirschbrand Barrique Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé Faßgereift

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

Kammer-Kirschbrand Barrique Kirschholzfass Reifung

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

Kammer-Kirschbrand Barrique Portweinfass-Reifung

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

Kirsch 59.8% 3-fach destilliert

Fruit Spirits - Cherry - Cask Finish

**S Fassbind AG** 

\$ Fassbind Ag Williams Eau de Vie

Fruit Spirits - Pear

## Gin

## Gold (Best in Class)

### **Chivas Brothers**

Beefeater 47%

Gin - London Dry - 47%+

Classic nose, Beautiful compact balance of juniper, orris and citrus delivered perfectly in the mouth, a lovely solid mix of flavours and fantastic length. A very exacting product.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

Beefeater 24

Gin - London Dry - 45%

Outstanding sample, naturally had to be a Gold. Fresh soft juniper with a delicious coating of yellow and orange citrus fruits, shot through with warming spices and subtle earthy base notes. Great finesse and wonderful nuances, sheer perfection for London Dry Gin.

### G & J Greenalls

### Taste the difference Blackfriars London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 43%

Heady perfumed nose, with plenty of spice interwoven with the juniper base. Rich and compact in the mouth, orange and lemon notes twist through the layers. Excellent flavour that lasts and lasts. A very true London Gin.

## Whitley Neill

Whitley Neill London Dry Gin 42 %

Gin - London Dry - 42%

Water white. Great botanical balance, subtle yet robust with an array of spicy aromas. Delicate hints of angelica and citrus shine through. A fine and elegant spirit and a very well made product indeed.

## Gin

## Gold

## Diageo Brands BV

**Tanqueray London Dry Gin** 

Gin - London Dry - 43%

Bold nose on this water white spirit. Very lively and laden with interesting aromas surrounding a solid core of juniper. Wonderful fresh citrus dusted with sweet coriander and spices. Terrific drive and length on the palate. Absolutely gorgeous.

## Gin

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Causeway Distillery

Tesco Value Gin 37.5 %

Gin - London Dry - 37.5%

Water white. Good base aromatic of Juniper with light citrus notes. Well balanced, clean, not overly complex but smooth and a nice aftertaste.

#### **Gabriel Boudier**

Saffron Gin

Flavoured Gin - Saffron

Magnificent colour, worthy of a Buddhist monk. The saffron element is very much there, both fresh and slightly bitter, but despite its unusual flavouring, juniper still dominates as it should. Break open the tonic, with a slice of orange to echo the colour!

#### Ginebra

### **Special Gin Rives**

Gin - Worldwide - 40%

Water white. A very interesting and complex botanical mix. initially slightly creamy, then the earthy base notes come through, cassia and orris, a centrepiece of juniper dusted with lemon. Rich, expressive and very long, would make a perfect Gin and Tonic.

### JA Baczewski

### Monopolowa Dry Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 43-44%

High toned citrus perfumes with fleshy warm spices over the juniper base. The citrus notes run through the palate, clean and pure and caress the creamy, soft finish. Great length of flavour.

#### Prodal 94 SRL

### Wemblev Drv Gin

Gin - London Dry - 40%

Water white. Good lifted fresh aromas with a well balanced botanical mix. Lots of citrus notes twine with the juniper and coriander scents, giving a nice lift of spice to the finish. Excellent lenath.

## The Anchor Distilling Company

Junipero Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 49%

Heady perfumes, citrus blossom and warm spices drape a intense juniper core. The botanical mix is very good, an elegant complex product with excellent length of flavour.

## Gin

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Whitley Neill

Whitley Neill London Dry Gin 48%

Gin - London Dry - 48%

Plenty of fresh juniper aromas combine with orris earthy hints. Plenty of interesting rooty elements combine with citrus flavours in the mouth. Very clean and well distilled, an excellent product.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd

Hendrick's Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 41%+

Water white. Wonderful perfumed aroma, a top note of florals, cascades down through citrus, to juniper, to coriander and forest floor, spice and bark. The palate is tight with complex flavours and aromatics. This would be a wonderful cocktail base or easy to drink with just soda.

## Gin

## Silver

## **Borco World of Spirits**

Finsbury Platinum 47% London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 47%+

#### **Chivas Brothers**

Plymouth Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 41%+

## **Cognac Ferrand**

Citadelle Gin Réserve

Gin - Worldwide - 43-44%

## Diageo Brands BV

Gordon's Gin

Gin - London Dry - 37.5%

### Tanaueray No Ten

Gin - London Drv - 47%+

### **Edward Snell & Co Ltd**

Strettons Gin

Gin - London Dry - 43%

### Eurowinegate

G'Vine Nouaison

Gin - Worldwide - 43-44%

### Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd

Consulate Premium London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 43%

#### Ian Hart

Sacred Gin

Gin - London Drv - 40%

### Knockeen Hills Heather Gin Co Ltd. Knockeen Hills Heather London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 47%+

## London & Scottish International Ltd Juniper Green Organic London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 43%

## St Fiacre Distillery

Moore's Vintage Dry Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 40%

## Gin

### **Bronze**

### **Borco World of Spirits**

Finsbury London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 37.5%

### **Causeway Distillery**

Tesco 40% Gin

Gin - London Dry - 40%

### **Chivas Brothers**

Beefeater 40%

Gin - London Dry - 40%

## Eurowinegate

G'Vine Florgison

Gin - Worldwide - 40%

## G & J Greenall (UK) Limited

Greenalls London Dry Gin

Gin - London Dry - 40%

#### **Halewood International**

Cromwell Special London Drv Gin

Gin - London Dry - 37.5%

### Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd

Old Buck Gin

Gin - Worldwide - 43-44%

#### Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd

London Hill Gin

Gin - London Dry - 40%

#### **Inver House**

Blackwoods Vintage Dry Gin Limited Edition

Gin - Worldwide - 60%

## Gin

## **Bronze**

Philadelphia Distilling Bluecoat American Dry Gin Gin - Worldwide - 47%

**Rogue Spirits** 

Rogue Pink Spruce Gin

Flavoured Gin - Spruce

Rogue Spruce Gin

Flavoured Gin - Spruce

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Anaove's Ptv Ltd St Aanes XO Very Old Brandy

Grape Brandy - Australia - 20 YO

Deep dark gold with vellow rim. Lots of vanilla on the nose with toasty nuts and lots of oak. An odd combination of great maturity with lots of youthfulness. Oak takes over in the mouth with an eventual note of dried apricot giving some relief. Oak in full force in long finish.

### Bodegas Y Viñedos Verum, S.L. Verum Gewürztraminer 2007

Grape Brandy - Marc - Spain

Colourless. Clean and pure on the nose with teasing aromas of honevsuckle and rose. Gentle hints of tropical fruit. Flavour was slow to start in the mouth but grew with intensity. Suggestions of mango and grapefruit with the ever present backing of floral notes. Lively texture with a sweet sensation. Crisp, clean, dry finish. Gorgeous!

## CLS Rémy Cointreau St Remy Authentic XO

Grape Brandy - France - XO

Dark, deep gold. Ripe fruit on the nose with apricot and hints of pear. Then follows a wave of dry fruit gromas including raisin and apricot with honey and a range of spices. Equally complex in the deep flavoured mouth. Great mix of ripe fruit, dried fruit and lots of spice. Great underpinning of wood and prune. Complex yet mellow with lots of mature notes. Long, satisfying finish. Very good brandv.

#### Distell Ltd

### Van Rvn's 12 YO Distiller's Reserve

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 12 YO

Bright amber. Complex nose leads with fine display of floral notes where violets and dark rose feature. Followed by a wide range of ripe and dried fruits with dark berries, plum, dried apricot with lots of spice following. Vanilla, cinnamon and sweet tobacco. All meld together in wonderfully rounded mouth. Great concentration vet all in super, fine balance. Oak plays a subtle but fine supportive role. Rich and mellow with fine mature notes. Elegant with controlled power. Long, flavour and aroma filled finish. A great brandy.

#### Distell Ltd

### Van Rvn's 20 YO Collector's Reserve

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 18-20 YO

Deep, old gold. Magnificent nose packed with aged aromatics where dried fruit and spice mix with ripe fruit and honey. Beautiful floral backing with rose, violet and lavender. Mellow, well rounded mouth filled with deep, mature notes. Velvet smooth and fine texture. Everything the nose promised plus fruit cake, orange, marmalade and some ripe tropical fruit. Great complexity. Great comforting and satisfying brandy. To be sipped slowly and thoroughly enjoyed.

### Distell Ltd

### Vicerov 5 YO

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 5 YO

Medium depth of gold. Absorbing nose with aromas of toffee and caramel followed by dried apricots, raisin and hints of sweet tobacco. Great, rolling mouth with flavours deposited across the smooth palate. Seeminaly well matured yet lots of fairly youthful vitality. Great balance and fine spirited bounce gives vigour to all the flavour. Long lasting, dry finish.

## **E&J Gallo Winerv E&J Brandy VSOP**

Grape Brandy - USA

Medium to dark gold touch of bronze. Great display on the nose with tropical fruits with nuts and vanilla. Well rounded mouth with subtle flavours that follow the nose. Great style and gorgeously elegant. Flavours develop in the mouth and enhance the maturity and mellowness. Subtle influence of white oak. Long, complex, aromatic finish.

### **Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd** Olof Bergh Solera Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - Solera Aged

Pale gold. Most attractive floral wave at the start of the nose followed by raisin, apricot, bananas, pear and then some herb and lavender. Gentle mouth with fine layers of well integrated flavours which follow the nose. Soft and full across the palate where a light clean spirit gives a fine lift to all the fruit flavours. Touch of citrus and spice. Mellow mouth with long, well fruited, dry finish.

### Italo Maschio

#### Cru Prime Uve Noah Bianco 2005

Acauavite

Colourless. Immediate impression on the nose that it is not vitis vinifera. High pitched floral perfume leads to a building of very attractive character of an American variety. Flavours are more definite with exotic fruit and tonque pleasing sweet fruit. Finely textured and extremely smooth across the palate. Big build up of fruit towards the dry and zesty finish. Different and decidedly pleasing.

## Gold (Best in Class)

### **Southern Cape Vinevards** Joseph Barry 10 Year Old Pot Still

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 10 YO

Medium depth of bright gold. Nose opens with an almost pungent attack where a whole range of ripe fruit aromas pour out. The pace slackens a bit and vanilla becomes apparent while a great floral backing builds up. Pretty spectacular mouth with deep fruit flavours edged by the spice sweet vanilla. Silky flow across the palate with fine, lively texture. Well integrated and complex mouth with good balance. Some hints of fruitcake lead into floral, dry finish.

## **Southern Cape Vineyards** Barry & Nephews Muscat Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

Medium, bright gold. Gorgeous, Muscat notes lift eagerly from the glass and then followed by hints of apricot and some floral wafts. Gentle orange blossom in the background. Gentle flow across the smooth palate with all the flavour promised by the nose building into a lively wave of complex flavours. Super harmony and lively texture. Long, aromatic finish with a delightful honeysuckle twist.

### Tsililis S A

## Tsilili Muscat Hambura Distillate

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece

Colourless. Delicately perfumed nose with some exotic fruit in the background. Delicate flavours in the mouth with a sweet fruit flow and fine texture. A slight spirited lift brings out more subtle fruit flavours with hints of mango and guava. Crisp, clean, dry finish with the perfume it opened with lingering in the background.

## **Grape Brandy**

## Gold

### Distell Ltd

### Van Rvn's 10 YO Vintage Brandv

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 10 YO

Briaht gold. Attractive nose beckons with wide range of dried fruit where apricot is the main player. Hints of chocolate and sweet tobacco with some marmalade and fruit cake. Beautifully rounded mouth with smooth, silky flow. Mellow and mature with a delightful and graceful elegance. A fine expression of the epitome of modern South African brandy. Clean, good fruit, mature and not over wooded.

## **E&J Gallo Winery E&J Brandy VS**

Grape Brandy - USA

Medium, coppery gold. Very attractive nose with citrus, dried apricot, raisin and vanilla. Well rounded mouth with lively youthfulness yet lots of flavour that follows the nose. Despite the youthful characters there is a fine balance with some mature notes. Subtle vet full flavoured. Long finish that has wonderful zestv lift.

### KWV Ltd

### KWV 20 YO Potstill Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 18-20 YO

Deep amber. Very attractive, deep rich bouquet where marmalade, fig, orange peel and some caramel notes all meld together. Followed by cloves, cinnamon and vanilla. Deep, flavour-filled mouth where everything the nose had is somehow highlighted in an even fuller flavour. Silky and smooth across the palate with lots of oak support. Good balance. Gracefully mature and satisfying. Long, well extended finish.

### **KWV** Ltd

### **KWV Founders Reserve Potstill Brandv**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

Pale gold. Ever so typical South African brandy nose with dried fruit, apricot and peach. Hints of honey and vanilla. Fine, well rounded mouth with all the nose promised being repeated with some distinctive oak support. Smooth, sweet sensation gives good, soft flow. Mellow mature notes lead into a fairly full, dry finish.

## **Grape Brandy**

## Silver (Best in Class)

### C LS Rémy Cointreau St Remy Authentic VSOP

Grape Brandy - France - VSOP

Attractive gold. Raisin and apricot on the nose with lots of vanilla and cinnamon. Mellow in the mouth with lively but creamy flow. Super smooth texture. Flavours include all the nose had to show plus some attractive toffee and gentle spice. Well rounded and mellow. Very pleasing, long, extended finish.

## **Carmel Winerv**

## Carmel 100 Brandy

Grape Brandy - Israel - No Age Stated

Medium depth of gold. Delightful floral notes on the nose with apricot and peach. Well rounded mouth with sweet fruit flavours and firm oak backing. Some nutty notes add complexity. Lively, spirited finish.

## Silver (Best in Class)

#### **Distell Ltd**

### Klipdrift Premium

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

Pale gold. Attractive nose filled with all manner of dried fruits but where apricot is the major attraction. Good combination of mellow mature notes along with an attractive youthful flair. Hints of vanilla, tobacco and some prune. Well rounded mouth gives all that the nose suggested. Smooth flow and lively texture. Good balance, fairly complex. Dry finish.

#### **Distell Ltd**

### **Nederburg Potstilled Solera Brandy**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - Solera Aged

Pale gold. Fine, floral nose opens into an aromatic wave of spices, dried fruit and a distinct lavender character. Full fruited mouth where dried apricot comes into full focus. Hints of apple, pear and some citrus develop. Great balance and elegant stance. Lively lift in long, dry finish.

## Domaine Costa Lazaridi SA

### **Methexis Ciaar**

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece - Wood Aged

Old gold colour. Hints of vanilla, dried apricot and even a touch of attractive rancio. Lively mouth with brandy notes developing all the while. Firm, fruit flavours and fine texture. Apricot and honey show well in the mouth. Satisfying, long, dry finish.

### **Edward Snell & Co Ltd** Oude Molen 100 Reserve

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 8 YO

Bright amber. Nose opens with very attractive ripe fruit notes with dried apricot and some peach. Followed by fine spice with vanilla in the main and then a light floral note in the background. Silky, smooth flow across the palate with flavours following the nose with addition of fig and a hint of sweet tobacco. Mellow and well rounded with a fine balance. Clean, dry finish.

### **Edward Snell & Co Ltd Oude Molen VOV**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 14-15 YO

Pale gold. Very attractive nose filled with dried apricot and backed by lovely floral scents. Smooth and silky in the mouth with fine, controlled flow. Flavours spread out across the palate showing apricot, fig. sweet tobacco and some pear. Vanilla is always there as is the fine floral note. Mellow and well rounded. Long, floral finish.

### Emilio Lustau

Señor Lustau Brandv de Jerez Solera Gran Reserva 1940 Brandv de Jerez - Gran Reserva

Dark amber. Lots of power in the nose filled with raisins. honey, spice and lashings of Oloroso. Hints of dried fruit with nuts, prune, and vanilla. Equally powerfully flavoured mouth where a lot of wood joins all that the nose promised. Sweetness ensures smooth flow across the palate. Keen alcoholic lift enhances all the flavours. Smooth, warming finish.

### JSC Saraiishvili Saraiishvili VSOP

Grape Brandy - Georgia

Golden colour. Very attractive nose with lots of dried apricot, raisin with rich vanilla and dark chocolate. Deep mouth with all that the nose promised plus a great strength of oak in full support. The chocolate comes out more stronaly the longer in the glass and some espresso begins to show. Lots of mellow and mature notes. Deep, full flavoured finish.

### Osborne

## Maano Brandv de Jerez Reserva

Brandv de Jerez - Reserva

Dark coffee. Very attractive aromas of raisin, spice and oak. Fine floral backing and clean vanilla. Full, well rounded mouth with lots of wood and good spirited lift. Raisins are joined by nutty notes and a touch of prune. Smooth but lively with a sweet sensation. Good aromatic finish.

### Sadova et Cie

### Sadoya Fine Extra

Grape Brandy - Marc - Japan - Wood Aged

Golden colour. Piercing, fruit-filled nose laden with very attractive Islay or Island whisky characters. Combination of brandy-like aromas of apricot and raisin are very attractive while fascinating at the same time. Flavour of brandy becomes more distinct in the mouth while the whisky notes return in the long and very pleasing finish.

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Tishbi Estate Winery

Jonathan Tishbi Alembic Brandy 12 YO

Grape Brandy - Israel - 12 YO

Dark gold with greenish flecks. Nose has honey, wine notes with dried fruit and cinnamon and vanilla. Well rounded mouth with fine, friendly, mellow notes. Fine oak support. Great balance and fine texture. Comforting warmth after the swallow. Spice filled finish.

### Vinarska Vizba Tikves (Tikves Winery) Tikves Lozova Rakija

Grape Brandy - Macedonia

Pale gold. Attractive aromas of spice and raisins with lots of wood. Honey and vanilla. Full, rounded mouth with nuts and raisins with smooth flow across the palate. Evolving flavours with slightly sweet note and developing honey and some very full wood characters. Long, full flavoured finish.

## **Grape Brandy**

## Silver

## **Backsberg**

Sydney Back Brandy NV

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

## Bodegas Y Viñedos Verum, S.L.

Verum Sauvignon Blanc 2007

Grape Brandy - Marc - Spain

Verum Tempranillo 2007

Grape Brandy - Marc - Spain

### Distell Ltd

### Klipdrift Export

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

#### **Oude Meester VSOB**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

#### Oude Meester 12 YO Reserve

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 12 YO

### Van Rvn's 15 YO Fine Cask Reserve

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 14-15 YO

### Oude Meester Souverein 18 YO

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 18-20 YO

### **Mellow Wood 5 YO**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 5 YO

### Collison's White Gold Brandy Potstill

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

### Flight of The Fish Eagle Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

### Klipdrift Gold

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

#### **Oude Meester Demant**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

#### Richelieu

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

### Domaine Costa Lazaridi SA

#### Methexis Moscato

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece

## **E&J Gallo Winery**

**E&J Brandy XO** 

Grape Brandy - USA

### **Edward Snell & Co Ltd**

### **Wellington VO**

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

### Gonzalez Byass S.A

### Lepanto Oloroso Vieio Solera Gran Reserva Brandy de Jerez

Brandv de Jerez - Gran Reserva

## Lepanto Pedro Ximinez Solera Gran Reserva Brandy de

Brandv de Jerez - Gran Reserva

### Lepanto Solera Gran Reserva Brandy de Jerez

Brandv de Jerez - Gran Reserva

### Soberano 5 Brandy de Jerez Reserva

Brandv de Jerez - Reserva

### Soberano 8 Brandv de Jerez Reserva

Brandv de Jerez - Reserva

#### Italo Maschio

#### Bonaventura Maschio Prime Uve 2005

Acauavite

#### Bonaventura Maschio Prime Uve Nere 2005

Acauavite

### JSC Sarajishvili

#### Saraiishvili XO

Grape Brandy - Georgia

### KWV Ltd

#### African Mishale

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

### KWV 10 YO Potstill Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 10 YO

## Silver

### **KWV Ltd**

**KWV 15 YO Brandy Potstill** 

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 14-15 YO

**Imova VSOP** 

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - No Age Stated

**Louis Royer SA** 

Napoleon Three Year Old French Brandy XO Superieur

Grape Brandy - France - XO

**Southern Cape Vineyards** 

Joseph Barry Pot Still Brandy 5 YO

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 5 YO

Tsililis S.A.

