

# ULTIMATE BEVERAGE CHALLENGE 2012 GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S BEST SPIRITS, COCKTAILS AND WINE





# About Ultimate Beverage Challenge

Over the past three years  
**Ultimate Beverage  
Challenge (UBC)** has trail

blazed a new and exciting path in the evaluation of spirits, wines and cocktails. Through innovation, experience and insight, UBC has brought forward into the twenty-first century the exercise of not just accurately scoring alcoholic beverages, but also assessing their categorical standing amidst their peers. UBC does not dispense meaningless medals and hollow awards, a passé practice rooted in the late nineteenth century. Instead, UBC supplies unassailable results through the 100-point rating system that, with pinpoint precision, gauge the character and quality of all types of beverage alcohol products.

The UBC Challenges include Ultimate Spirits Challenge, Ultimate Cocktail Challenge and Ultimate Wine Challenge. UBC's specially designed multilevel judging system has revolutionized beverage competitions, in which multiple panels evaluate each entered libation within its most

appropriate peer group.

UBC Challenges are conducted in the first half of each year at the pristine facility Astor Center in lower Manhattan to ensure that UBC's ideal judging criteria is met environmentally. Entered products into each Challenge are served in proper crystal glassware at the optimum serving temperature in order to showcase their finest attributes in a fair setting. Only the foremost, unbiased experts in the world are asked to be UBC judges. This exclusive, authoritative coterie includes award-winning journalists, authors and educators.

UBC's concept revolves around its three guiding principles of Integrity, Method and Credibility. UBC's commitment is all about providing the beverage industry and consumers the most reliable, independent assessments in the world. This guide reveals the top-scoring products from all three UBC Challenges conducted in 2012. For all the UBC results, go to **www.ultimate-beverage.com**.  
*Ultimate Beverage Challenge...Know the Score.*

## Ultimate Beverage Challenge Results

**3** Ultimate Spirits Challenge

**14** Ultimate Cocktail Challenge

**18** Ultimate Wine Challenge

**SCORE:** The results published in this Ultimate Guide represent all products that scored 90 points and above (out of a maximum score of 100 points) in the 2012 Challenges. A complete list of all products scoring 80 points and higher can be viewed at [www.ultimate-beverage.com](http://www.ultimate-beverage.com). Online results include tasting notes for all products scoring 85 points and higher, product images, cocktail recipes and photos, and marketing collateral.

**AWARD:** Top scoring products in each category are recognized based upon their results in each Challenge: Chairman's Trophy and Finalist. The number of Finalists per category will vary depending on product type, number of submissions and overall quality.

**PRICE:** All prices listed are based upon information from the producer, and may vary by market. Products available in the U.S. are quoted in dollars; those not imported show prices as available in the country of origin.

**ACCOLADE:** In addition to the score, products are further distinguished as a guide to consumers: 95-100 points: Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation; 90-94 points: Excellent. Highly Recommended.

**GREAT VALUE (GV) \$:** Indication of products with a favorable relationship between their price and final score.

Ultimate Beverage Challenges are conducted in the first half of each year. For more information or to enter products in the Challenges please inquire at [info@ultimate-beverage.com](mailto:info@ultimate-beverage.com) or go to [www.ultimate-beverage.com/contact](http://www.ultimate-beverage.com/contact).



# Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2012

What is it that makes a brandy, whiskey, vodka, gin, liqueur, rum or tequila great or, perhaps, not so great? Those questions, asked by media, the beverage industry and consumers alike, are answered with skill and accuracy once every March by the judging panels at Ultimate Spirits Challenge. At New York's famed Astor Center, the world's spirits authorities convene to assess all the entered distillates from the world's leading spirits producers without knowing what they are sampling. Blind tasting is the only way to accurately assess any spirit. The following results provide the answers.

Over the course of three days, judging panels of renowned experts rigorously toil over each spirit's unique and individual color, aroma, taste, texture and mouth-feel. Is this spirit clean and appealing to the eye? Is there any sediment? Does it smell fresh, vigorous and vivid or is it dull, attic-like and musty? Does it properly reflect its category's established standards? Does the taste affirm

the findings ascertained in the aroma? Is it silky, sharp, sweet, dry or bitter in the finish? These are just some of the numerous questions asked of each entry. In truth, they actually endure many more levels of testing as the judges put each spirit through its paces. Price is inconsequential.

The end results, through multiple panels and much comparison, are what lie before you now. The spirits cited in this guide identify the best spirits in the world, coming from many nations and even more distillers. Go ahead... become spirited.



## APERITIF

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Lise Baccara Troussepinete Red Aperitif France, 17% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$20.00	5
Finalist	95	Lise Baccara Troussepinete White Aperitif France, 17% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$20.00	5
Finalist	90	Aperol Aperitif Italy, 11% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.00	5

## VODKA Unflavored Vodka

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.99	5
Finalist	93	Luksusowa Vodka Poland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	5
Finalist	93	UV 80 Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$12.99	5
Finalist	92	Ocean Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.99	
Finalist	92	Vektor Vodka Russia, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	
Finalist	92	Zodiac Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.99	5
Finalist	91	Breckenridge Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.00	5
Finalist	91	Finlandia Vodka Finland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$17.99	5
Finalist	91	I SPIRIT Vodka Italy, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	
Finalist	91	Milano Green Ultra Premium Vodka Italy, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	5
Finalist	91	Nemiroff Distinct Vodka Ukraine, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.00	5
Finalist	91	Vesica Vodka Poland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$12.99	5
	90	Heroes