Tsilili Chardonnay Distillate

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece

Tsipouro Tsilili without Anise 2008

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece

**Uitkyk Estate** 

Uitkyk Grand Reserve 10 Year Old Estate Brandy

Grape Brandy - South Africa - Potstill - 10 YO

Vinarska Vizba Tikves (Tikves Winery)

Tikves Lozova Zolta VS Rakija

Grape Brandy - Macedonia

William Grant & Sons

Three Barrels VSOP Brandy

Grape Brandy - France - VSOP

## **Grape Brandy**

## **Bronze**

Domaine Costa Lazaridi SA

Tsipouro Idoniko

Grape Brandy - Marc - Greece

## Grappa

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Distilleria Fratelli Russo Grappa Moscato di Pantelleria Russo

Grappa - Clear

Colourless. Delicate aromas of Muscat with jasmine and honeysuckle. Fresh and firm in the mouth with quite a lively attack. Almost luscious across the palate with zesty texture and sweet fruit. Fresh, zesty finish. Delightful.

## Grappa

## Silver (Best in Class)

## Distilleria Sibona S.p.A

Distilleria Sibona Grappa Port Wood Finish

Grappa - Wood Aged

Medium depth of red-tinged, golden colour. Very aromatic nose with lovely floral backing. Hints of red berry and rose. Rich and full in the mouth with a sweet fruit character. Glides across the palate again with sweet impression. Fruit filled, dry finish.

## Grappa

## Silver

Andrea da Ponte SPA (Distilleria) Vecchia Grappa di Prosecco Cuvée 8 Annate Grappa - Wood Aged

Distilleria De Negri F. & C SAS Distilleria De Negri Grappa Barrique

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Distilleria Sibona S.p.A

Distilleria Sibona Grappa di Nebbiolo

Grappa - Clear

### Distillerie Berta srl

Riserva del Fondatore Paolo Berta 1989

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Tre Soli Tre Grappa di Nebbiolo 2001

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Distillerie Francoli

L'Ambra del Moscato

Grappa - Wood Aged

### I Balzini Societa Agricola SS

I Balzini Brown Label 2006

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Italo Maschio

Italo Maschio La Grappa 903 Barrique

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Zu Plun

Zu Plun Grape Brandy Gewurztraminer

Grappa - Wood Aged

### Zu Plun Grape Brandy Muskateller

Grappa - Wood Aged

## Grappa

## **Bronze**

#### Bortolo Nardini

Nardini Bianca Grappa

Grappa - Clear

## Gold (Best in Class)

### C & C International Ltd

### Franaelico

Liqueur - Nut

Pale gold colour, Magnificent groma of hazel nut followed by a medley of nuts. A delightful hint of espresso, some citrus and vanilla. Smooth and rich in the mouth with great balance between the flavours, sweetness and the gently warming alcohol. The latter gives a considerable boost to the flavours towards the end where hazelnut rules supreme. Very attractive liqueur.

#### CA Santa Teresa

### Arakú

Liaueur - Coffee

Very dark. Nose is as powerful as you can get roast coffee gromas. Just the slightest hint of rum mingles somewhere but it is there. Rich, thick, and full in the mouth with areat spirity lift. Despite the dominance and almost one dimensional coffee character it does have good balance in the mouth and is very satisfying. Strong coffee character carries all the way to the end of a very long finish. Great expression of coffee.

### **Distell Ltd**

#### **Eine Kleine Nachtmusik**

Liqueur - Chocolate

Deep, dark, grainy, almost black chocolate. Rich chocolate on the nose with gentle vanilla in the background. The mouth is pure, thick, melted dark chocolate. Viscous as it glides across the palate slowly unloading a single minded deposit of rich chocolate and nothing but chocolate. It powers towards the end like a liquid lava flow taking all with it. The warming alcoholic content makes it a magnificent winter warmer! Amazing product.

## First Ireland Spirits Mfg. Co. Ltd. Cassidy Irish Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

Light fawn colour. Toffee leads the way into the nose with caramel not far behind. Creamy flow through the mouth with velvet texture and lots of toffee flavour with slight influence of malt, cocoa and hint of vanilla. The sweetness is well balanced by the alcohol. Toffee is very apparent in the finish.

### Merlet & Fils

### Merlet Crème de Cassis de Saintonge Boisée

Liaueur - Cassis

Deep purple with bright rim. Fresh, rich, blackcurrant nose with a slight forest floor note. Rich and concentrated in the mouth with deeply layered flavour. Rich and syrupy across the palate. Long lasting berry notes in the finish.

#### **Niche Drinks**

### Cocobay

Liqueur - Coconut

Colourless, Pure, clean coconut on the nose with very faint white rum backina. Lively in the mouth with creamy. coconut milk-like flow. Soft and delicate vet full of flavour. Great balance between all the components, Maybe a bit one dimensional with the coconut but such a areat expression of coconut, Fresh, flavour filled finish

#### **Toorank Distilleries**

### Puccini Crvstal Sambuca

Liqueur - Aniseed

Colourless. Penetrating, strong aniseed aromas. On dilution there is an immediate and perfect louche. This liberates even more powerful aniseed aromatics. Good balance between sweetness and alcohol in a fairly lively mouth. A very refreshing good product that does not deserve to be set alight and let the alcohol burn away.

## Toschi Vignola SRL

### Fragoli Wild Strawberry Liqueur

Liqueur - Wild Strawberry

Deep strawberry colour with tiny wild strawberries suspended in the product. Nose simply shouts strawberry with all the various aromas strawberry can have. An attractive earthy note gives lots of complexity. The flavour is strawberry all the way with some complex spicy notes joining in. Fresh and fruity finish.

## Liqueurs

## Gold

### Niche Drinks

### Ballycastle Classic Irish Country Cream

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

Fawn colour. Mocha is first up on the nose with some more definite coffee to follow all on a good Irish whiskey background. Smooth and soft in the mouth with creamy texture. The whisky begins to show more in the mouth. Coffee and chocolate also show a little more strongly. Liaht, soft finish.

## Liqueurs

## Silver (Best in Class)

### **Borco-Marken Import** Southern Belle Finest Style Liqueur

Liqueur - Bourbon

Very pleasing and attractive nose with distinct orange floating along a wave of bourbon. Smooth and full bodied in the mouth with just enough sweetness to be attractive and highlight the subtle orange flavour but not to be cloying. Good combination of characters giving very pleasing experience.

## Silver (Best in Class)

## **Bramley and Gage Ltd** Bramley and Gage Organic Sloe Gin

Liqueur - Sloe

Dark plum colour. Delicate sloe nose with hints of marzipan. Even more delicate flavours of sloe in the mouth with a rich, clean delivery. Good combination of alcohol and sugar giving comforting warmth.

### **Bramley and Gage Ltd** Juniper Green Elderflower Liqueur

Liaueur - Floral

Pale gold with amazing springtime perfume of elder flower at the height of blooming. Good balance of sweetness and alcohol in the mouth with pervadina flavours of concentrated elderflower. Pleasantly warming yet gentle at the same time. Elderflower captured to perfection.

## C & C International Ltd

Irish Mist Liqueur

Liqueur - Whiskleiv

Rich honey and herbs on the nose with traces of nutmea and mace and maybe even some ginger. Lovely balance of spicy aromas, herb and honey flavours with just the right amount of sweetness with lovely, lively spirity excitement. Fresh and lively finish.

### Chateau du Breuil SAS

Liqueur au Calvados Coeur du Breuil

Liqueur - Pip Fruit

Magnificent Calvados aromas with ripe apple and fresh pear. Rich and full in the mouth with just enough sugar to enrich the mouth and highlight the flavours without being really sweet. A great warming sensation in the throat. Super Calvados character. Long, very satisfying finish.

## **Coanac Gautier**

Seve By Gautier

Liqueur - Cognac

Along the lines of the classic cognac and spice recipes. Complex nose and flavours with soft sweetness while not at all cloying. Filled with spice and with lots of vanilla. Beautifully balanced and long lasting finish.

## De Klok Likeurstokerii

Advokaat De Klok

Liqueur - Advocaat

Yellow, egg yolk colour. Aromas of vanilla and clean alcohol with egg yolk and sweet spice. Thick to the degree it has to be spooned. Amazing depth of egg and vanilla flavours with great spirity lift. Very satisfying and most unusual product. Eggcellent!!

## Dilmoor SpA

Samburetto

Liqueur - Almond and Aniseed

Dark brown with yellow rim. Nose begins with toasted almond with just the faintest hint of anise in the background. Sweet and smooth across the palate with almond character reinforced with light anise flavour. Almonds feature strongly in the firm finish.

### Distell Ltd

**Amarula Cream Liqueur** 

Liqueur - Cream - Wild Fruit

Fawn colour. Marula berry dominates the nose with some delicate spice in the background. Light hints of chocolate and coffee. Wonderfully smooth across the palate with a super creamy flow. Depositing the exotic Amarula flavour as it goes. Maybe even a hint of citrus. Some creamy toffee notes in long, well sustained finish. Absolutely no dairy characters that spoil so many cream liqueurs.

#### Distell Ltd

**Oude Meester Ginger Liqueur** 

Liqueur - Ginger

Deep, bright bronze. Absolutely pure ginger on the penetrating nose. Great, firm attack on the palate producing an instantaneous warming effect. Smooth flow across the palate depositing fine ginger flavours all the way. Very good balance between sweetness, ginger and alcohol. Wonderfully soothing.

### Distilleria Fratelli Russo

Cremoncello di Sicilia al Melone

Liqueur - Cream - Melon

Light pinkish colour. Intense melon on the nose and bags more melon in the mouth. Ripe melon concentrated in great character. Rich and full yet well balanced and not too sweet. Sunshine in a bottle!

#### Distilleria Fratelli Russo

Cremoncello di Sicilia alla Nocciola

Liqueur - Cream - Nut

Milky coffee colour. Attractive combination of walnut. hazelnut and almond on the nose with hazelnut eventually dominating. Smooth in the mouth with the one dimensional flavour slightly challenged towards the end by some toffee. Gentle, soft finish.

## Distillerie des Terres Rouaes Distillerie des Terres Rouges Fig Apéritif

Liqueur - Fig

Amber, bronze colour. Amazing, ripe fig nose with some green plum and red berry notes. Pure and intense plum flavour with great viscosity from the rich sugar content. However there is so much fig flavour the sweetness is not all that apparent. Then follows a comparatively dry finish. A fine product that captures the fig flavour at its best.

## Silver (Best in Class)

### **Gabriel Boudier**

#### Gabriel Boudier Crème de Menthe

Liqueur - Mint

Bright peppermint green, Powerful, refreshing peppermint nose. Peppermint takes over the mouth and there is no place to hide! Rich and almost explosive on the palate with fine sweet base that seems to accentuate the peppermint. Big, lively, active mouth yet great balance and finesse. Incredible long after taste. Great after dinner digestif.

### **Grenada Distillers Limited**

### Camerhoane Spice Liqueur

Liqueur - Spice and Fruit

Pale gold. Rum is the predominant aroma at the start then some mild tropical notes come into view but the rum is ever present. Slightly sweet in the mouth yet the rum undertone gives a drish impression. The sugar tends to be smoothing rather than sweet. Decidedly dry in the finish.

### Hombo Shuzo Co Ltd Rvukvo Umeshu

Liqueur - Plum

Bright gold. Very attractive red berry nose with loads of ripe plum and some cherry notes. Rich and full flavoured in the mouth where the kernel character shows well with just the slightest nutty note. Ripe plum is still the centre attraction. Smooth and satisfying. Lovely, dry finish.

## Iliva Saronno SpA

### Disaronno Oriainale

Liqueur - Apricot Kernel

Amber colour, Initial aromas of hazelnuts and almond from the kernel. Good marriage of nuts, spice, sugar and alcohol. Sweet and smooth across the palate with pleasant spice addition. Seamless marriage of all components with decided almond character in the finish.

## Joseph Cartron

### Joseph Cartron Grapefruit

Liqueur - Grapefruit

Pale, opaque pink. Unmistakeable grapefruit gromas with some spicy notes. Lively, full flavoured mouth with grapefruit dominating and some aniseed bitterness on the palate. Very attractive. Zesty and light through the mouth with fine acidic palate cleansing character. Delightful

## Mercian Corporation

### Kirin Houiun Ume-shu

Liqueur - Japanese Apricot

Pale gold. Gorgeous, clean, ripe apricot nose with decided kernel involvement. Rich and full fruited in the mouth with lovely sweet sour combination. The almond grows in strength but the sweet, ripe apricot dominates. Well rounded, some mature notes and beautifully mellow.

#### Merlet & Fils

### Merlet C<sup>2</sup> Coanac-Citron

Liaueur - Lemon

### **Niche Drinks**

### Tesco Finest\* Coffee Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Cream - Coffee

Coffee coloured. Strona, rich coffee aromas that leave no doubt what the product is flavoured with! Rich and smooth in the mouth with areat depth of flavour on absolutely smooth base. Good balance between sweetness and the bitter coffee. Deliahtful after meal sipping, or poured over vanilla ice cream.

### **Patrick Brisset**

### Vodmuska Dragon Bleu

Liqueur - Grape and Flower

Amber coloured. Deep, clean nose of ripe Muscat grapes with a floral backing. Delicate delivery on the palate where the spirit highlights the Muscat characters and the sweetness makes for super smooth sensation rather than being too sweet.

#### Studer & Co. AG

#### Vieille Prune Reserve Baron Louis

Liqueur - Prune

Golden colour. Authentic plum nose with a fine floral background. Full of flavour with a somewhat attractive rustic style. Great balance and very tasty. Long, full fruited finish.

## **Tamborine Mountain Distillery TMD Wattle Toffee Liqueur**

Liqueur - Toffee

Pale yellow with green tint. Great toffee nose with hints of caramel and fudge. Vanilla in the sidelines. Great splash in the mouth with wave of toffee flavours powered on by good combination of sugar and alcohol. Lots of toffee fills the long and sweet noted finish.

## Silver (Best in Class)

### **Toorank Distilleries** TibuRon Manao

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Opaque, bright orange colour, Powerful mango nose with decided rum backing. Big, full, viscous mouth where mango dominates but citrus has a fair show-in. Other tropical tones add to the complexity while the mango is king. Full and rich but not overly sweet. A very good product and very easy drinking.

## **Toorank Distilleries**

## Puccini Limonino

Liqueur - Lemon

Pale lemon and lime colour. Delicate lemon peel aromas with a spicy note. Full, pure lemon flavour in lively mouth with fine combination of sweet and acidic characters. Lots of activity and loads of flavour before very long finish packed with lemon aromatics.

#### **Toorank Distilleries**

## TibuRon Coconut and Tropical Fruit

Liqueur - Non-Dairy Cream - Tropical

## Toorank Productions B.V. AGWA De Bolivia Coca Leaf Liqueur

Liqueur - Herbal

Almost fluorescent light green. Very complex nose with herby, minty notes with dry tobacco, bay leaf and hint of eucalyptus. Sweet in the mouth with a peppery sensation on the tongue. Dry finish. Long lasting peppery bite remains in the mouth I

#### Waldemar Behn GMBH

### **Dooley's Original Toffee & Vodka**

Liqueur - Cream - Toffee/Caramel

Fawn. Nose leaves no doubt that the main character is toffee. Concentrated coffee with hints of caramel and butterscotch. Rich and creamy in the mouth where the toffee flavour fills every taste bud. Soft, yielding texture. Lively, spirity lift in the toffee filled finish.

### William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd Solerno

Liqueur - Orange

Colourless. Intense orange aromas that penetrate every nasal passage! Almost explosive in the mouth with great burst of orange flavour then a big surprise when the bitter notes take hold. However, turns out to be a perfect combination. Just enough sweetness to be attractive but not cloving. Lively orange zesty finish. Very attractive product.

## Liqueurs

## Silver

## Auberge de Bogis-Bossey

Jaqueline 2007

Liqueur - Herbal

#### C & C International Ltd

Carolans Irish Cream

Liaueur - Dairy - Cream

#### Combier

### L'Original Combier Liqueur d'Orange

Liqueur - Orange

## Destillerie Franz Bauer

Orangerie Triple Sec

Liqueur - Orange

### Dilmoor SpA

**Duomo Traditional Sambuca** 

Liqueur - Aniseed

### Distillerie Renedictine SA

**Benedictine DOM** 

Liqueur - Herbal

## First Ireland Spirits Mfa. Co Ltd

**Broagn's Irish Cream Liqueur** 

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

### O'Mara's with a Hint of Caramel

Liqueur - Cream - Toffee/Caramel

### Bloom Mountain Organic Irish Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

### Feeney's Luxurious Irish Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

### Irish Knights Irish Country Cream

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

### O'Casey's Irish Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

### **Gabriel Boudier**

Crème de Cassis de Dijon Gabriel Boudier

Liqueur - Cassis

### Hombo Shuzo Co Ltd.

Koumeno Umeshu

Liqueur - Plum

### Joseph Cartron

Joseph Cartron Crème de Cassis Double de Bourgogne

Liqueur - Cassis

## Silver

Kirin Brewery Company Limited

Kirin Karovaka Ume-shu

Liqueur - Japanese Apricot

Malibu-Kahlua International

Kahlúa

Liaueur - Coffee

Kahlúa French Vanilla

Liqueur - Coffee

Kahlúa Hazelnut

Liaueur - Coffee

Kahlúa Mocha

Liqueur - Coffee

Malibu Manao

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Malibu Passion Fruit

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Malibu Pineapple

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Malibu Tropical Banana

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Marie Brizard

Marie Brizard Crème de Cassis de Dijon

Liqueur - Cassis

**Marie Brizard Grand Orange** 

Liqueur - Orange

Merlet & Fils

Merlet Triple Sec

Liqueur - Orange

Mozart Distillerie

Mozart Black Chocolate Pure 87

Liqueur - Chocolate

Niche Drinks

Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Irish Cream Liqueur

Liaueur - Dairy - Cream

Penderyn Distillery

Merlyn Welsh Cream Liqueur

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

Perlino Optima SPA

Sambuca Octavia

Liqueur - Aniseed

Sazarec Company, Inc.

Dr McGillicuddy's Mentholmint Schapps

Liaueur - Mint

St Germain

St Germain Elderflower Liqueur

Liaueur - Floral

**Tamborine Mountain Distillery** 

**TMD Coffee Liqueur** 

Liaueur - Coffee

Violetta Violet Liqueur

Liaueur - Floral

Toorank Polska

Puccini Amaretto

Liqueur - Nut

Toschi Vignola SRL

Amaretto Toschi

Liqueur - Nut

#### Il Lemoncello

Liqueur - Lemon

Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

**Glavva Liaueur** 

Liqueur - Whisk(e)y

Wild Cape Liquers (Pty) Ltd

Wild Africa

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

## Liqueurs

## Bronze

Altvater Gessler- JA Baczewski GmbH

Altvater Herb Liqueur

Liqueur - Herbal

Krupnik Honey Liqueur

Liaueur - Honev

**CA Santa Teresa** 

Santa Teresa Rhum Orange

Liaueur - Oranae

**Distell Ltd** 

Oude Meester Peppermint Liqueur

Liqueur - Mint

Donna Frida S.r.l.

Lemon' Armonia

Liqueur - Non-Dairy Cream - Lemon

First Ireland Spirits Mfg. Co. Ltd

O'Mara's with a Hint of Mint Chocolate

Liqueur - Cream - Mint Chocolate

**County Cream Liqueur** 

Liqueur - Dairy - Cream

## **Bronze**

Fusion Liqueur X-Rated Fusion Liqueur

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

**Gabriel Boudier** 

Gabriel Boudier Blue Curação

Liqueur - Orange

Gabriel Boudier Triple Sec

Liqueur - Orange

Grays Inc Ltd.

**Mauricia Tamarind** 

Liqueur - Tamarind

**Hayden Johnstone** 

Citron Ice

Liaueur - Lemon

Joseph Cartron

Joseph Cartron Crème de Framboise de Bourgogne

Liqueur - Raspberry

Malibu-Kahlua International

Malibu Coconut

Liqueur - Coconut

**Niche Drinks** 

**Austin's Winter Drink** 

Liqueur - Citrus and Spice

Perlino Optima SPA

Sambuca Optima

Liqueur - Aniseed

Sapporo Breweries Ltd

Sapporo Ume-shu Shirokaga

Liqueur - Japanese Apricot

Sazarec Company, Inc.

Dr McGillicuddy's Cherry Schnapps

Liqueur - Cherry

**Tamborine Mountain Distillery** 

Rooz Hibiscus Liqueur

Liqueur - Floral

Team Products BV

Walders Vodka and Vanilla

Liqueur - Non-Dairy Cream - Vanilla

**Toorank Distilleries** 

**Sunset Reef** 

Liqueur - Coconut

TibuRon Pomegranate

Liqueur - Tropical Fruit

Toschi Vignola SRL

Sambuca Stardust

Liqueur - Aniseed

## **Pisco**

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Comarca SA

Pisco Especial Doble Destilado 35°

Pisco - Chile - Special

Colourless. Attractive nose with hints of citrus and delicate spice. Clean and fresh in the mouth with slight tropical notes. Hint of grape and some attractive peppery notes. Lively finish

## Cooperativa Agricola Pisquera Elqui Ltda Pisco Capel Reservado 40 GL

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Delightful and delicate floral notes on the nose with some delicate fruit backing. Light texture in the mouth with hints of apple and a slight vanilla note. Slightly peppery. Good balance. Lively, bright finish.

### **Gran Sierpe**

## **Gran Sierpe**

Pisco - Peru - Non-aromatic

Colourless. Slight citrus note with hint of spice. Great impact on the palate with a profusion of flavours of yellow fruits, apricot and spice. Lively flow across the palate with some tropical flavours and hints of grape and melon. Attractive, warming finish.

## **Pisco**

## Silver

## Compania Pisquera de Chile S.A

Pisco Elqui Tres Erres 2007

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Pisco Mistral Nobel Reservado 2007

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Pisco Mistral Reservado 2008

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Cooperativa Agricola Pisquera Elqui Ltda Pisco Artesanos Del Chochiguaz Reservado 40 GL

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Pisco Alto Del Carmen Envejecido 40 GL

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Pisco Capel Moai Reservado 40 GL

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

## **Pisco**

## **Bronze**

ABA Drink & Spirit S.A

Pisco ABA

Pisco - Chile - Regular

Comarca SA

Pisco Reservado Doble Destilado 40°

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

Compania Pisquera de Chile S.A

Pisco Control C Premium Reservado 2008

Pisco - Chile - Reserve

## Gold (Best in Class)

## **Angostura Limited** Anaostura 1824 12 YO Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - 12 YO

Medium, dark with greenish tinge. Attractive nose is a mass of vanilla mingled with oak, treacle and dark brown sugar. Sweet in the mouth with soft texture but definitely not weak. Full of life for its age and packed with real, complex rum flavours. Some fine smoky oak. Bitter chocolate, touch of tobacco and hints of honey all add to the great complexity. Mellow and mature. Long, lively, spice filled finish.

### Compania Licorera de Nicaraqua Flor de Caña Centenario Gold 18 YO

Rum - Golden - Central America - 18 YO

Medium to dark gold. Incredibly complex nose packed with tropical fruit, including pineapple and just a touch of plum and prune. Treacle and vanilla second wave of aromatics. Big and full flavoured in the mouth yet all in great elegance and balanced.

## **Demergra Distillers Limited** 15 Year Old El Dorado Rum

Rum - Dark - South America - 15 YO

Dark, old gold. Monster nose simply packed full of wide range of fine rum characters. Main features are dark brown sugar, dark chocolate, coffee and some roasted nut. Then follow some citrus notes with candied orange and dark, old marmalade. All repeats in deep, honey sweet mouth. Slow flow across the palate with great distribution of the flavours. Mellow and mature yet very much alive. Long, full finish. Gorgeous rum.

### **Demergra Distillers Limited** 12 Years Old El Dorado Rum

Rum - Dark - South America - 12 YO

Deep gold with greenish tint at the rim. Very attractive nose comes to you in waves at first filled with dark sugar, toffee, raisins and dark chocolate. Followed by a wave with ripe bananas and vanilla. Super balance and great texture. Slight sweet fruited note in the mouth makes for extreme smoothness. Long, enduring finish.

### **Demergra Distillers Limited** 21 Year Old El Dorado Rum

Rum - Dark - South America - 21 YO

Medium depth of bronze with greenish tinge. Magnificent nose lifts gently up from the glass and fills every nasal passage with fine aromas of espresso, dark brown sugar, prune, raisin, rich caramel and lots of vanilla. Some dark chocolate and sweet tobacco linaer around the edges. Wonderfully rich and full mouth with everything the nose promised in a more concentrated form. Mellow and mature with slight touch of drying oak. Fine, sustained finish. Beautifully satisfying, wonderful rum.

## Holey Dollar Rum Distilling Company Holey Dollar Rum Gold

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated - Overproof 57%+

Medium, bright gold. Similar exotic characters as above but all in greater profusion. Floral and spice mingle with earth and dark sugar. All carry into the mouth where all the flavours are highlighted by the clean, spirited lift. Wonderful twist of smoke links all the flavours and leads into another. full powered finish.

## Holey Dollar Rum Distilling Company Holev Dollar Rum Silver

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated

Deep gold. Rich. full. exotic nose with delicate weave of spice and floral notes. Attractive earthy and dark sugar notes. Deep flavour in the mouth with rich treacle and some bitter, but attractive, caramel notes, Hints of raisin, prune and vanilla. Long, power packed finish.

## Holey Dollar Rum Distilling Company Holey Dollar Rum Cask Strength Pot Still Rum

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated - Overproof 75%+

Dark bronze. Tropical fruits where ripe banana reigns supreme lead on the nose with floral and spice following. Brown sugar, caramel and vanilla. Deep full flavoured mouth where all the flavours are given a great fillip from the clean alcoholic lift. Great combination of rum and fruitcake characters. Impressive, aromatic finish.

### R L Seale & Company Limited Doorly's XO

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Medium deep gold. Very attractive nose with hints of banana, chocolate and vanilla. Very slight spicy note in the background with some floral attraction. Rich in the mouth with fine depth of complex flavours in a delicate fusion of all the nose suggested with additional hints of butterscotch. Super smooth across the palate with fine balance and long length. Some caramel and honey in fine finish.

## Gold

### Inner Circle Rum

#### Inner Circle Rum Black

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated - Overproof 75%+

Deep bronze. Big, bursting nose filled with rich rum aromas. Treacle, brown sugar and vanilla, Some caramelised sugar with prunes and ripe banana. Rich and sweet in the mouth great complexity of flavours following from the nose. Extra notes of butterscotch and fudge. Good balance and fine, well extended finish.

## Rum

## Silver (Best in Class)

### **Angostura Limited** Angostura 5 YO Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 5 YO

Medium depth of gold. Attractive and out going nose with raisins and treacle. Bia, full, well rounded mouth with fine mature notes and lots of chocolate and coffee and decided sweet rum characters. Teasing touch of ginger and pepper in long, well flavoured, dry finish.

## **Anaostura Limited** Angostura 7 YO Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - 5-7 YO

Medium to dark, Lovely nose with vanilla, plum and old treacle. Some caramelised sugar at the edge and little floral note. Touch of nutmeg and clove. Deep flavoured mouth where everything the nose had appears in total integration. Good oak presence. Lots of vanilla in long finish.

### Bacardi Global Brands, Inc.

### Bacardi Razz

Flavoured Rum - Berry Fruit

Colourless. Sweet raspberry on the nose with a clean rum backina. Well balanced mouth where the flavour of rum and raspberry combine well. Sweet sensation in the mouth is given added sensation by the spirity attack. Rum features in the finish.

## Bacardi Global Brands, Inc.

### **Bacardi Añeio**

Golden Rum - Central America - No Age Stated

Old gold colour. Aromas beckon with tropical fruit, cinnamon, vanilla and hint of caramel. Deep and fairly full in the mouth with decided oaky notes giving firm support. Hints of espresso, dark bitter chocolate and more vanilla. Smooth across the palate with great balance. Long, well flavoured, dry finish.

### Bacardi Cóco

Flavoured Rum - Tropical Fruit

### Beronia

### Ron Abuelo 7 YO Rum

Rum - Central America - 7 YO

Medium gold colour. Concentrated nose with golden sugar, caramel and vanilla. Golden syrup in the mouth with good depth and soft flow yet lively texture. Some mellow and mature notes with fine wood support. Sweet spice in long, satisfying finish.

#### Beronia

### Ron Abuelo 12 YO Rum

Rum - Dark - Central America - 12 YO

### CA Santa Teresa

### Santa Teresa Selecto

Rum - Golden - South America - No Age Stated

Medium to pale gold. Complex nose with toffee, vanilla and hint of chocolate and touch of spice. Well rounded mouth with all the flavour from the nose with the faintest look in of fine oak. Lots of vanilla in full finish.

#### CA Santa Teresa

### Santa Teresa Claro

White Rum - South America - No Age Stated

The palest of pale tint. Light aromatic nose with just the very faintest hint of clean oak. Light and fresh in the mouth with light but attractive notes of caramelised brown sugar. A slight hint of smoky spice in the crisp, dry finish.

## Compania Licorera de Nicaragua Flor de Caña Gold 4 YO

Rum - Golden - Central America - 4 YO

Medium gold. Beautiful rum in traditional style. Treacle, cinnamon and vanilla on the nose. Some toast and nutty notes with fine oak backing. Tiny bits of wine-like flavour with some tropical fruit all makes for fair complexity. Zestv. vouthful finish.

### Compania Licorera de Nicaraaua Flor de Caña Grand Reserve 7 YO

Rum - Golden - Central America - 7 YO

Medium to dark. Beautiful, treacle packed nose with loads of vanilla and good oak support. Big but beautifully balanced in the mouth with layers of flavour spreading out across a wonderfully smooth palate. Great, full flavoured rum with fine finish

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Compania Licorera de Nicaraaua Flor de Caña Centenario 12 YO

Rum - Golden - Central America - 12 YO

Wonderfully rich and beautifully smooth. Great, imposing finish packed with spice including vanilla, cinnamon and touch of ginger. A great rum.

### **Destilerias Unidas SAC** Ron Cartavio XO 18 YO

Rum - Dark - South America - 18 YO

Dark coloured. Very attractive and unusual nose filled first with cinnamon followed by tropical fruits where ripe banana plays a big role. Some pineapple follows then a gorgeous floral backing with iasmine and honevsuckle. Sweet fruited mouth with more traditional rum flavours coming through and an elegant wood support. Good balance and long, aromatic finish.

### Distillerie de Savanna Rhum Savanna 8 Ans Muscatel

Golden Rum - Indian Ocean - Cask Finish - 8 YO

Darkish amber. Attractive nose with an interplay between fruit, spice and oak. Some banana and prune with unusual waft of honeysuckle! Big, robust mouth with lots of warm, mature notes and solid oak support. Distinctly rum flavour is dominated by oak with hints of prune. Fairly firm finish where again the light floral waft of honeysuckle floats by.

### Distillerie de Savanna

## Savanna 7 Ans Rhum Traditionnel Vieux Île de la Réunion

Golden Rum - Indian Ocean - 7 YO

Medium gold colour. Nose opens with some fruity notes backed by dark brown sugar and prune. Fairly lively mouth with surprising youthful activity for its age. Flavours of caramel and dark sugar develop with some pretty obvious oak, Drv. oakv finish.

### Domaines Thievbert Earl - Distillerie Neisson Rhum Blanc Agricole Neisson 55%

Rum Agricole 50-55% - Carribean - No Age Stated

Colourless. Fairly pungent on the nose with hints of ripe banana and some tropical fruits. Sweet fruited mouth with golden syrup character and some treacle and fudge flavours. Lively, spirity tingle on the palate with very clean character. Lively, dry finish.

### Domaines Thievbert Earl - Distillerie Neisson Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux Neisson XO

Rum Agricole - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Pale gold. Tropical fruits, hazelnuts and brown sugar to start. After a while some ripe banana begins to show. Fresh and lively in the mouth with vibrant flavours of brown sugar. chocolate, cinnamon and some vanilla. Well balanced, delicate and elegant. Firm, full finish.

### Edward Snell & Co Ltd Jack Tarr Rum

Rum - Dark - South Africa - No Age Stated

Medium dark bronze. Nose beckons with treacle, prune and vanilla. Hints of toast and orange. Lovely full flavoured mouth with hints of dark chocolate, coffee and lots of vanilla. Big and robust with good oak background. Some sweet fruit in the mouth. Sweet spice in fine finish.

#### Flor de Caña

### Flor de Caña Extra Drv 4 YO

White Rum - Central America - 4 YO

Colourless. Penetrating, crystal clear nose with great purity. Exciting attack on the palate with lively flow and firm texture. Light and well balanced with pureness the defining character. Lively, refreshing finish.

### **Grenada Distillers Limited** Clarkes Court Rum Lemon

Flavoured Rum - Citrus Fruit

Colourless. Fresh lemon bursts out on the nose with a good rum character in support. Smooth in the mouth with good clean rum character mingling well with the fresh, zesty lemon. Very long finish where lemon and rum perform to the end.

## Halewood International Old Hopking White Rum

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Colourless. Attractive nose. All but neutral with light, ripe banana notes. Sweet sensation in light bodied mouth and smoothest of texture. Lively flow across the palate with delicate, fresh lemon zestiness. Clean, briaht, dry finish.

## **Mount Gav Distilleries Ltd** Mount Gav Extra Old Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Dark. Nose rich in butterscotch, caramel, treacle and lots of vanilla. Some distinct burnt sugar gives rich rum character. Fine mouth feel with supple, silky, yet lively texture. The flavours follow the nose with addition of some citrus notes and hint of oak. Flavour builds in the mouth, Drv. full finish.

## Silver (Best in Class)

## R L Seale & Company Limited Foursquare 1998 Vintage Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 10 YO

Medium gold colour. Concentrated nose with golden sugar, caramel and vanilla. Golden syrup in the mouth with good depth and soft flow yet lively texture. Some mellow and mature notes with fine wood support. Sweet spice in long, satisfying finish.

## R L Seale & Company Limited Rum Sixtv-Six 12 YO

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 12 YO

Medium to dark amber. Rich, aromatic nose with raisins. prune and some treacle. Slight vanilla notes and lots of wood. Big and full in the mouth with lots of rich flavour and mellow maturity. Fairly sturdy oak influence. Vanilla plays an important part in long lasting finish.

#### **Rhum Barbancourt**

### Rhum Barbancourt Reserve du Domaine 15 Yo

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - 5-7 YO

### St Lucia Distillers Ltd. Chairman's Reserve Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Medium dark gold. Very attractive estery nose with ripe bananas, chocolate, vanilla and coffee. Silky smooth through the mouth with caramelised fruit flavours, honev. oak and more sweet spice. Great balance and excellent length. Enduring finish. A great distillate.

#### **Trinidad Distillers**

### Tesco Finest 8 Year Old Trinidadian Golden Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 8 YO

Medium depth of gold. Gorgeous nose filled with dark brown sugar, treacle and some vanilla. Rich and full in well rounded mouth with flavours following the nose. More complexity is added by some spicy notes and some honey. Spice and dark sugar feature in long finish.

### Usine du Simon

#### Rhum HSE Vieux

Golden Rum Agricole - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Bright gold. Nose opens with brown sugar and some deep earthy notes. Ginger and vanilla follow with attractive flowery note bringing up the rear. Fairly rich, round mouth with flavours following the nose and joined by some citrus and cinnamon. Golden syrup texture and smooth flow. Touch of caramel in lively, dry finish.

#### Usine du Simon

### Rhum HSE Blanc Agricole AOC Martinique

Rum Agricole 40% - Caribbean - No Age Stated

Colourless. Attractive nose with deep golden syrup aroma with hints of tropical fruit and floral tones. Well rounded mouth with light, clean rum flavours. Softly textured yet lively flow across the palate. Dry, clean finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd. Wood's 100 Old Navy Rum

Rum - Dark - South America - No age Stated - Overproof 57%

Very deep and dark with bright yellow rim. Impressive nose packed treacle, brown sugar and prunes. Big, flavour filled mouth follows what the nose suggested with addition of fudge, caramel and dark chocolate. Good oak and lots of vigour. A great traditional style Navy rum.

## Rum

## Silver

### Abbev Holdings Inc

St. Nicholas Abbev Barbados Rum 10 YO

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 10 YO

### **Anaostura Limited**

## Angostura Reserva Rum

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Bacardi Global Brands, Inc.

### Bacardi Limón

Flavoured Rum - Citrus Fruit

### Bacardi Grand Melón

Flavoured Rum - Tropical Fruit

#### Bacardi Peach Red

Flavoured Rum - Tropical Fruit

#### Bacardi 8

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 8 YO

#### Bacardi Reserva Limitada

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Bacardi 1873 Solera

Golden Rum - Central America - No Age Stated

### **Borco World of Spirits**

### Old Pascas Barbados Rum Ron Nearo

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### CA Santa Teresa

#### Santa Teresa 1796

Rum - Golden - South America - No Age Stated

### Cognac Ferrand

### Plantation Grande Reserve 5 Year Old Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - 5-7 YO

## Silver

### Distillerie de Savanna

Rhum Savanna 8 Ans Porto

Golden Rum - Indian Ocean - Cask Finish - 8 YO

### Domaines Thievbert Earl - Distillerie Neisson Rhum Blanc Agricole Neisson 50%

Rum Agricole 50-55% - Carribean - No Age Stated

### Halewood International

Old Hopking Dark Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

#### Havana Club International

Havana Club Añeio 7 Años

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - 5-7 YO

#### Inner Circle Rum

Inner Circle Rum Red

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated

#### Inner Circle Rum

Inner Circle Rum Green

Rum - Dark - Fiji - No Age Stated - Overproof 57%+

## R L Seale & Company Limited

R L Seale's Finest Barbados Rum 10 YO

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 10 YO

### Doorly's 5 Year Old Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 5 YO

#### Mahiki Gold Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Old Brigand Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

#### Mahiki White Rum

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### **Rhum Barbancourt**

Rhum Barbancourt Reserve Speciale 8 YO

Golden Rum - Caribbean - 8 YO

### Sidney Frank Importing

Tommy Bahama Golden Sun Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Tommy Bahama White Sand Rum

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

## St. Lucia Distillers Ltd

### **Admiral Rodney**

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### TØZ Gold Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

#### Usine du Simon

#### Rhum HSE Élevé sous Bois

Golden Rum Agricole - Caribbean - No Age Stated

## Rum

## Bronze

### Bacardi Global Brands, Inc.

#### Bacardi Gold

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

#### Bacardi Reserva

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

#### **Beronia**

### Ron Abuelo Añejo

Rum - Dark - Central America - No Age Stated

### **Borco World of Spirits**

Old Pascas Barbados Rum Ron Blanco

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Bossa International, Inc.

Bossa Premium Cachaca

Cachaca

### CA Santa Teresa

Santa Teresa Gran Reserva

Rum - Golden - South America - No Age Stated

### **Cognac Ferrand**

**Plantation 20th Anniversary** 

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Destillerie Franz Bauer

Baracuda White Light Rum

White Rum - Austria - No Age Stated

### Distillerie de Savanna

Savanna 10 Ans Rhum Traditionnel Vieux Île de la Réunion 1998

Golden Rum - Indian Ocean - 10 YO

### J Wrav & Nephew

Sainsbury's Superior White Rum

White Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### Sainsbury's Superior Dark Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

### **Mount Gav Distilleries Ltd**

Mount Gay Refined Eclipse Rum

Rum - Dark - Caribbean - No Age Stated

## R L Seale & Company Limited

Foursquare Spiced Rum

Flavoured Rum - Spiced

### Mahiki Premium Rum

Golden Rum - Caribbean - No Age Stated

## **Bronze**

Rogue Spirits
Rogue Hazelnut Spiced Rum
Flavoured Rum - Spiced

Rogue Dark Rum Rum - Dark - USA - No Age Stated

Societe du Rhum Barbancourt Rhum Barbancourt - Trois Etoiles 4 YO Golden Rum - Caribbean - 5 YO

## Sake

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Muromachi Shuzo Co Ltd Daiainio Bizen Maboroshi 2008

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

Colourless. Nose beckons with tropical fruits, citrus and mineral notes. Apple, pear and passion fruit are all there. All repeat in the full flavoured mouth. Lively flow and smooth texture. Good balance. Crisp finish with fine spicy aromatics. Delightful with or without food.

### Ninki Inc.

### Ninki-Ichi Junmai-Daiainio 2008

Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Colourless. Incredible complexity on the nose with green arass, pear, apple, citrus and white pepper, Intense flavours in the mouth where everything the nose had repeats and joined by some tropical tones and citrus in the form of lemon and grapefruit. Rice is very apparent. Crisp, clean finish. Good for drinking on its own and enjoying.

## Sake

## Gold

## Hidesaburou Endo Keiryu Daiginjyou 2009

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

Fairly bold exotic fruit nose with white peach, nectarine and grapefruit following. Light little floral note in the rear. The full flavoured mouth has a good depth of ripe fruit flavours with the citrus growing in concentration. Good and crisp. Lots of spice in zesty finish.

## Sake

## Silver (Best in Class)

### Mitsutake Shuzoio Co Ltd

Tokubetsu-Honiozo Muroka Shizuku-Shibori 2007

Sake - Honjozo

Colourless. Light gentle nose with some ripe fruit notes. Light and elegant in the mouth with fine texture and tropical fruit flavours. Clean in all respects. Light peppery tingle carries on well into the finish.

#### Ninki Inc.

### Ninki-Ichi Ginio 2008

Sake - Ginjo-shu

Colourless. Very attractive nose with cocoa, butterscotch some tropical notes a lovely floral backing. Even flow across the palate with slight sweet sensation balanced by tangy acidity. More tropical fruit develops in the mouth. Light, clean and elegant.

## Okunomatsu Sake Brewery Co Ltd Junmai-Ginjo Okunomatsu 2008

Sake - Junmai Ginio

Colourless, Very attractive fruit filled nose, Melon, pear, cherries are all there with some tropical aromas of auava and a light floral note. Delicate in the mouth with all the flavours well integrated. Gentle move across the palate. Soft yet crisp. Long, perfumed finish.

### Okunomatsu Sake Brewerv Co Ltd Tokubetsu Junmai Okunomatsu 2008

Sake - Junmai-Shu

Colourless. Very attractive nose with tropical fruit aromas of guava, melon and kiwi fruit. Light floral backing. Gentle in the mouth with light flow across the palate with flavours being a repeat of the nose. Delicate and smooth with light texture. Attractive, dry finish.

## Sake

### Silver

### Chikuma Nishiki Shuzo Co Ltd Junmai-Ginio Chikumanishiki 2008

Sake - Junmai Ginjo

## Mitsutake Shuzoio Co Ltd

Junmai-Daiainio Fuufu Mizuirazu 2006

Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

## Miyazaki Honten Co Ltd Miyanoyuki Daiginjo 2007

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

### Miyanoyuki Gokujyo Honjozo

Sake - Honjozo

### Mivanovuki Junmai 2007

Sake - Junmai-Shu

### Murashige Sake Brewing Co Ltd Kinkan-Kuromatsu Daiginjo Nishiki 2008

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

#### Ninki Inc.

### Ninki-Ichi Daiainio 2008

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

#### Ninki-Ichi Uma-karakuchi 2008

Sake - Ginjo-shu

### Ninki-Ichi Junmai-Ginio 2008

Sake - Junmai Ginjo

### Okunomatsu Sake Brewery Co Ltd Sakura-Ginjo Okunomatsu 2008

Sake - Ginjo-shu

# Sake

# Silver

Otokoyama Co. Ltd Japanese Sake Fine Otokoyama 2008 Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Japanese Sake Otokoyama 2008 Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Japanese Sake Soft Otokoyama 2008 Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Naturally Pure Daiginjo Otokoyama 2008 Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Saijo-Tsuru Sake Brewing Co Ltd Junmai Daiginjo Genshu Shinzui Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Watanabe Sake Brewing Co Ltd Daiginjo Horai Chougin-Shizuku 2007

Sake - Daiginjo-shu

Watanabe Junmai-Daiginjo 2007 Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Yaegaki Sake & Spirits Inc. Junmai Daiginjo Ao no Mu Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

Junmai Daiginjo Kuro no Mu Sake - Junmai Daiginjo-shu

# Sake

## Bronze

Chikuma Nishiki Shuzo Co Ltd Tokubetsu-Honjozo Yoshidaya Jisuke 2008 Sake - Honjozo

Hidesaburou Endo Keirv Asasibori 2009 Sake - Honjozo

Keiryu Kuragakoi Sake - Honjozo

Millennium Promise Co., Ltd Millennium Promise Chun Nyun Yak Sok Sake - Futsuu-shu

Ninki Inc. Ninki-Ichi Dento-shu 2008

Sake - Ginjo-shu

# Shochu

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Higa Distillery Co. Ltd

## Rvukvu Awamori Hana-Shimauta

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 25%

Colourless. Clean, fruited nose with hints of melon and faint floral note. Green, grassy freshness. Light flavours of tropical fruits. Soft in the mouth vet lively and active. Fresh finish.

## Higa Distillery Co. Ltd Rvukvu-Awamori Gotouma

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 10 YO

Light golden tint. Mineral start to the nose followed by sweet vanilla, butterscotch and a fair amount of tropical fruit. Smooth flow across the palate and surprisinaly bright and zesty for its age. Some toffee and a hint of guava appears. Fruity finish.

#### Jinro Co. Ltd

#### Jinro Chamisul Fresh

Shochu - South Korea - Rice - 18-20%

Colourless. Nose is as close to pure as is possible with just the faintest perfume and a very slight hint of apple. Extremely clean in the mouth. Delicate and elegant with a refreshing finish.

#### Jinro Co. Ltd

## Ilpum Jinro

Shochu - South Korea - Rice - 30%

The palest of pale gold. Rich, full nose with barley sugar, light fruit, vanilla and white chocolate. Full mouth with all the same characters as the aromas but with the wood being just a little more prominent. Clean and spicy with fine balance. Fruity note in the finish.

## Kamimura Distillery Co. Ltd Kohaku Densetsu

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 30-35%

Very light golden tint. Light tropical fruit aromas on the nose with white chocolate and vanilla. Smooth and lively in the mouth with lively texture and light citrus note. Lively, zesty finish.

# Kwang-Shik, Kim

#### Mackiss

Shochu - South Korea - Barlev - 21%

Colourless. Some gentle sweet corn notes with some faint honey and white chocolate. Clean and soft in the mouth with hints of pear and developing barley character. Mellow in the mouth with soft sweetness. Easy flow across the palate with fine texture. Fairly zesty finish.

### Mivazaki Honten Co Ltd

## Honkaku Muai-Shochu Kusu

Shochu - Japan - Barlev - 25%

Faint golden tint. Crisp grains with honey and barley sugar. Mild in the mouth with a good flavour of sweet corn, some pear and light tropical notes. Good balance with mild. mellow comforting feel. Long, fruity finish.

## Mivazaki Honten Co Ltd

#### Honkaku Kome Shochu Tokinokokuin 25

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 25 YO

Very light tint. The nose is somewhat subdued to start and needs time to pick up some pace. Then delivers light tropical fruit, hint of vanilla and a subtle but definite wood character. All very well integrated. Elegantly balanced. Soft, full finish.

### Nishikinada Shuzo Co Ltd

### Jiaenrvu

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 44%

Colourless. Ever so clean nose with light banana, some citrus and fresh pear. Lively in the mouth with very attractive tingle and the pear begins to show more prominently. Light and elegant with a lively, spirity finish.

### Unkai Shuzo Co. Itd.

### **Ava Selection**

Shochu - Japan - Barlev - 38-44%

Complex nose with vanilla, fudge, cashew nuts and sweet spice. Clean in the mouth with lively texture and all the nose promised. Some barley notes on the mid palate and a fine spirity backbone. Good balance and mellow finish.

# Unkai Shuzo Co. Ltd.

## Mayan No Tsubuyaki

Shochu - Japan - Buckwheat - 38%

Faint golden tint. Lots of vanilla on the nose with fudge, cashews and a hint of guava. Richer and fuller than most with good alcoholic lift highlighting the flavours. Overall sense of sweetness. Good balance and very mellow and satisfying.

### Unkai Shuzo Co. Ltd.

#### Navuta No Toki

Shochu - Japan - Buckwheat - 25%

Faint golden tint. Soft cereal notes on the nose with sweet corn, ripe tropical fruit, nuts and just a faintest hint of tobacco. Well fruited mouth with clean, clear vanilla at the edge and a faint twist of smoke in the background. Soft, well modulated finish

# Shochu

# Silver (Best in Class)

Unkai Shuzo Co. Ltd.

Daichi No Kouki

Shochu - Japan - Sweet Potato - 25%

Palest of pale tints. Hints of caramel, honey and a light floral note. In the mouth a decided caramelised apple character appears. Soft and yielding and very pleasant. The floral note appears again in the clean finish.

# Shochu

## Silver

Kamimura Distillery Co. Ltd

Shurei 3 Years

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 30-35%

Ninki Inc

Ninki-Ichi Mugi-Ninki

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 25%

Tanoshimaru Shuzo Limited Waramuai

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 25%

Unkai Shuzo Co. Ltd.

Taiai No Itteki

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 25%

Yaegaki Sake & Spirits Inc.

Japanese Barley Shochu Araki

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 25%

# Shochu

## **Bronze**

Aoi Umi

Amami Kokuto Shochu Aoi Umi

Shochu - Brown Sugar - 25-30%

Iseman Co. Ltd.

Cohnen Mugi Shochu

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 25%

Jinro Co. Ltd

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Shochu - South Korea - Rice - 18-20%

Kamimura Distillery Co. Ltd

DanRyu Meistar

Shochu - Japan - Rice - 30-35%

Kwang-Shik, Kim

O2Linn

Shochu - South Korea - Rice - 18-20%

Ninki Inc

Ninki-Ichi Hanatare Mugi-Ninki

Shochu - Japan - Barley - 38-44%

Ninki-Ichi Imo-Ninki

Shochu - Japan - Sweet Potato - 25%

Ninki-Ichi Hanatare Imo-Ninki

Shochu - Japan - Sweet Potato - 44%

Nishikinada Shuzo Co Ltd

**Tetsuryu** 

Shochu - Japan - Sweet Potato - 35%

Sapporo Breweries Ltd

Sapporo Triangle Smooth

Shochu - Japan - Blended Ginger - 25%

Yayoi Shochu Brewery LPC

Amami Kokuto Shochu Yayoi 30%

Shochu - Brown Sugar - 25-30%

# **Tequila**

# Gold (Best in Class)

# **Borco World of Spirits** Sierra Teauila Reposado

Tequila - Blended - Reposado

Bright fresh delicate gromas, cut fleshy plants with sweet spice and barley sugar. Wonderful development in the mouth, really smooth, with terrific balance and expression. Very long and satisfying finish. Fantastic product.

## Teauileria La Juntas Blue Head Reposado Tequila

Teguila - 100% Agave - Reposado

Pale watery colour with a hint of gold. Complex aromas, a whiff of cinnamon with malty grain notes. Beautiful integration of spirit and wood, a full flavoured style which is very elegant on the finish.

## **Toorank Distilleries Aztec Teguila Gold**

Tequila - Blended - Joven

Pale delicate tinted yellow. Nose offers pungent aromas, light woody notes, hints of creosote and undergrowth, sweet spice and wet sand. Complex and flavoursome in the mouth, lovely layered palate which has great character, and an extra long, fine finish.

# **Teauila**

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

### Hornitos Añeio

Tequila - 100% Agave - Añejo

Light clear bronze colour. Lovely gromas of caramalized orchard fruits, coriander seed and cucumber. Clean and clear in the mouth, a very exacting spirit with really good balance and fine clean finish.

## Blue Head Tequila LLC

## Blue Head Teauila Blanco

Tequila - 100% Agave - Joven

Water white colour. A very good example, expressive on the nose with dry and fresh grass aromas and a hint of yellow citrus. In the mouth the citrus elements lift the freshness and a touch of sweetness gives begutiful balance. Wonderfully long and pleasant finish.

# **Borco World of Spirits**

## Sierra Tequila Antiguo

Tequila - Blended - Añeio

Amber colour with gold glints. Heady sweet characters, a touch floral with really inviting white chocolate and toffee aromas, with malt and smoky oak. All delivers smoothly into the mouth, touches of spice liven the mid palate and combine with the gentle sweetness on the long finish.

## Vinicola del Altiplano SA

### La Penca Mezcal

Mezcal - 100% Agave - Joven

Pale, watery straw yellow colour. Piercing nose of dried grass, hints of herb and paper. Plenty of body on the palate, good vegetal flavours with a spicy, peppery kick on the finsh. A very well presented product.

# **Tequila**

## Silver

### Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

### Tres Generaciones Añeio

Tequila - 100% Agave - Añejo

### Tres Generaciones Plata

Teauila - 100% Agave - Joven

## Blue Head Teauila LLC Blue Head Tequileria Añejo

Tequila - 100% Agave - Añejo

# **Borco World of Spirits**

Sierra Tequila Milenario Blanco

Tequila - 100% Agave - Joven

### Sierra Teauila Silver

Teauila - Blended - Joven

#### Cabo Wabo

Cabo Wabo Añeio

Tequila - Blended - Añejo

#### Casa Herradura

### Tequila El Jimador Añeio

Tequila - 100% Agave - Añejo

#### Cazadores

#### Cazadores Blanco

Tequila - 100% Agave - Joven

### Jose Cuervo

#### Jose Cuervo Tradicional

Tequila - 100% Agave - Reposado

#### Jose Cuervo Reserva de la Familia 2008

Tequila - 100% Agave - Añejo

# **Tequila**

# Silver

Jose Cuervo

Jose Cuervo Black Medallion

Tequila - Blended - Añejo

La Martiniauaise

Tizcaz Blanco

Teauila - Blended - Joven

Pernod Ricard Mexico - Casa Pedro Domeca

Teauila Real Hacienda

Tequila - 100% Agave - Reposado

Productora Mezcales de Leyenda SC de RL de CV

Leyenda Mezcal Blanco

Mezcal - 100% Agave - Joven

**Toorank Distilleries** 

**Aztec Teauila Silver** 

Tequila - Blended - Joven

Waitrose Ltd

**Patron Silver Teauila** 

Tequila - 100% Agave - Joven

William Grant & Sons

Tequila Milagro Silver

Tequila - 100% Agave - Joven

# **Tequila**

## **Bronze**

Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

**Hornitos Reposado** 

Tequila - 100% Agave - Reposado

**Tres Generaciones Reposado** 

Teguila - 100% Agave - Reposado

**Borco World of Spirits** 

Sierra Tequila Milenario Reposado

Teguila - 100% Agave - Reposado

Sierra Tequila Milenario Extra Añejo

Tequila - 100% Agave - Extra Añejo

Cazadores

Cazadores Reposado

Tequila - 100% Agave - Reposado

Jose Cuervo

Jose Cuervo Especial Silver

Tequila - Blended - Joven

Jose Cuervo Especial Gold Reposado

Tequila - Blended - Reposado

**Mixology Canada Inc** 

Teauila Citrus Kaban Lime

Flavoured Tequila - Lime

Pernod Ricard Mexico - Casa Pedro Domeca **RSV** Agavia

Tequila - 100% Agave - Reposado

# **Vermouth and Aromatised Wines**

# Silver (Best in Class)

# Cocchi Giulio Spumanti srl **Aperitivo Americano Cocchi**

Aromatised Wine - White - Sweet

# Distillerie des Terres Rouges Distillerie des Terres Rouges Partie de Campagne

Apéritif - Wine Based - Berries

Delicate nose with attractive blackberry and raspberry combination, and a hint of cherry. Good floral notes. Sweet sensation in the mouth is well balanced by fresh acidity. Hints of almond and cherry pip. Fruity finish.

# Distillerie des Terres Rouges Distillerie des Terres Rouges Christmas Wine

Mulled Wine

Very attractive nose filled with cinnamon, cloves, citrus and wine notes. Soft, sweet mouth with good mix of flavours like the nose suggested but where orange tends to dominate. Cinnamon and cloves make a good comeback and feature well in the spice finish.

# **Noilly Prat & Cie Noilly Prat Dry**

Aromatised Wine - White - Dry

Pale gold. Very attractive, fresh herbal nose with creamy lemon and some tantalising earthy notes. Beautiful bitter/ dry combination in the very lively mouth. Flavours abound but all in good order with a slight bitter grapefruit character. Slight honeyed note leads into ever so fresh and lively finish. Delightful.

# **Vermouth and Aromatised Wines**

## Silver

## Quady

**Vva Sweet Vermouth NV** 

Aromatised Wine - White - Sweet

# **Vermouth and Aromatised Wines**

# **Bronze**

#### Toorank Distilleries

Portman's Fine Ruby

Aromatised Wine - Red

## Weingut Schlossberg

Weingut Schlossberg Rotweinlikör NV

Aromatised Wine - Red

# Gold (Best in Class)

### 42 Below Ltd

42 Below Vodka

Vodka - 42-43%

Clear and clean as mountain air. Superbly distilled, the palate has nice tension flowing to a silky smooth, long, very refined finish.

#### Cedc

#### Zubrowka Bison Grass Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Bison Grass

A tiny shade of green on the watery white spirit. Wonderful nose, a fragrant clean breeze over a grassy plain, occasional touches of dried grass. Just as breathtaking in the mouth, a contemplative sipping style, in a fantastic class of its own. A very worthy Gold indeed.

#### **Toorank Distilleries**

#### Akademicka Premium Polish Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Star bright luminosity. Bracing clean nose, clear as cold air. Beautifully balanced in the mouth, delicate in character with a wonderful long finish. Absolute excellence.

# Vodka

# Gold

## Spirits Marque One

Svedka Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Crystal clear spirit. Very subtle nose, the palate reveals a very fine, soft and mellow spirit, very pure and wonderfully crafted, which would work as well on its own as in a classic cocktail.

## Toorank Distilleries

## Spirit of Bong Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Water white and clear. A faint hint of spice on the nose aives interest. Very well balanced in the mouth with a robust centre and a soft clean finish.

# Vodka

# Silver (Best in Class)

#### 42 Below Ltd

## 42 Below Manuka Honey Flavoured Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Honev

Just a hint of colour, making a clear off white spirit. The honey aromas are clear, very well defined, with a note of manuka. Nicely defined on the palate, the honey sits delicately and lasts well.

#### Arcus AS

#### Vikinafiord Vodka Blåbaer

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

Delicate but striking scents of greengage and blueberry on this water white spirit. Lovely balance in the mouth: the berry flavours are very precise and cruise through to an excellent finish.

## **Causeway Distillery** Cristalnava Vodka

Vodka - 37.5-38%

Pleasantly clean and neutral, but with an interesting touch of fruit. Beautifully soft on the palate, with a clean finish.

## **Corby Distilleries Ltd**

## Polar Ice Northern Maple Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Maple

A very pale tint of colour. The nose is excellent, very pure and arresting, sings with maple syrup. Very good delivery on the tongue, fantastic length and balance, with a hint of barley sugar on the finish. Very good indeed.

## **Firefly Distillery**

## Firefly Mint Tea Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Flavoured Tea

Amber/tawny colour. Refreshing lifted nose, clear tea aromas interspersed with a waft of mint. The tea flavours come through on the palate again with a twist of mint. Sweet but not overly sweet, with a nice gentle finish.

#### Firefly Handcrafted Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Very clean, with interesting vanilla notes. On the palate it is soft and mellow, with hints of paprika to lift the finish.

## **Leopold Ketel & Partners for HRD** Yazi Ginaer Flavoured Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Ginaer

The merest hint of gold tinges this spirit. Wonderful concentration, the aromas are pure stem ginger in syrup. In the mouth there is fiery concentration, the ginger fills every part of the palate and the heat glides over the tongue. Amazing length, the flavours continued for half an hour. Superb product.

### Nolet Distillery

#### **Ketel One Distillery Citroen**

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

Water White. Good nose, grapefruit and lime aromas. Good balance of sweet and bitter flavours, firm finish.

# Silver (Best in Class)

### **Patrick Brisset**

Dragon Bleu Vodpepper

Flavoured Vodka - Pepper

Water white colour. Strong pepper and paprika aromas lead to a lovely savoury palate, peppery but not overly hot. Good length, this would be perfect for a Bloody Mary.

## Sazarec Company, Inc.

Rain Organics Red Grape Hibiscus Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Floral and Fruit

Strong floral pungency on the nose, excellent concentratin without overt sweetness in the mouth.

## Rain Organics Honey Mango Melon Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Honey and Tropical Fruit

Strong honey aromas, with dried mango, custard apple, melon and banana. This keeps excellent flavour for the relatively lowish alcohol. Good product.

## Skvv Vodka

# **Skyy Infusions Passion Fruit**

Flavoured Vodka - Tropical Fruit

Fresh zestiness with a whole array of tropical aromas including papaya, passionfruit, melon and lime. The spirit carries the flavours very well and is quite delicious.

# Spirits Marque One

Svedka Vanilla Flavoured Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Vanilla

Water white. Strong vanilla nose, ice cream, vanilla pods. In the mouth the flavours are equally strong, the sweetness complemented with a hint of bitterness. Good creamy texture.

# Vodka

## Silver

#### 42 Below Ltd

42 Below Passionfruit Flavoured Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Tropical Fruit

### Aldi Stores Ltd.

Tamova Vodka

Vodka - 37.5-38%

## AnSon Imports Ltd Co

Select Ruskova Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

### Arcus AS

Vikingfjord Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

#### Belvedere Scandinavia A/S

Danzka Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

#### **Bols SP**

Soplica Polska Wódka

Vodka - 40% - European

#### **Brown-Forman**

Finlandia Lime Fusion

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

#### Cape North

Cape North Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

# **Destillerie Franz Bauer**

Wodka Stroganoff

Vodka - 37.5-38%

#### **Distell Ltd**

Count Pushkin Vodka

Vodka - 42-43%

#### **Mainstay Cane**

Vodka - 42-43%

#### **Eristoff**

Eristoff Vodka

Vodka - 37.5-38%

## Firefly Distillery

Firefly Sweet Tea Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Flavoured Tea

#### **GFOM**

Snow Queen Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

## **Havden Johnstone**

Southern Star Vodka

Vodka - 37.5-38%

## Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd

Romanoff Vodka

Vodka - 42-43%

#### JA Baczewski

Vodka Monopolowa

Vodka - 40% - European

#### JSC Kristall

JSC Kristall White Gold Russian Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

## La Martiniquaise

Poliakov Premium

Vodka - 37.5-38%

## **Louis Royer SA**

Louis Royer Gold Flakes Supreme vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

# Silver

**Nolet Distillery** Ketel One Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

**Patrick Brisset** Dragonbleu Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Polmos Bialystok SA Absolnent/Graduate Polish Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Prodal 94 SRL Stalinskaya Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Reyka Vodka Company Revka Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

**Rogue Spirits** Rogue Vintage Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Savvv Distillers LP Savvv Handcrafted Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Sazarec Company, Inc. Platinum 7X Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Rain Organics Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Skyy Vodka **Skyy Infusions Pineapple** Flavoured Vodka - Tropical Fruit Skyy Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Non-European

Spirits Maraue One

Svedka Raspberry Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

**Toorank Distilleries** 

Siku Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Tovaritch Vodka

Tovaritch! Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

**Underberg AG** 

Grasovka Premium Zubrovka

Flavoured Vodka - Bison Grass

**Urozmay Distillery. Moscow** Parliament Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd **Snow Leopard Vodka** 

Vodka - 40% - European

Wyborowa

Wyborowa Exquisite Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

# Vodka

# Bronze

Belvedere Scandinavia A/S Danzka Vodka Grapefruit

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

**Brown-Forman** 

Finlandia Grapefruit Fusion

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

Finlandia Tangerine Fusion

Flavoured Vodka - Orange

Finlandia Mango Fusion

Flavoured Vodka - Tropical Fruit

Finlandia Vodka

Vodka - 40% - Furopean

**Corby Distilleries Ltd** 

Polar Ice Arctic Berry Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

Davide Campari Milano SpA

**Skyy Infusion Raspberry** 

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

**Skvv Infusion Citrus** 

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

Firefly Distillery

Firefly Lemon Tea Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Flavoured Tea

Firefly Peach Tea Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Flavoured Tea

Firefly Raspberry Tea Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Flavoured Tea

**Grandes Distilleries Peureux** 1864 Perfect Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

Moët Hennessy VR Limited Belvedere Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

# **Bronze**

Sazarec Company, Inc.

Rain Organics Cucumber Lime Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Cucumber and Citrus

Skyy Vodka

**Skyy Infusions Cherry** 

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

Skyy Infusions Raspberry

Flavoured Vodka - Berry Fruit

**Skyy Infusions Citrus** 

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

Spirit of Hven Backafallsbyn

Spirit of Hven Organic Vodka

Vodka - 40% - European

**Spirits Marque One** 

**Svedka Citron Flavored Vodka** 

Flavoured Vodka - Citrus

Svedka Clementine Flavored Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Orange

Studer & Co. AG

Studer Swiss Vodka Pure Grain

Vodka - 40% - European

Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Pinky Vodka

Flavoured Vodka - Floral and Fruit

# Whiskey - Irish

# Gold (Best in Class)

## C & C International Ltd **Tullamore Dew 10 YO**

Irish Whiskey - Deluxe Blend - 10 YO

Very attractive nose with delicate notes of apple, citrus, arape with some tropical touches. A wave of barley and vanilla follow. Full, lively, energetic mouth filled with tropical flavours, malt and lots of spice. Gentle toffee note and some honeved sweetness add to the complexity. Great balance and long, enduring finish.

## **Cooley Distillery Plc**

## The Tyrconnell Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - No Age Stated

Attractive floral notes on forward nose with rose hip and violets. Great wave of malt follows with some marmalade and citrus and sweet vanilla. Big, deep, well rounded mouth filled with malt, dried apricot and marmalade. Silkv smooth flow across the palate and finely textured. Vanilla appears in long, well controlled finish. Lovely whiskey.

# **Cooley Distillery Plc** Locke's Single Malt Irish Whiskey 8 YO

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - 8 YO

Delightful floral notes greet the nose with citrus, mango and other tropical notes following. Well rounded and lively mouth with lots of barley, malt and hints of ripe citrus. Just a hint of marmalade. A twist of smoke links all the way through. Dry, spicy, fragrant finish. Delightful whiskey.

### Cooley Distillery Plc

## The Tyrconnell 10 YO Sherry Finish Single Malt Irish Whiskey Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Cask Finish - 10 YO

Nose opens with honey and citrus with some decided sherry notes. Good malty note follows with fine floral backina. Rich and full in the mouth where all the flavours follow the nose with addition of tangerine. Good and soft yet there is firm oak grip. Light notes of toffee and butterscotch creep into the frame just ahead of long, well controlled finish. Delightful, well balanced whiskey.

## Cooley Distillery Plc

## Greenore 15 YO Single Grain Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Grain - 15 YO

Nose opens with magnificent mature notes followed by tropical tones and lemon and vanilla. Reminds one of lemon posset pudding. Rich, deep, mouth with fine flavours all delivered in firm but smooth flow across the palate. Well rounded and deep mature notes underline the auality. The grains open up unbelievably well with a little addition of water. In fact, in spectacular fashion. Beautiful whiskey.

## Cooley Distillery Plc

## Connemara Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey Sherry Finish Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Peated - Cask Finished - 10 YO

Rich, gentle, smoky nose followed by flowery fragrance and some distinct sherry notes. Well rounded mouth offers full range of flavours as the nose suggested plus lots of citrus and marmalade. Gentle smoky thread seems to highlight the sherry character. Good balance and long, impressive finish.

### **Cooley Distillery Plc**

## Kilbeggan 15 YO Finest Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Deluxe Blend - 15 YO

The intense nose lets you know immediately that you have a fine whiskey in your glass. Lots of ripe fruit to start followed by a great array of sweet malt, citrus and spicy aromas including vanilla and cinnamon. Beautifully rounded mouth where all the promise on the nose shows in rich flavours. A slight yet attractive, toasty, smoky character threads its way all through from start to finish. Fine oak in the background. Great balance and elegance. A super whiskey.

## Cooley Distillery Plc

## Connemara 12 YO Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Peated - 12 YO

The nose throws out billows of peat and smoke. This is followed by wonderful floral display with vanilla and cinnamon in the background. Rich and full in the mouth with very dominant peat along with the under players with the spice and extra complexity from fudge, brown sugar and caramel. Smooth flow in the mouth is enlivened by a firm oak grip. Incredibly long finish with peat all the way.

## Cooley Distillery Plc

# Greenore Single Grain Irish Whiskey 8 YO

Irish Whiskey - Single Grain - 8 YO

Very attractive albeit delicate nose filled with gentle wafts of honey, berry fruit, some tropical tones and vanilla. Great malty background. Delicate but determined flow across the palate with silky texture. The flavours in the well rounded mouth follow the nose with more fruit developing. Slight, but very attractive, peppery lift in the tail. Well harmonised. Long, fruit filled finish.

# Whiskey - Irish

# Gold (Best in Class)

## **Cooley Distillery Plc**

The Tyrconnell 15 YO Single Cask Single Malt Irish Whiskey Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - 15-16 YO

Very attractive nose filled with citrus, honey, oak and vanilla. Good floral backing. Rich and full in the mouth with all the flavours promised by the nose with addition of a fine malty note. Oak plays an important part in the construction. Curious but very attractive seaside/salty note develops in the mouth. Smooth flow and silky texture. Very mellow and satisfying.

# The Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd Bushmills 21 Year Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - 21 YO

Attractive nose opens with floral notes and some deliahtful tropical tones of passion fruit and citrus. Delightful spicy edge. Deep, well rounded mouth filled with flavours like the nose promised with rich oak and malt and fine oak support. Soft and smooth across the palate but with enough spirity warmth to liven things up quite considerably. Beautiful balance. Long finish with hints of cocoa and vanilla. A really super sipper.

## The Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd **Bushmills 1608 Anniversary Edition Irish Whiskey**

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

Attractive, big, complex nose filled with apple, citrus, spice and malt. A second wave of spice appears loaded with cinnamon and hints of vanilla. Deep, well rounded mouth rich in flavours like the nose advertised. Great mouth feel with velvet texture and smooth flow across the palate. Lots of malt with layers of marmalade and more citrus. Touched out with some golden syrup. Slight but very attractive sherry note. Clean in all respects with long, spice-filled, finish.

# Whiskey - Irish

## Gold

## **Cooley Distillery Plc**

The Tyrconnell 10 YO Madeira Finish Single Malt Irish Whiskey Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Cask Finish - 10 YO

Gorgeous nose filled with honey, citrus, golden sugar and some baked fruit character and touch of caramel. Firm and malty in the mouth with deep rounded feel. Complexity of flavours are extended with addition of mango and apricot. Citrus gathers momentum towards the finish. Long lasting and very attractive.

# Whiskey - Irish

# Silver (Best in Class)

## C & C International Ltd **Tullamore Dew 12 YO**

Irish Whiskey - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

Rich malt fills the initial nose but gives way to complexity of fruit including ripe apple, orange, lime and then lots of sweet spice. Big, well rounded mouth with great depth of flavours. Mouth is big but gentle even the full flow across the palate moves with gentle ease. Flavours follow the nose with some gentle sherry notes adding complexity. Fine, long finish.

# Cooley Distillery Plc

## Connemara Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Peated - No Age Stated

Big, smoky, peaty nose with bacon and seaside notes. Hints of char and honey and some citrus. Rich and full in the mouth with active flow across the palate. Despite being fairly robust it has good balance and fine texture. Powerful all the way including full powered finish.

### Cooley Distillery Plc

## Connemara Cask Strength Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Cask Strength - No Age Stated

Rich, ripe berry fruits with citrus and vanilla. Slight togsty character. The mouth is deep and well rounded and given lots of life by the high strength which seems to elevate all the flavours. The fruit shows strongly and the spice is well lifted. A curious but delightful seaside note appears towards the finish. Despite the size there is great balance. Long, everlasting, vigorous finish.

# The Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd Bushmills 10 Year Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - 10 YO

Nose opens with attractive, ripe fruity notes with a lovely show of vanilla and other sweet spice. Well rounded mouth with soft flow and aentle texture. Good oak support and gentle touch of sherry. Citrus character builds all the time and is fairly prominent in the firm finish.

# Whiskey - Irish

# Silver

## C & C International Ltd

#### **Tullamore Dew**

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

# Cooley Distillery Plc

# Golden Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

#### Inishowen Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

#### Special Reserve Irish Whiskey Selected by Tesco

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

# Whiskey - Irish

# Silver

# **Cooley Distillery Plc**

Waitrose Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

The Tyrconnell 10 YO Port Finish Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - Cask Finish - 10 YO

Sainsbury's Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - No Age Stated

The Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd

**Bushmills Black Bush Irish Whiskey** 

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

**Bushmills Original Irish Whiskey** 

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

Bushmills 16 Year Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Single Malt - 15-16 YO

# Whiskey - Irish

# **Bronze**

**Cooley Distillery Plc** 

Kilbeggan Finest Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

Locke's Blended Whiskey 4 YO

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

Millar's Special Reserve Irish Whiskey

Irish Whiskey - Blended - No age stated

# Whiskey - Bourbon

# Gold (Best in Class)

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

Baker's 7 YO Bourbon

Bourbon - Overproof 50%+ - 7-9 YO

Vanilla rich nose with toffee and apple. Surprisinaly soft and undemanding in the mouth yet loads of flavour where Christmas cake and marzipan are dominant. Great wave of spice is followed by banana and plum. Complex, multi layered palate with hints of chocolate. Long, clean, well sustained finish.

## Four Roses Distillery LLc

**Four Roses Yellow** 

Bourbon - No Age Stated

Very attractive nose with spice and herb complexity and ripe fruit aromas. Great interplay of rve, toast, raisins and honey. Light oak backing. Somewhat denser in the mouth with fine flow and gentle flavours. Some brown sugar hints and a little more oak shows in the fine finish.

# Whiskey - Bourbon

# Silver (Best in Class)

# Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

**Basil Havden's** 

Bourbon - 8 YO

Nose opens with ripe plum, raisin and citrus notes followed by honey and vanilla. Gentle oak fills in the background. Big and full in the mouth with attractive richness and lots more honey. Firm, full flavoured finish.

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc. Booker's 6 YO Bourbon

Bourbon - Overproof 60%+ - 6 YO

Nose is loaded with toffee and vanilla along with honey. toasty nuts and cocoa. Sweet and full in very lively mouth. Flavours like the nose with even more intense honev and toasty characters. Lots of spice in long, satisfying finish.

## **Buffalo Trace Distillery**

George T Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Bourbon - Overproof 68%+ - No Age Stated

Nose is big on spice, oak and herbal notes. Rich, creamy texture in the mouth with firm oak backing. Almost juicy sweet corn flavours countered by some fine rye along with some brown sugar notes and hint of caramel. Very attractive whiskey.

### Old Rip Van Winkle Distillerv

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve Kentucky Straight **Bourbon Whiskey** 

Bourbon - 20 YO

Nose shrieks of caramelised crème brulée! Followed by liquorice, marmalade and soft spice underpinned by lots of oak. Beautiful, well rounded mouth filled with comforting and warming flavours. Dried fruit, raisin and touches of pear with delightful honey and caramel all add to the complexity and richness. Satisfying, gentle finish. Super sipper.

# Whiskey - Bourbon

## Silver

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

Jim Beam Black

Bourbon - No Age Stated

Jim Beam White

Bourbon - No Age Stated

**Old Grandad** 

Bourbon - No Age Stated

Knob Creek 9 YO Bourbon

Bourbon - Overproof 50%+ - 7-9 YO

**Buffalo Trace Distillery** 

**Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey** 

Bourbon - No Age Stated

Four Roses Distillery LLC

Four Roses Small Batch

Bourbon - No Age Stated

Four Roses Single Barrel Bourbon

Bourbon - No Age Stated

**Toorank Distilleries** 

Old Samuel Blended Bourbon

Bourbon - No Age Stated

# Whiskey - Bourbon

## **Bronze**

**Borco-Marken Import** 

Clarke's 1866 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Bourbon - No Age Stated

# Gold (Best in Class)

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc. Laphroaig 10 Year Cask Strength

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength 57%+ - 10 YO

Attention arabbina nose with complexity of peat, smoke, barley and spice. Gorgeous backing of floral notes and some vanilla makes a brief appearance before a wave of seaside characters takes over. Smooth and soft in the mouth with lively flow and texture. Deep, intense peat with some fine oak support. Fair display of various citrus fruits and some dark chocolate and rich fruitcake. Delightfully dry and long lasting finish.

# Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

## Laphroaig 25 Year

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength 51% - 25 YO

Once you get beyond the reek of peat and smoke a beautiful sherry note emerges and more or less takes over ! Barley sugar, ripe apples, sweet spice with vanilla at the edge slowly take their places. Soft, smooth mouth with dramatic depth of rich flavours follow the nose and spread out across the palate. Touch of ginger and hint of liquorice. Well managed oak. Long, everlasting finish.

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc. Laphroaig 10 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 10 YO

Complex nose filled with peat, barley, malt, toffee apple with a strong sea breeze behind. Big, rich flavour filled mouth where everything on the nose repeats in greater intensity with the addition of tropical fruit, dark sugar, vet remains crisp and fresh. Great balance and fine texture. Touch of citrus develops with time. Beautifully presented. Like an early spring morning on the beach in Islay!

## **Bruichladdich Distillery Company Ltd** Bruichladich 18 YO Single Malt Islay Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 18 YO

Nose opens with the distinctive wet sea sand character associated with the distillery. Then follows citrus where creamy lemon curd features strongly. Intense tropical fruit with citrus and mango and odd but attractive botrytis character. Then comes a wave of summer areen and yellow fruits. All repeats in the mouth where a gentle peaty note underlines the fullness of flavour. Super smooth flow and firm texture. Clean, well driven finish.

#### **Burn Stewart Distillers**

## Bunnahabhain 25 YO Sinale Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 25 YO

Described as fine silk in a glass. Honey at the start with fresh salty sea breeze. Sherry and oak do their best to enter the scene while another briny flow comes across. Marzipan and fruit cake with toasty notes and dried fruits with raisins follow in full flow. Hints of ginger and slight vanilla. A rich intensity that is hard to describe and needs to be experienced. A wonderful whisky.

#### Chivas Brothers

## The Glenlivet 21 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 21 YO

Very attractive nose packed with orange, chocolate, sherry and a wisp of smoke. Good floral backing. Big, soft, full, mellow mouth with deep, mature flavours of old honey, ripe fruit and sweet malt. Smooth as can be across the palate. Wonderful oak support. Almost perfect balance. Everlasting finish. Very satisfying and comforting.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

### The Glenlivet 25 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 25 YO

Nose opens with a wonderful sweep of fruit and floral notes followed by rich malt and chocolate. Vanilla makes a showing with clean purity. Big and full in the mouth with flavours developing all the time while the whisky makes a slow, smooth move across the palate where sherry makes a real statement. Ripe apple, pear, raisin meld with chocolate and vanilla. Mature comfort while still filled with life. Big powerful finish.

### **Chivas Brothers**

## Scapa 16 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 16 YO

Nose opens with sweet floral notes followed by golden malt, heather, honey and subtle oak. The flavours concentrate in the mouth with mouth watering malt stacked alongside a mountain of mocha with the honey flowing across the palate. Perfect balance, delicate and fine finish.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

Royal Salute The Hundred Cask Selection Release No 6 Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

Nose simply brimming with spice, treacle, honey, dark berries and vanilla. Rich and full in the mouth with smooth flow giving out flavours like the nose promised with hints of raisin, dried apricot and fine smoky undertone. Smooth and with velvet texture. Long finish packed with loads of spice.

# Gold (Best in Class)

#### **Chivas Brothers**

#### Strathisla 12 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

Opens with massive floral fragrance on the nose followed by sultanas, rich malt and a touch of peat way in the background. Rich, creamy, complex mouth where the malt is the main player with vanilla, mint and liquorice dancing all around. Some lightly peated barley fills the background all the time while a smoky twist threads it's way all through. Well weighted and beautifully balanced. Long, satisfying finish.

### **Chivas Brothers**

#### Aberlour 18 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 18 YO

Very attractive nose with lots of mature notes with rich apricot and peach and hint of chocolate. Light and creamy in the mouth yet a good richness of fruit flavours with an orange zesty crispness which gives all the mature characters a energising lift. Dark chocolate and cocoa bring a bring a brake to all the sweet characters and give excellent balance. Overall impression of softness vet with intensity of flavours.

## Diaaeo

#### Cardhu 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

Amazing, clean, clear focussed nose with some apple and pear and magnificent malt. Vanilla and cinnamon are there with super floral notes in the background. Deep. well rounded mouth delivers all the flavours in a complete and orderly fashion that simply is beautiful to experience. The sweet fruit and vanilla are balanced by just the right amount of dry oak linking its way through the palate. Smooth and silky textured with fine, penetrating finish.

### Diageo

#### Talisker Distillers Edition 1996

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Finish - 12 YO

Complex nose with fruit and floral mingling together and a hint of briny character. Touch of ginger bread and some vanilla. The delivery in the mouth is fairly substantial with all the flavours offered by the nose now filling the palate. Lively flow with fine texture. A wave of spice arrives near the finish with more ginger, nutmeg and cinnamon. Very comforting dram.

### Diageo

#### Dalwhinnie 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 15 YO

Delightful nose laden with smoke and peat with hints of heather, honey and vanilla. Berry fruits and ripe peach linger in the background. Rich, creamy mouth where a whole set of new characters ioin those introduced by the nose. Angelica, cocoa, coffee intermingle with rich malt. Soft and mellow with attractive mature notes. Pepperv spice in long finish. Very satisfying.

### Diageo

### Lagavulin 16 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 16 YO

Floral, gorse and pungent peat make up the first wave on the nose. Hints of tropical fruit with pineapple and some citrus. Deep, smoky backing. Mouth starts with a soft intensity of flavours which grow and swell up washing across the palate like a breaking wave leaving behind all the flavours highlighted by seaside and pungent, deep smoky overdrive. Some dark chocolate emerges and leads into a attractive bitter/sweet finish.

### Diageo

#### Caol Ila Distillers Edition 1996

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Finish - 12 YO

Intriguing nose with exotic fruit, some grassy freshness and dark sugar with smoky thread linking it all. Rich and full in the mouth with dried apricot added to what the nose primed you for and some delicate Muscat characters. Just a hint of peat in the background. Dry, long lasting, zesty

### Diageo

### Clynelish Distillers Edition 1992

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 16-18 YO

Nose opens with delightful toasty malt which beckons and invites closer attention and then delivers a spectacular array of berry fruits, some tropical tones and mass of citrus and spice. A massive attack on the palate where all the nose had is joined by a spicy, peppery liveliness followed by a great depth of soft peat. Incredibly well judged oak is there in fine support. Great balance. Long, complex finish.

### Diageo

## Craaaanmore Distillers Edition 1996

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 12 YO

Nose opens with fine malty notes, ripe fruit and sweet spice. Definite oaky note competes with rich floral backing. Full and well flavoured mouth has all the nose suggested plus a touch of golden sugar, some barley sugar and vanilla. All the sweet characters are well balanced by well managed oak. Smooth flow and fine texture. Well sustained finish.

# Gold (Best in Class)

## Diageo

### Oban 14 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 14 YO

Rich fruity nose with vanilla and some sherry tones. Loads of rich malt with the very slightest note of smoke hidden in the background. Rich and full in the well rounded mouth vet seems somehow delicate at the same time. Fine balance and fruity, crisp finish.

### Diaaeo

#### Talisker 10 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 10 YO

Stunning, complex nose with rich, ripe fruit with blackberries and a rich spice, barley, peat and smoke, Smooth and full in the mouth with great weight and balance. Lots of delicate fruit plays across the palate. Coastal freshness gives tremendous lift to long, complex finish.

# Diaaeo

# Lagavulin Distillers Edition 1991

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Finish - 17 YO

Wow! Phenomenal nose with deep richness with smoke from burning heather yet still space for some strong floral notes. Equally full in the mouth with all the nose had plus raisins, dried apricot and rich, spicy oak. Very energetic for its age yet still beautifully balanced. Warming. Mellow and satisfying. Long, full finish.

### Diageo Brands BV

#### Johnnie Walker Green Label 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - 15 YO

Superb, complex nose with slight peatiness and loads of spice, honey and rich malt. All backed by fine oak and some floral notes. Beautiful flavours in the well rounded and deep mouth with citrus, stone and tropical fruits then a serious explosion of sweet malt. Super smooth flow and texture. Hints of mint and vanilla. Substantial weight. Warm and elegant. Distinguished and noble.

### Diageo Plc

## Royal Lochnagar Distillers Edition 1996

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 12 YO

Incredibly complex nose with waves of aromatics beginning with nutmeg then followed by cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, honey and hints of herb. Complex and concentrated mouth where all the flavours minale and where a full wave of malt flows strongly through. Super, velvet smooth flow and fine texture. Attractive orange peel zest appears before the finish. Very rewarding drink.

## Glen Moray Distillery

Glen Moray Classic Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - No Age Stated

Light golden colour belies the complexity of the whisky. Nose wades in with tropical fruits, butterscotch and an array of spices. Rich and full in the mouth with some deep barley characters and great harmony between the sweet notes and the dry oak. Super balance and elegance with a youthful spring. Delicate yet demanding and lively.

### Glenglassaugh Distillery

Glenglassaugh 30 YO Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - 30 YO

Exceptionally complex nose where citrus plays an important part and a gentle note of peat lingers in the background along with some floral notes. Deep mouth is rendolent with maturity and layered flavours of marmalade, dark chocolate, peat and sweet spice. Slow, full, smooth flow across the palate. Velvet texture covers a firm body. Lona attention retaining finish.

# Glenglassaugh Distillery Company Limited Glenglassaugh 40 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - 40 YO

Citrus and oak dominate the nose with a fine floral backing. Deep, rich mouth has mellow mature feel with loads of marmalade and dark, bitter chocolate. Also some espresso notes. Touch of peat and fine smoky note. Smooth palate with slight dryness of old oak. Long, fine, firm finish.

# **Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group)** Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 40 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 40 YO

Citrus, honey and malt open the nose with rich spice to follow and all on great mature backdrop. There is some peat but it is pretty well diffused. Lovely touches of honey and heather. Rich and smooth in the mouth with chocolate and prunes adding smoothness to the overall maturity. Great balance, Great whisky,

# Gold (Best in Class)

## Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 18 YO Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 18 YO

Complex nose with melon, peach, pear and apricot followed by vanilla and crème brulée with slightly charred top. Hint of sweet tobacco. Peppery spice plays a part with hints of honey and muesli. Wonderfully rounded mouth with all the flavours melding together in a great harmonious whole. Super smooth and velvet textured. Long, full powered finish.

# Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Strength - 25 YO

Heather, honey, white chocolate and pure vanilla on the nose. Deep, rich, intense mouth with great concentration of flavours and where raisin and dried fruit add to all the nose promised giving tremendous complexity. Well matured with comfortable mellowness. Long finish has dry spice and a twist of smoke.

## **Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group)** Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 12 YO

Tremendous floral flourish at the start with rose, mariaold and violets. Spicy oak in full support with honey and barley sugar. Rich, full flavoured mouth where raisins and berry flavours join all that the nose promised. Bitter sweet balance with cocoa and some coffee. Gentle yet full finish.

## **Highland Distillers (The Edrington Group)** The Macallan Sherry Oak 10 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 10 YO

The nose come rushing out to greet you loaded with sweet sherry notes and followed by a complexity of molasses, barley and biscuit aromatics. Rich and full in deep flavoured mouth where the Oloroso seems to rule for a while then in come all the rest of the cast. Hints of smoke, a glimpse of ripe plum and some raisin and red apple linger at the side. Lively, long finish.

## International Beverage

## Balblair Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1975 Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 32 YO

Inviting nose packed with ripe peach, raisins, fruitcake and a powerful dollop of honey. Full in the mouth, where mellow oak is balanced by sweet spice and the honey. Still shows remarkable agility for its age with just the slightest sign of drying oak. Another spurt of honey gives energy to a long and complex finish. Delightful, satisfying sipper.

# Speyburn Single Malt Scotch Whisky 10 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 10 YO

The most inviting nose with delicate peat, ripe fruit, honey and sweet spice. All repeats in the well rounded, lively mouth. Fruit really takes over in the mouth with malt coming in after a while. Some interesting combinations of almost bitter chocolate and sweet honey add great complexity. Lively, yet warming, long, fruit filled finish.

## John Dewar & Sons Ltd William Lawson's Scottish Gold 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

A great "come on" nose makes it difficult to resist! Packed with citrus, grape, sweet malt, honey and fine oak. Gorgeous, full, well rounded mouth has a stunning bourbon feel. Sweet cereal grain gives wonderful, enhanced maturity. Sweet oak in fine support. Cocoa and sweet spice add to the complexity. After all the sweet build up it ends with very attractive and decidedly dry tang.

## John Dewar & Sons Ltd John Dewar 18 Year Old Founders Reserve

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

Spectacular, fruit filled nose with banana, guava, lychee, melon and ginger. Hints of citrus and lemon meringue pie. Touched off with brown sugar brulée topping. Velvet across the palate with soft texture. Bia dollop of spice adds to the complexity. Some good oak gives firm support. Long, satisfying finish.

# **Matisse Spirits Company Limited** Matisse 21 YO Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 21 YO

Rich, full, complex nose with tropical fruits like pineapple and guava linked with healthy dollop of malty notes and some barley sugar aromatics. Beautifully rounded mouth with light and elegant flow yet intense flavours. Malt, honey, spice and berry fruits all play a part with some fine oak rounding out the complexity. Mellow mouth is very rewarding. Everlasting finish. A nugget!!

# Gold (Best in Class)

# Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd Glen Garioch Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 21 YO Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 21 YO

This copper coloured whisky has a full nose that shows a total marriage of rich sherry, peat and fine oak all backed by a beautiful floral wave. Super silky in the mouth with all the flavours slowly sinking into the palate. Hints of honey and wafts of heather add to the complexity while some marvellous, mature mellow notes give all round satisfaction. Elegance personified with graceful balance. A particularly impressive whisky.

# Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd Bowmore Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 12 YO

Very attractive nose filled with gorse flowers, bananas, toffee, pears, apples with distinctive smoke all the way through. The whole lot repeats in the deep mouth with addition of exotic fruits, hints of seaweed, rich spice and a salty tana. Hints of lemon and honey. Beautifully balanced and fine texture. Some dark chocolate makes a late appearance and there is a lift in the tail from a slight tannin touch. Incredibly complex. An overall beauty.

# The Edrington Group

#### The Famous Grouse 30 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - 30 YO

A very complex nose with malt, bananas, figs, orange and white grape and just the slightest hint of peat. Superb mouth with great entry of everything suggested on the nose seemingly magnified in the mouth. The fruits are joined by some honey and spice and there is a slight toasty character. With all that the malt is still very much the main player. Smooth flow, velvet texture and beautiful harmony. Classic.

## The Edrinaton Group

#### The Black Grouse

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

Pale gold. Big, bold nose with honeycomb, oak and hints of vanilla. Lovely trace of smoky peat floating in the background. Chewy mouthful with flavours of sweet malt and vibrant grain. Vanilla and liquorice add to the complexity while a surge of honey notes adds to the richness. Soft in the mouth vet firm finish.

## The Glendronach Distillery

## The Glendronach 15 YO Single Malt Highland Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 15 YO

Great concentration of complex aromas on the nose including treacle toffee, chocolate, orange, toasted nuts and vanilla. Great depth in the mouth with all the nose promised plus some Demerara sugar, sweet malt and lots of toast. Great balance with firm tightness which is off set to a degree by lots of mellow notes. Long finish has distinct gingery note.

## The Glenmorangie Company The Bailie Nicol Jarvie 8 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 8 YO

Beautifully fruited nose with honey, vanilla, spice and butterscotch. Very attractive sweet grain cereal notes with the impression of good maturity well exceeding the stated 8 years. The rich mouth reflects the nose with addition of pineapple, pear, grape and hint of peat. Velvety smooth with perfect balance. Beautiful, harmonic finish.

# The Glenmorangie Company Glenmorangie Original 10 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 10 YO

Delightful nose filled with ripe fruits where pear and peach are prominent. Great floral backing with sweet vanilla edge. Crisp and clean in the mouth with beautiful integration of all the flavours. Well rounded vet lively with exciting flow across the palate. Toasty barley, sweet malt and fine oak give solid foundation to a lovely whisky. Fresh, zesty but satisfying finish.

## The Glenmorangie Company Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

Lovely, complex nose with a marvellous mix of malt, brown sugar, some treacle, honey and vanilla. Flow in the mouth is everything light and delicate like the thinnest silk. Might be delicate in feel but there is loads of flavour along the lines the nose advertised but the rum makes a more determined stance. Beautiful harmony. Long, flavour filled finish.

# The Glenmorangie Company Glenmorangie 18 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 18 YO

Massive, complex nose filled with ripe tropical fruits including passionfruit and pineapple. Citrus makes a move into the frame in the form of orange and marmalade. Big mouth is filled with rich malt and all the flavours from the nose. Vanilla begins to fill the finish giving sweet custard character. Elegant and well balanced. A classy whisky.

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## The Glenmorangie Company Glenmoranaie Astar

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - No Age Stated

The nose has decidedly bourbon notes to start then a good dollop of barley arrives along with sweet spice and vanilla. Deep, rich and full in the mouth with super silky flow across the palate. The oak remains pretty obvious in the mouth but there is enough malt, barley and spice to remind you of Scotland! Rich, spicy finish.

## The Glenrothes Distillery

Glenrothes Vintage 1985 Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 20 YO

Curious but attractive nose where hints of dried fruit tanale with brown sugar and some ginger. All backed with a high tone floral flourish. Great intensity in the deep flavoured mouth with fine malt, sultanas and dried apricot. Lots of mellow mature characters. Hints of liquorice and barley sugar add to the complexity. Smooth across the palate and silky texture. Great balance and long, aromatic finish. Very pleasing.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

The Dalmore 50 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - 50 YO

Complex nose filled with roasted nuts, marmalade, citrus and rich fruit cake. Lots of oak followed by firm malty notes. Deep mouth with all the roundness of maturity yet a dry oakiness that adds a curious dimension as it interacts with the fruit. Some dark, red cherry flavour appears just before the long finish.

# Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

30 YO Whyte & Mackay Oldest Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 30 YO

Magnificent and intense nose opens with rich, ripe berry fruit and a great bank of malt. Touch of soft grain and a full dose of sweet vanilla. Some flowery notes and gentle smoky twist. Well rounded mouth with all the flavours sinking in layers into the palate. Hints of toffee, fudge and honey add to the overall sweet impression yet a wonderful mellow, dry finish. Outstanding style and great elegance.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Invergordon 36 YO Single Highland Grain Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Grain - Highland - Cask Strength 53% + -36 YO

Sweetcorn nose makes great introduction then there are hints of lime and some fine oak. Simply super mellow mouth with areat depth and some oakv richness. Great rhythm and harmony with super smooth palate. Subtle sweetness and sumptuous. Beautifully crafted grain whisky.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd The Dalmore 1980

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 28 YO

The nose suggests a citrus orchard with almost every different kind of citrus tree then the malt comes surging through. Followed by fruit cake, marmalade and rich spice. Smooth and silky in the mouth with the whole of the nose involved in a totally integrated whole. Traces of oak, touch of toffee and an attractive, almost burnt toast note in long glide to the finish. A great tribute to fine distillation.

### Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Jura Paps Mountain of Sound Cabernet Sauvignon Finish Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Finish - 15 YO

Very attractive nose with full range of dark red berries, cherries and plums. Then a fresh wave of almonds and peach followed by butterscotch, cinnamon and cedar. Beautifully mature and mellow in the mouth with ultra smooth flow and satin texture. All the flavours the nose predicted plus some chocolate and coffee. Super depth and balance. A lively, spirity kick gives all the flavours a lift. Satisfying yet lively finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd 30 YO Isle of Jura Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 30 YO

Very complex nose opens with ripe peaches, citrus and spice with honey and almonds. Deep, flavour filled mouth with areat concentration of all the nose showed plus a great wave of malt followed by more spice, liquorice and some clear, pure vanilla. A slight oaky dryness in the prolonged finish. A real treat to the senses.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd Glenfiddich 40 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 40 YO

Amazing start to the nose with a concentration of spice, fruit cake and oak that is difficult to comprehend! Backed by a twist of smoke and a wave of floral fragrance. Round and rich in the mellow mouth which is packed with flavour. Snatches of brown sugar, golden syrup, peat and superb oak all add to the complexity. Beautifully balanced and magnificent character. Long, extended finish that is also floral filled. Great whisky.

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# William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd **Glenfiddich Vintage Reserve 1977**

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Strength 50%+ - 30 YO

Compelling nose with mix of berry fruit, chocolate, apples, dried fruit and sherry. Good show of vanilla and cinnamon before a wave of floral notes takes over. Soft and full in the mouth with velvet texture and almost slow motion delivery of the complex and intense flavours. Dark cherries, marzipan and ginger add to the complexity. Fine oak support. Touch of butterscotch and toffee in the long, determined finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd Glenfiddich 15 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Spevside - Cask Finish - 15 YO

Delicate mix of ripe fruit, peat, malt, barley sugar and fine oak. Well rounded mouth with creamy flow and fine texture. Flavours of pear, malt, vanilla and butterscotch all supported by well managed oak. A little twist of smoke floats in the background, Crisp, gromatic finish, Classic Spevside.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd The Balvenie Port Wood 21 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 21 YO

Massive nose with full collection of berry fruits, some tropical tones and sweet malt. Rich and full in the mouth with layers of flavour which settle out and fill the palate with slow progression. A build up of spice begins with cinnamon and vanilla with some toffee and then the port seems to exert itself. Creamy smooth. Some soft, smoky notes lead into a full finish where there is a floral backing. Beautiful whisky.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd Grant's 18 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 18 YO

Very attractive nose with great mingle of ripe berry fruits along with citrus and apple. Rich load of sweet spice follows with gentle wisp of smoke. Rich and full yet elegant in the mouth with smooth flow across the palate and silky texture. All the flavours the nose suggested are there plus marmalade and rich, roasted coffee with creamy toffee. Great balance and complexity. Long, long, mellow finish. Total pleasure. "Class in a glass"

# Whisky - Scotch

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## **Burn Stewart Distillers** Bunnahabhain 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 12 YO

Inviting nose with magnificent mix of cereals with dried fruit, citrus and cloves. Slight sweet tobacco touch and gentle nudge of mango. Soft and mellow in medium weighted mouth but no holds on the flavour. Everything the nose promised is there with some bitter chocolate and the smoky peat gets into full gear. Great balance and firm texture. Long, dry finish.

## Chivas Brothers **Ballantine's Limited**

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

Very attractive nose with cream toffee, citrus, rich malt, barley and some toasty notes. Layers of flavour in the mouth with the finest hint of smoke while the toffee characters expand across the palate. Well rounded, good balanced and smooth flow. Hints of cocoa in rousing finish.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

### The Glenlivet 12 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

Very enticing nose with hints of summer. Gentle gromas have tropical fruits with some citrus and manao followed by newly mowed meadow with good floral backing. Vanilla is there with touch of sweet oak. Soft, full flavoured. rich mouth with warm, toasted oak and barlev sugar texture. A whole host of flavours develop in the glass including chocolate and coffee and more citrus. Beautifully balanced. Outstanding, long finish.

### Diageo

#### Caol Ila 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 18 YO

Mahogany colour. Subtle smoke with bracken and moss, deep peat and lots of warm barley. Curious coriander adds to the complexity. Surprisinaly soft and lush in the mouth with soft, smooth flow and beautiful balance. A light haze of smoke and a light peppery note and developing vanilla. All the while an intense peaty component develops.

## Diageo

# The Singleton of Glendullan 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

Nose suggests glorious malt with sherry and bourbon notes. Lots of spice and fresh fruit aromas. Rich and full in the mouth with almost zesty liveliness. Complex flavours are still in development in the glass but no doubt of the sherry and bourbon with vanilla and sweet spice. Smooth and well balanced. Long, spice filled finish.

## Gold

## Diageo

### Singleton of Glen Ord 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

Very busy nose filled with spice, ripe fruit and lots of malt. Hints of smoke and vanilla. Rich, round mouth where the vanilla really beains to establish itself while the malt builds up momentum all with a background of a lazy wisp of smoke. Smooth across the palate with lively texture. Good balance. Spice filled finish.

#### Gaelic Whiskies

### Té Bheag Unchillfiltered Connoisseurs Blend

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

Light golden colour. Malt and spice hold the nose with some seaside notes in the background. Honey and peat also muscle into the frame. The mouth is fairly lively with bouncy, sweet, rich malt with lots of spice and fine vanilla. Smooth with almost oily texture. Some peaty notes appear in the mouth and are amplified in the long finish.

# Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 16 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 16 YO

Floral nose leads the way with malt, barley sugar and sweet spice. Well rounded mouth with lots of tropical fruit, citrus and chocolate flavours. Hints of char and honey. Some peaty notes and fine oak backing. Lovely breath of heather in the sustained finish. Great balance and a clean cut character.

## Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) The Macallan Fine Oak 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 25 YO

Stunning opening with great display of fresh fruit, red berries, clean sherry, toasty nuts and fine oak, Almost explodes into the mouth then takes luxuriant flow across the palate dropping wave upon wave of superb flavours. Barley sugar and vanilla are there in the great complexity yet with dignity and in a way very delicate. Wonderful whisky.

## Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) The Macallan Fine Oak 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 15 YO

Gorgeous, complex nose filled with sherry, cocoa, dried apricot and ginger. Loads of berry fruit, hint of jasmine, some smoke and fruit cake. Rich and full in the mouth. Great balance and super smooth. A decided lift comes from a very lively spirity touch in the tail.

## International Beverage

Balblair Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1990 Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 18 YO

Massive floral display on the nose with lemon curd, nuts, toffee and vanilla. Heather and ripe pear play a part with a firm malty backing. Smooth and mellow in the mouth with raisins and red berries adding further complexity. Beautifully balanced. Honey and citrus feature in very long finish.

## John Dewar & Sons Ltd Aberfeldy Single Highland Malt 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

Attractive nose filled with honey, heather, rich spice and underpinned by smoke. Well rounded mouth has a vibrancy of a much younger whisky yet has some delightful mature notes to balance. Good, rich malt in the mouth with more honey and sweet vanilla. Good texture and overall balance. Clean finish with slight honey note lingering forever.

## John Dewar & Sons Ltd John Dewar 12 Year Old Special Reserve

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

Highly perfumed nose with attractive floral notes, followed by ripe, tropical and stone fruits. Smooth entry and velvet texture in the mouth where an odd but attractive, almost sour note adds huge complexity to all the flavours hinted at on the nose. Green apple and pear come into play along with caramel and brown sugar. Very satisfying finish.

### John Dewar & Sons Ltd

Aberfeldy Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky 21 YO Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 21 YO

Gentle but very appealing nose which opens with an absolute fruit salad of aromas with some fine malt and barley sugar. Mellow mouth reveals flavours of peach, plum, apricot and a range of citrus where orange seems to be most prominent. Grace personified in slow flow across the palate with old velvet texture. Extended finish is filled with spice and dried fruit. Wonderfully satisfying.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

## Jura Paps The Sacred Mountain Barolo Finish Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Finish - 15 YO

Great attraction on the nose is the absolutely pure vanilla which comes at you from every angle. Then a load of ultra clean fruit that includes super ripe tropical tones and vellow peaches. Great wall of peat follows and gives way to honey and more vanilla. Beautifully balanced mouth just brim full of rich, ripe fruit flavours and a sound underlay of malt and peat. The fruit carries through to the long finish.

## Gold

# Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Jura Elements Fire Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1998

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 10 YO

Ripe cherries, fruitcake with fresh toffee, butterscotch and lots of green fruit. Deep flavoured mouth where dark chocolate joins all the rest along with oak, prune and vanilla. Smooth across the palate with great texture and full body. Light peppery note in the long finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd 16 YO Isle of Jura Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 16 YO

Very attractive berry fruit nose with almonds and peach with some strong buttery notes. Spice, sweet toffee, honey and tinged with orange skin. Deep, flavour filled mouth with mellow mature notes and lots of sweet characters which are balanced by some fine dry oak. Touch of mocha leads into long finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd The Balvenie Sianature

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

Inviting nose advertises the sherry wood and then allows the fruit with apples, pears and almond to show with a fine floral backing and some vanilla. Rich and mellow in the mouth with depth of flavours made more complex with some citrus additions and touch of cinnamon. Smooth and beautifully balanced. Honey, sherry and subtle oak lead into long, sustained finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd **Grant's Family Reserve**

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

Very attractive nose with toffee apple, peat, malt with fruity and floral notes. Super combination in the mouth of sweet oak, fresh barlev, hints of barlev sugar, Beautiful balance with the layers of flavour sinking into the tongue. Supple and soft vet firm, lively finish. Goraeous drink.

# Whisky - Scotch

# Silver (Best in Class)

# Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

Ardmore 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 25 YO

Magnificent peat on the nose with heather, honey and sweet tobacco. Hints of chocolate, malt and vanilla. Rich layers of ripe fruit in the mouth with smooth flow across the palate and fine, but lively texture. Lots of developing flavours in the mouth. Great oak support with loads of heather and honey in a long finish.

# Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

Ardmore 30 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - 30 YO

Nose delivers a full blast of peat smoke then reveals a gentle floral backing and some ripe stone fruit with hint of fruit cake. Touch of toffee. Gentle through the mouth with a feather lightness yet loads of flavour. Peat seems to tame down into a gentle caress while a light smoky note appears in the long finish.

## **Berry Bros & Rudd Ltd** Cutty Sark 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 25 YO

Honey, vanilla, dark chocolate and roasted coffee all mingle on the nose with some floral backing. Super fine flavours and smooth flow with fine texture. Fruity richness in the mouth completes the complexity. Gentle hint of smoke in the background. Long, spice filled finish. Very satisfying.

## **Bruichladdich Distillerv Company Ltd Bruichladdich 2001 Resurrection**

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 8 YO

Interesting nose has a seaside feel with salty notes mingling with lemon and firm malt. Malt develops in the mouth with cocoa and fruit notes. Great arain component with lots of spice with vanilla as the main player. Long, spice filled finish.

# **Bruichladdich Distillerv Company Ltd** Bruichladdich 16 YO Bourbon Cask Sinale Malt Islav Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Finish - 16 YO

Pale, totally natural colour. More like a water colour than an oil. Floral notes begin but then a powerful wave of peat and phenolics penetrate every orifice. The mouth follows in the same way with ever pervading smoke and peat now penetrating the palate. With all this flows some delicate tropical notes and strong vanilla edge emerges. Long. full finish.

## **Bruichladdich Distillerv Company Ltd** Bruichladdich PC 7

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength 61%

Rich nose filled with peat, smoke, fresh fruit, hint of chocolate and vanilla. Rich and full in the mouth with lively action and fair attack on the palate. Yet relaxes into a creamy smooth flow. Long, lively finish.

# Silver (Best in Class)

#### **Chivas Brothers**

#### Aberlour 16 Year Old Double Cask Matured

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 16 YO

Attractive nose with herbs, spice, tropical fruit, full measure of malt and fine sherry character. Full flavoured mouth with smooth flow and silky texture. Sherry comes into its own in the mouth well supported by sweet malt and some fine oak. Long, aromatic finish. Very satisfying.

#### Chivas Brothers

## The Glenlivet Nadurra Cask Strenath

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Cask Strength 48% - 16 YO

Citrus dominates the nose then some sherry-like characters arrive followed by sweet spice. Soft and full in the mouth with rich texture and developing flavours. Ripe fruit, honey, toffee and toasty nuts. Good, supportive oak, Fine balance and lively finish.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

## Chivas Reaal 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 25 YO

Enticing nose with intense fruit mingled with orange, marmalade, raisins and just a faintest whiff of smoke. Well rounded mouth, where all the flavours meld into one bia mouth feel. Elegant and graceful with silky softness. Long finish with slight gingery lift.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

#### Aberlour a'Bunadh

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Strength 60%

Fairly strident nose with tropical fruit, sherry, honey and sweet spice. Big full mouth with explosion of barley and lots more honey while a good peat character arrives. Hints of cocoa. Vanilla leads the way into a delicate but flavour filled finish.

#### **Chivas Brothers**

#### Ballantine's 17 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 17 YO

Full, malt nose with hints of citrus, toast, toffee and sherrylike notes. Round and full flavoured in the mouth where the malt comes into full drive. Good mature notes aive fine texture and smooth flow. Firm and well driven finish.

### Diaaeo

#### Glenkinchie 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - 12 YO

Big, floral flourish on the nose with lilacs, rose combining with a areat wash of sweet malt. Soft bodied mouth with warm, mellow flow and all the flavours from the nose mingled with clean oak. Sweet, spicy, delicate finish.

## Diaaeo

#### Glenkinchie Distillers Edition 1995

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - Cask Finish - 13 YO

Nose abounds with fresh floral aromatics and citrus blossom. Lively in the mouth with flavours of malt, fruit and toffee. Odd but pleasing sweet/dry sensation. Exciting movement across the palate with lively texture. Clean, exhilarating finish.

### Diageo Brands BV

# Dimple Fine Original Blended Scotch Whisky 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 15 YO

Nose begins with a light smoky note that slowly builds into a fairly complex mix of fruit, spice and some oak, Plenty of grist, body and structure in the mouth with some barley sugar notes and good spice including cinnamon and vanilla. Good balance and well weighted. Mellow, soft finish.

#### **Gaelic Whiskies**

## MacNaMara Rum Finish Blended Whisky Unchillfiltered Scotch Whisky - Blended - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

Inviting nose opens with molasses, soft brown sugar, hints of butterscotch and a fine balance of golden rum. Good malt core. Well rounded but lively mouth with all the flavours according to the nose with addition of more malt and well used oak. Good balance and firm mouth feel.

## Gordon & Macphail

## Benromach Oriains Batch 1 Golden Promise 1999 Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Cask Strength 50% - Cask

Finish

Soft spice and heavy sherry nose with a load of fresh fruit to follow. Some peaty notes emerge and a sweet vanilla brings up the rear. Full mouth with lots more sherry and strong peat with just a trace of smoke. Soft spice in full finish.

## **Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group)** Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 15 YO

Floral dominated nose with malt and barley in attendance. Hints of golden syrup and some apple give greater complexity to the flavours. Fairly weighty in the mouth with underlying sweetness followed by some bitter chocolate. Long, firm finish.

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group) Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 21 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Strength - 21 YO

Full fruited nose with candied orange and marmalade. Smoky notes and sweet vanilla with fine oak support. Smooth in the mouth with fine range of citrus and tropical fruit flavours. Sweet honey and vanilla are well countered by some dry oak. Well balanced. Rich, smoky finish.

## Highland Distillers (The Edrington Group) The Macallan Sherry Oak 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 18 YO

Complex nose with ripe fruit, intense barley and fine sherry notes. Sweet and intense in the mouth with plums, apples and apricot and just the slightest hint of caramel. Beautiful balance and seemingly a more youthful vigour than the age would have you believe. Delightful and satisfying.

#### Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd

# Smokehead Islav Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - No Age Stated

Big nose opens with floral flourish with ripe fruit, honey, citrus. Subtle peat with light drift of smoke over it all. Deep mouth filled with seaweedy flavours mixed with the ripe fruit and a growing intensity of peat. Hints of sherry, seaside, iodine and toffee. Firm in the mouth with unyielding texture. Strong flavoured, zesty finish.

#### Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd

## Smokehead 18 YO Extra Black Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength 46% - 18 YO

Intense nose packed with pungent charry characters, brown bread toast and some deep earthy notes. Some banana follows with ginger and a stack of vanilla. Deep, full flavour filled with charcoal burn, toasted malt with dry oak support. Espresso and dark bitter chocolate make quite an impression just before big finish

## International Beverage

## Balblair Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1989

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 19 YO

Attractive mild and malt nose with mixed fruit including apple and citrus. Sweet vanilla and cinnamon follow. Great wave of malt in the mouth with sweet barley and fine oak. Hints of heather and honev in long finish.

## International Beverage

## Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky 17 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 16-17 YO

Attractive nose filled with floral notes, honey and soft malty tones. Full, deep, well rounded mouth with fine oak support. Some minerally notes develop as does a decidedly seaside note. Soft and mellow and very satisfying.

## International Beverage

# **Drummer Blended Scotch Whisky 5YO**

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 5 YO

Attractive toasty notes on the nose with heather and honey and sweet maltiness. Big and full in the mouth with great structure and body. Hints of toffee and raisin in the mouth with fine oak. Elegant stance. Fine finish.

### International Beverage

## Balblair Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1997

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 11 YO

Nose simply blossoms like a newly opened rose. Followed by fresh pineapple, pear and some clean spicy notes. Fresh and full in the mouth like a much more vouthful whisky yet some well matured notes making for smoothness across the palate. A very "cheerful" whisky described as ideal as a "Summer dram".

#### J & G Grant

### Glenfarclas The Family Casks 1966 Cask No 4177

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Strength 51% - 41YO

Gentle breeze of a nose with spice, malt and hints of sherry and some dried fruit. Soft and deep in the mouth with smooth flow across the palate and gentle roll out of flavours with some fine oak showing and just enough vanilla to be exciting but not overbearing. Beautifully graceful in its maturity.

# **Matisse Spirits Company Limited** Matisse 12 YO Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - 12 YO

Attractive, rich, ripe, fruity nose with barley sugar and sweet malt. Fine, floral backing. Rich and full in the mouth with some attractive tropical fruit flavours where pineapple and guava are dominant. Soft, silky flow yet fairly brisk and zesty. Long, dry, lively finish.

# Silver (Best in Class)

# Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd Bowmore 15 YO Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Finish - 12 YO

The nose has a slight wild character with some nettle-like notes which are soon swamped sherry, dark fruits, and some seaweedy notes. Deep mouth has dried prune, dark bitter chocolate and some caramelly notes. Smooth across the palate and probably less body than the nose would suggest. Good, full finish.

#### Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd

Auchentoshan 18 YO Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - 18 YO

Nose opens with green tea, kiwi, melon and apricot. Some citrus notes and hint odf almond. Mellow mouth with all the flavours the nose promised with some fine oak in support. Some attractive toasty notes develop in the glass. Smooth across the palate yet more life than expected for the age gives an agreeable lift. Appealing, sweet fruited finish.

#### Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd

Auchentoshan Classic Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - No Age Stated

Nose opens with lashings of fresh cut green grass, barley sugar and hint of caramel. Touch of spice. Well modulated mouth with barley, cocoa and apricot. Bourbon is evident as is sweet vanilla. Smooth and lightly textured. Sweetness carries through to the fine finish.

#### Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd

Glen Garioch Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 8 YO Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 8 YO

Nose opens with light aromas of malt, good floral notes, vanilla and some delicate oak. Rich and creamy in the

medium bodied mouth with fudge and more sweet malt. Seems very youthful. Delightful little dram.

#### Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd

## Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Sinale Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

Rich, dark fruits on the nose with distinct oloroso aromatics. Spice with vanilla and ginger. Rich, rounded mouth where the sweetness of Pedro Ximenez seems to set the background while butterscotch, berry fruits and toasted nuts make for areat complexity. Smooth and well balanced. Lona, fruit filled finish.

## The BenRiach Distillery Company Ltd BenRiach Madeira Finish 13 YO Single Malt Speyside Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Spevside - Cask Finish - 13 YO

Full powered nose loaded with peat, marzipan, dried fruit and vanilla. Hints of rich malt and a decided Madeira note. Big, rich mouth filled with peat and malty flavours with natural golden syrupyness. Despite the full character it is well balanced and elegant. Long, full flavoured finish.

# The BenRiach Distillery Company Ltd BenRiach 16 YO Single Malt Speyside Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 16 YO

Full, aromatic nose with lots of ripe fruit and fresh floral notes with hints of toffee and sweet spice. Full and sweet in the mouth with lively flow and a honied thread throughout. Well balanced and elegant stance. Floral filled finish.

# The BenRiach Distillery Company Ltd The Glendronach 33 YO Single Malt Highland Scotch

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 33 YO

### The Edrinaton Group

The Glenrothes Speyside Single Malt - 31 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 31 YO

Glorious malty nose with toffee and raisin. Hints of honey and caramel and fine spice. Wonderful maturity melds everything into a glorious whole of lovely whisky. There are snatches of honey and cocoa. Some drying oak leads into fine, extended finish.

## The Edrinaton Group

The Glenrothes Speyside Single Malt Robur Reserve Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

Great display of spice and brown sugar on the nose with fine malt backing. Enormous depth of flavour in the mouth with intense sweetness and barlev richness. Great complexity and full flow across the palate. Decided rum notes in the long, full powered finish.

# The Edrington Group

#### The Snow Grouse

Scotch Whisky - Blended Grain - No Age Stated

Most unusual array of aromatics on the nose where lemongrass, lemon and lime with whole bank of soft grains are the main players. Refined and elegant in the mouth with a surprising depth of flavours where citrus and pear with touch of white peach all play a part. Ripe apples feature in long finish. Elegant and well poised.

# Silver (Best in Class)

## The Edrington Group

The Glenrothes Spevside Single Malt 14 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 14 YO

The nose beains with a mix of fresh fruits and dried, with raisins being to the fore. Just a hint of smoke then a wave of grassy malt. Touch of coffee. Well rounded mouth where treacle and toffee join the mix with a hint of caramel. Some dry oak offsets the sweeter characters and carries into the finish.

## The Glenmorangie Company

James Martin's 20 YO Deluxe Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 20 YO

Honey, heather and spice dominate the nose. Some citrus notes follow and mingle with hints of sherry. Lovely clean malt in the mouth with layers of fruit being deposited as the smooth flow crosses the palate. Lots of spice powers towards the finish where good citrus notes get involved. Relatively youthful for its age.

# The Glenmorangie Company

Glenmorangie Signet Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - No Age Stated

The nose is unmistakeably Highland! Beautiful fragrance, with honey, sherry and fruitcake. Delicate but assertive in the mouth with malt and oak in perfect balance. Some toasty, barley notes and just the slightest hint of smoke. Good little grippy touch towards the spicy finish.

## The Glenmorangie Company Ardbeg Corryvreckan

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength - No Age

Tremendous surge of fruit on the nose with great wave of peat and malt following. Marmalade makes a big impression then a definite sea salty breeze across it all. Big and full in the mouth with the fruit continuing to dominate while the malt moves into place. Gives impression of being powerful and somewhat untamed but well worth wrestling with. A lively way to end the session!

## The Glenrothes Distillery Glenrothes 1991 Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 17 YO

Surprisingly youthful nose for its age with fresh fruit, ripe plums, touch of caramel and clean vanilla edge. Intense in the mouth with honev joining the fruit and some delicate smokey tones. Oak support is just about as good as it gets. Fine, dry finish.

# The Tomatin Distillery Co Ltd The Antiquary 21 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 21 YO

Spicy, malt filled nose with toffee and honey. Rich and full in the mouth with mature notes older than the label states. Gorgeous complexity with all the nose said plus a gentle peaty note and some super fine vanilla. Lovely, warming mellowness. Long, spice filled finish. Very rewarding.

# Waitrose Ltd (Whyte & Mackay)

Waitrose in Partnership with Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - No Age Stated

Attractive fresh fruit nose with sweet malt and fine oak. Round and mellow in the mouth with hints of marzipan joining the fruit. Fruitcake complexity. Fine flow across the palate. Lively finish. Soft overall yet ascertive in dignity and style. Charming whisky.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

The Thirteen 13 YO Whyte & Mackay Blended Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 13 YO

Delightful nose filled with walnut, melon and manao with rich malt and a hint of soft peat. Beautifully balanced with a soft texture. Hints of toffee brushed with vanilla. Good malt notes and soft grains. Very comforting dram.

# Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

The Dalmore 40 YO Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 40 YO

Distinctly mature notes on the nose where the oak shows before the sweet, ripe berry fruits, malt and spice. Spice picks up after a while and cinnamon and vanilla become pretty prominent. Deep, full, slow mouth with loads of comfortable maturity. The flavours roll out slowly across the palate showing a harmony that only maturity can achieve. Lona, sustained finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd Jura Superstition Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - No Age Stated

Fruitcake and tanay malt on the introduction. Followed by spice, lemon, raisins, sultanas with golden syrup and Demarara sugar. Gorgeous texture and weight in the mouth and a salty sweetness. Smooth and satisfying. Very drinkable.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd Usquaebach Pure Highland Malt 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - Highlands - 15 YO

Fruity, complex nose with lots of mature notes. Citrus, meringue and brown sugar play their parts. Smooth in the mouth with decided rush of malt across the palate. Vibrant and surprisingly fresh for its age. Fairly full finish. Delightful.

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

The Dalmore 1973 Cabernet Sauvianon Finish Cask Strength Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - Cask Strenath - 35 YO

Nose opens like a basket of ripe fruit, Red berry fruits. apples, citrus of various kinds, some tropical notes of guava and mango. A very definite marmalade character comes in after a while and determines its authority. Incredibly rich in the mouth with the berry fruit flavours making a great show before the citrus and marmalade take over. Smooth across the palate. Long, determined finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

19 YO Luxury Whyte & Mackay Blended Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 19 YO

Rich, intense nose packed with sweet spice, sherry character, hints of almond and lots of malt and grain. Intensely packed mouth with mellow, warm, sensual feel. Soft and vielding across the palate with wide array of complex flavours. Elegant and well balanced. Firm but satisfying finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd Isle of Jura 1974

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 34 YO

The nose is so well integrated that, at first, it is hard to single out specific aromatics. Eventually some rich spice emerges along with dried fruit and fine oak. Deep and full in the mouth with great concentration of ripe berry fruits, dried fruits including sultanas and apricot. Velvet smooth and textured. Long, spice filled finish

### Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

22 YO Supreme Whyte & Mackay Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 22 YO

Very attractive and inviting nose where peach and citrus play a major role. Intense, clean malt with pure vanilla at all times. Well rounded mouth where the fruit comes out even more strongly like a summer salad with addition of some lovely dark chocolate notes. Beautiful balance and silky smooth. Pure luxury.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

40 YO Whyte & Mackay Original Blended Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 40 YO

Very attractive nose filled with orange, toasted nuts and rich fruit cake. Great introduction onto the palate with lots of flavour stretching out in an ultra smooth flow. Flavours follow the nose with more complexity from rich marmalade with great oak support. Lots of spice in a long, sweet fruit finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd The Dalmore 1974

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 34 YO

Very attractive sherry note at the start of the nose with slightest hint of peat and some intense malt. Great depth in the mouth with fine texture and smooth flow. Oloroso comes into its full glory in the mouth with beautiful expression. Some golden brown sugar notes and touch of spicy oak. Surprisingly firm finish for its age.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd Jura Prophecy Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Strength 55% -No Age Stated

Very youthful nose filled with malt, barley sugar and honey. Lots of fruit and floral notes. Big and full in the mouth with a complete follow on from the nose with something of a burst of malt that happens as it flows across the palate. Lively, invigorating finish.

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Tesco Reserve 12 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 12 YO

Warm and inviting nose with orange peel, marzipan and spice. Round and sensual in the mouth with marmalade. more orange and sweet spice. Good flow across the palate with great smoothness and soft texture. Yet lively, orange zestiness in the finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd **Monkey Shoulder**

Scotch Whisky - Vatted Malt - Speyside - No Age Stated

Attractive nose with malt, spice and citrus notes with some floral backing. Fairly full in the mouth with decided lean towards a malty sweetness. Hints of mint and touch of vanilla lead into a full driven fruity finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd The Balvenie Golden Cask

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 14 YO

Lovely waft of floral and fruit opens the fairly delicate nose. Hints of raisins, rum and golden syrup follow. Rich, rounded mouth with all the flavours of the nose plus some butterscotch, chocolate, hints of citrus and good, pure vanilla. Smooth across the palate with slight sweet sensation. Attractive, dry, oak seasoned finish.

# William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd The Balvenie Thirty

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 30 YO

Clean, ripe fruited nose with apples, pears and some sultanas. Hints of butterscotch and toffee with some barley sugar. Crisp and firm in the mouth with silky smooth flow and all the flavours promised by the nose. Odd, but attractive sweet/dry sensation. Citrus highlights the zestiness while a wave of barley tussles with the oak. Clean, fresh, almost youthful finish.

## Silver

# A D Rattray

Stronachie 12 Year Old, Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

## **Angus Dundee Distillers Plc**

Glencadam 10 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 10 YO

Glencadam 15 YO Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 15 YO

## Tomintoul Speyside Glenlivet Single Malt Scotch Whisky 14 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 14 YO

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

### **Ardmore Traditional Cask**

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - No Age Stated

## Laphroaig Quarter Cask

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - No Age Stated

# **Berry Bros & Rudd Ltd**

## **Cutty Sark Black**

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## **Burn Stewart Distillers**

## Scottish Leader 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 12 YO

#### Black Bottle

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

# Deanston Un-chillfiltered 12 YO Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

# Tobermory 10 YO Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 10 YO

## Bunnahabhain 18 YO Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 18 YO

#### **Bunnahabhain Toiteach**

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - No Age Stated

### Chivas Brothers

### Ballantine's 12 year Old

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 12 YO

#### **Ballantine's Finest**

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

### Chivas Regal 18 YO Gold Signature

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

#### Ballantine's 21 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 21 YO

#### Royal Salute 21 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 21 YO

#### Ballantine's 30 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 30 YO

#### Aberlour 10 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 10 YO

### The Glenlivet 12 Year Old First Fill

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

#### The Glenlivet 18 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 18 YO

#### Aberlour 12 Year Old Double Cask Matured

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 12 YO

#### The Glenlivet 15 Year Old French Oak Reserve

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 15 YO

#### Longmorn 16 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 16 YO

### Diageo

### Clynelish 14 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 14 YO

#### Oban 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 18 YO

### **Oban Distillers Edition 1993**

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 15 YO

#### Dalwhinnie Distillers Edition 1991

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 16-18

#### Talisker 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Strength - 25 YO

#### Talisker 57 North

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Strength 55% -No Age Stated

#### Caol Ila 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 12 YO

#### Lagavulin 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 12 YO

#### Craaaanmore 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

#### The Singleton of Dufftown 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

### Diageo Brands BV

### Buchanan's Special Reserve Blended Scotch Whisky 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 18 YO

#### Buchanan's Red Seal Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

### Johnnie Walker Red Label

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## Silver

## Diageo Brands BV

Buchanan's Finest Blended Deluxe Scotch Whisky 12 YO Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

### Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

#### Johnnie Walker Gold Label 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

#### Johnnie Walker Blue Label

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

## Diageo Plc

## Royal Lochnagar 12 YO Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

## Glen Moray Distillery Ltd

# Glen Moray 12 YO Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

## Glen Moray 16 YO Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 16 YO

# Gordon & Macphail

Strathisla 40 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 40 YO

# **Highland Distilleries (The Edrington Group)**

Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky 30 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 30 YO

# Highland Distillers (The Edrington Group)

The Macallan Fine Oak 10 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 10 YO

#### The Macallan Fine Oak 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 12 YO

### The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 12 YO

#### The Macallan Fine Oak 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 18 YO

#### The Macallan Fine Oak 21 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 21 YO

#### The Macallan Fine Oak 30 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 30 YO

#### lan Macleod Distillers Ltd

## Glengoyne 40 YO Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Strength - 40 YO

## International Beverage

## Hankey Bannister Blended Scotch Whisky 40 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 40 YO

## Catto's Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## Hankey Bannister Blended Scotch Whisky 21 YO Reserve

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 21 YO

### anCnoc Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

#### Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

#### anCnoc Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1994

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 14 YO

#### anCnoc 16 YOHighland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 16-17 YO

### Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky 21 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 21 YO

### Speyburn Bradan Orach Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - No Age Stated

### John Dewar & Sons Ltd

#### William Lawson's

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

#### John Dewar Signature

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

## La Martiniquaise

## Label 5 18 YO Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

## Matisse Spirits Company Limited

## Matisse 15 YO Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 15 YO

#### Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd

### Glen Garioch Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 15 YO

### Auchentoshan 12 YO Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Lowland - 12 YO

## **Quality Spirits International**

### Highland Earl Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

### The BenRiach Distillery Company Ltd

### Curiositas 10 YO Single Malt Speyside Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 10 YO

### BenRiach 12 YO Single Malt Speyside Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

# BenRiach Authenticus 21 YO Single Malt Speyside

Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 21 YO

## Silver

## The Edrington Group

The Famous Grouse Finest

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## The Glendronach Distillery

The Glendronach Original 12 YO Single Malt Highland Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

## The Glendronach Allardice 18 YO Single Malt Highland Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 16-18 YO

## The Glenmorangie Company

James Martin 30 YO Deluxe Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 30 YO

# Glenmorangie Quarter Century Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 25 YO

## Glenmorangie Lasanta Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

## Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

## Glenmorangie Sonnalta PX Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

# Ardbeg 10 YO Single Islay Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 10 YO

### Ardbeg Uigeadail

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - Cask Strength - No Age Stated

## The Glenrothes Distillery

Glenrothes Select Reserve Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - No Age Stated

# The Tomatin Distillery Co Ltd

The Antiquary 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

### The Tomatin 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

#### The Tomatin 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 18 YO

### The Tomatin 25 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 25 YO

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

Whyte & Mackay Special Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

# The Dalmore 12 YO Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 12 YO

#### The Dalmore 15 YO Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - 15 YO

### The Dalmore Gran Reserva Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - No Age Stated

### 10 YO Isle of Jura Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - 10 YO

#### Jura Elements Air Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1993

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Finish - 15 YO

## Jura Paps Mountain of Gold Pinot Noir Finish Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islands - Cask Finish - 15 YO

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd

## The Balvenie Vintage 1978

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Strength 50%+ - 30 YO

#### Grant's 12 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 12 YO

#### **Grant's Sherry Cask Reserve**

Scotch Whisky - Blended - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

### Glenfiddich 12 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

#### Glenfiddich Caoran Reserve 12 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 12 YO

#### Glenfiddich 18 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - 18 YO

#### The Balvenie Double Wood

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 12 YO

#### The Balvenie Sinale Barrel 15 YO

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 15 YO

#### Glenfiddich 21 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 21 YO

#### Glenfiddich 30 Year Old

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 30 YO

## **Bronze**

## **Ben Nevis Distillery**

Ben Nevis Portwood Finish 10 YO Single Malt Scotch

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - Cask Finish - 10 YO

## **Berry Bros & Rudd Ltd** Cutty Sark 18 YO

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

## **Bruichladdich Distillery Company Ltd** Bruichladdich Peat Single Malt Islay Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - No Age Stated

#### **Burn Stewart Distillers**

Tesco 10 Year Old Islay Malt Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - 10 YO

## Diageo Brands BV

Windsor Super Premium Blended Scotch Whisky 17 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 17 YO

#### J & B Rare

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## Old Parr Superior Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## Glen Moray Distillery Ltd

Glen Moray Single Sherry Cask 1995 Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Cask Strength 59% - Cask Finish - 13 YO

## Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd

Langs Supreme Blended Scotch Whisky 5 YO

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 5 YO

### King Robert II Deluxe Blended Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Deluxe Blend - No Age Stated

#### John Dewar & Sons Ltd

John Dewar White Label

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

### La Martiniquaise

Label 5 Classic Black

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

# **Matisse Spirits Company Limited**

Matisse 12 YO Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - 12 YO

### Matisse Old Blended Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Blended - No Age Stated

## The BenRiach Distillery Company Ltd

BenRiach Dark Rum Finish 15 YO Single Malt Speyside Scotch Whisky

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Speyside - Cask Finish - 15 YO

# The Glenmorangie Company

Ardbeg Blasda

Scotch Whisky - Single Malt - Islay - No Age Stated

## Whyte & Mackay Distillers Ltd

The Dalmore 1263 King Alexander III Single Highland Malt

Scotch Whisky - Single Highland Malt - No Age Stated

# Whisky - Worldwide

# Gold (Best in Class)

## **Suntory Limited**

## The Hakushu Single Malt Whisky 25 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 25 YO

Incredibly rich nose absolutely jam packed with sweet spice, rich fruit, toast, peat, smoke and barley. Rich and full in the mouth with intense flavours and exceptional smoothness. Everything on the nose repeats in the mouth with extra complexity from butterscotch, touch of caramel and vanilla. Fine oak support. Beautiful balance. Fine finish with aentle floral notes.

## **Suntory Limited**

### The Hakushu Single Malt Whisky 12 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 12 YO

Nose shows beautiful balance between fruit and peat. Fresh, full and crisp in the mouth with barley and malty flavours, toast, honey, marmalade and spice. Super complexity with great balance between the barley, honey notes, fruit and oak. Ever developing flavours in incredibly long finish. Beautiful whisky.

# Whisky - Worldwide

# Gold

# **Suntory Limited**

## The Yamazaki Single Malt Whisky 1984

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 25 YO

Massive nose filled with toffee, barley, ripe and dried fruit, barley and delicate smoky twist. Big and full flavoured mouth with rich, sweet fruit and a load of spice and vanilla. Intense barley sweetness is contrasted by some dryish oak. Long finish is filled with spice.

# Whisky - Worldwide

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

### Beam (ri) 1 Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey

Worldwide Whiskey - USA - Rye - No Age Stated

Enticing nose with floral notes, spice, aniseed and cloves. Fruit is drawn up sharply by some firm rye. Soft fruit in the mouth is firmed up by the rye and some fairly robust wood. Hints of marmalade in elegant finish.

#### **Distell Ltd**

## Three Ships Bourbon Cask Finish

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Blended - Cask Finish -No Age Stated

Bright golden colour. Very attractive, fruit filled nose with apple, pear and orange with hint of cinnamon and light floral flush. Evolving peat with firm bourbon in the background. Soft and full in the smooth mouth with honey sweet flow and lively ginger notes. Complexity develops with full flavour spectrum. Good balance. Long, full, well lasting finish with some vanilla and light peppery lift in the tail. Very well made and sound whisky.

### **Distell Ltd**

### Bain's Whisky

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Single Grain - No Age Stated

Nose brings to mind toasted marshmallows, brown sugar and some bourbon notes. Great attack on the palate with fabulous integrated characters. Great viscosity of grain coats the mouth. Lots of fruit with some raisin and date and vanilla sweetness. Wonderfully yielding and very easy, but flavourful drinkina.

#### **Distell Ltd**

### Three Ships Premium 5 YO Whiskey

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Blended - 5 YO

Nose shows good mature notes with mixed fruit, malt and vanilla. Light peppery spice adds to the interest. Well rounded mouth with mellow feel and smooth flow. Lots of fudge, vanilla and sweet spice. Well supported by finely judged oak. Long, crisp and fresh finish. Very drinkable.

# **Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd**

## **Kniahts Whiskey**

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

## King Car Food Industrial Co. Ltd Kavalan Single Malt Whiskey

Worldwide Whiskey - Taiwan - Single Malt - No Age Stated

Delicate, gentle nose with some hesitant peat but pleasing ripe fruit. Some aristy notes in the mouth with sweet sensation making for easy flow. Some light spicy notes develop and hints of vanilla add interest. Sweet, pleasant finish.

# Mackmyra Svensk Whisky AB Mackmyra Whisky

Worldwide Whiskey - Sweden - Single Malt - No Age Stated

Fruity nose with spring blossom, hints of citrus and some caramel. Soft and gentle in the mouth with sweet vanilla and well integrated mouth. Good balance and finely elegant. Fresh, crisp finish.

## Mackmyra Svensk Whisky AB

## Mackmyra Special:01 Eminent Sherry

Worldwide Whiskey - Sweden - Single Malt - Cask Finish

Nose opens with intense, sweet, tropical fruit and broadens out into floral notes and decided sherry character. Soft in the mouth yet good grip from some fine oak. Intense concentration. Hints of cinnamon and vanilla. Good balance. Long, developing finish.

# Whisky - Worldwide

# Silver (Best in Class)

## Pendervn Distillerv

## Penderyn Single Malt Welsh Whisky Rich Madeira Limited **Edition**

Worldwide Whiskey - Wales - Single Malt - Cask Finish

Nose is packed with dried fruit with prunes and cherries. No doubt about the Madeira cask while the malt and barley are there in secondary roles. Clean and pleasant in the mouth with fine balance. Long, full finish.

### Pendervn Distillerv

## Penderyn Single Malt Welsh Whisky

Worldwide Whiskey - Wales - Single Malt - No Age Stated

An array of dried fruits are first to reach the nose. Followed by some tropical tones and deep, rich malt, All repeats in the deep flavoured mouth. Malt really gets into gear while the tropical fruits are still in attendance. A slight touch of bitter oak sets up all the sweet characters giving a big, rich finish. Good balance. Satisfying drink.

## Sazarec Company, Inc. Fireball Cinnamon Whisky

Flavoured Whiskey - Spice

## **Suntory Limited**

# Suntory Limited Hibiki 12 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Deluxe Blend - 12 YO

Floral, fruity nose with hints of sultana and smoky malt. Nose gathers in intensity as does the flavour in the well rounded. sweet, ripe fruited mouth. Very well cradled in finely judged oak. Great whoosh of barley malt towards the finish. Intensity of fruit and malt grows right to the finish.

### **Suntory Limited**

## The Hakushu Single Malt Whisky 10 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 10 YO

Heather and spice on the nose with smoky note in the background. Some minty notes with fresh malt. Full in the mouth with great barley notes and super balance. Some toffee and spice appear just before the finish. Fresh and verv rewardina.

### **Suntory Limited**

## Suntory Whisky Hibiki 17 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Deluxe Blend - 17 YO

Intense, clean malt with loads of fruit and mature characters. Some grapey notes meld with the malt. Big and full in the mouth with smooth flow and silky texture. Intensity of the malt builds while honey and caramel appear. The massive palate weight tends to ease towards the everlasting finish.

## **Suntory Limited**

### Suntory Whisky Hibiki 21 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Deluxe Blend - 21 YO

Plush nose with surprising youthful energy for its age. Malt is well to the fore with spice, heather and muesli adding complexity. Genteel entry into the mouth yet solid weight of maturity settles down on the palate spreading wide range of flavours through out the mouth. The barley begins to grow taking all the fruit and spice with it. Intensity builds right to the end and after taste lingers forever. The full majesty of maturity is held all the way by an underlying youthfulness.

### **Suntory Limited**

### The Hakushu Single Malt Whisky 18 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 18 YO

The very forward nose beckons with ripe fruit, some herbal notes, toasty nut, some mint and sweet spice. Smooth and silky in the mouth with ultra slow flow across the palate all supported by great and well managed oak. Great balance. Long, sustained finish. A complete and beautiful whisky.

### **Suntory Limited**

### The Yamazaki Single Malt Whisky Sherry Cask

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - Cask Finish - No Age Stated

Very attractive nose with plum, dried fruit and hints of citrus, vanilla and cinnamon. Sherry notes filter through along with some fine floral tones. Mouth watering flavours with smooth texture and good balance. Abundant flavours build into almost robust form. Sherry dominates in fine finish.

## William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd **Gibsons Finest Rare**

Worldwide Whiskey - Canada - Deluxe Blend - 18 YO

Seriously oaky nose with green notes and great balance coming from corn intensity. Some sweet estery notes in the back. Well rounded mouth where honey and corn combine to give attractive flavours. Smooth flow with velvet texture. Hints of brown sugar and some cereal notes. Some dryish oak leads into fine finish. Very satisfying drink of substance.

# Whisky - Worldwide

# Silver

# Henry Tayler & Ries Ltd

**Harrier Whiskey** 

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

# Mackmyra Svensk Whisky AB

Mackmyra Special:02 The Anniversary Edition

Worldwide Whiskey - Sweden - Single Malt - No Age Stated

# **Suntory Limited**

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The Yamazaki Single Malt Whisky 18 YO

Worldwide Whiskey - Japan - Single Malt - 18 YO

# Whisky - Worldwide

# **Bronze**

# Beam Global Spirits & Wine Inc.

Canadian Club Classic 12

Worldwide Whiskey - Canada - Blended - 12 YO

## Distell Ltd

**Three Ships Whiskey** 

Worldwide Whiskey - South Africa - Blended - No Age Stated

### William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd

Gibsons Finest 12 Year Old

Worldwide Whiskey - Canada - Blended - 12 YO

# Other Spirits

# Silver (Best in Class)

# Distilleries et Domaines de Provence Pastis Henri Bardouin

Pastis

Magnificently complex, with a mass of spicy flavours, but dominated, as it should be, by star anise, and all held together by well-distilled spirit. A very classy version of this classic drink.

# Knockeen Hills Poteen (UK) Ltd Knockeen Hills Irish Poteen Gold Strenath

Irish Poteen - 70%

# **Other Spirits**

# Silver (Best in Class)

#### Mozart Distillerie

Mozart Drv Chocolate Spirit

Flavoured Spirits - Chocolate

Colourless. Enticing aromas of chocolate have you thinking of something sweet yet once you put it into your mouth the sensation is decidedly dry! However the chocolate flavour is heightened by the spirit. Beautifully balanced. Chocolate carries strongly right to the finish.

#### **Niche Drinks**

Oscar's Peach Schnapps

Schnapps - Peach

# The Spirit of the Sun

The Spirit of the Sun Almond

Flavoured Mead

Deep gold colour. Nose is a mingle of honey and herbs with a touch of almond. In the mouth the honey and herbs are joined by cherry, cloves and vanilla. Marzipan features strongly in the finish

#### VnC Cocktails

**VnC Cocktails Pacific Maitai** 

Cocktail - Vodka & Rum Base - Tropical Fruit

Opaque yellow. Nose bellows out coconut and lime with some strong hints of pineapple. Lively with a good spirity lift. Good balance of fruit, spirit and acidity. Very refreshing.

# Other Spirits

# Silver

# **Cognac Gautier**

Old Pineau Panatela

Pineau des Charentes

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Pineau des Charentes Revnac Blanc

Pineau des Charentes

## Pineau des Charentes Reynac Rose

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Pastis

# The Spirit of the Sun

The Spirit of the Sun Orange

Flavoured Mead

# Other Spirits

## **Bronze**

#### Destillerie Franz Bauer

**Bauer's Jager Tee** 

Flavoured Spirits - Dried Fruit and Spice

### Furore Handels GmbH & Co KG

**Upsynth Woman** 

Flavoured Spirits - Herbal

# Michael O'Callaghan

**Eden Apple Brandy** 

Apple Brandy

## The Spirit of the Sun

The Spirit of the Sun Cherry

Flavoured Mead

### The Spirit of the Sun Classic

Flavoured Mead

#### VnC Cocktails

**VnC Cocktails Margarita** 

Cocktail - Teauila Base - Citrus Fruit

#### **VnC Cocktails Moiito**

Cocktail - Vodka & Rum Base - Citrus Fruit & Herb

#### **VnC Cocktails Feijoa & Apple**

Cocktail - Vodka Base - Fruit

#### VnC Cocktails Pear & Chocolate

Cocktail - Vodka Base - Fruit

### VnC Cocktails Pomegranate Cosmopolitan

Cocktail - Vodka Base - Fruit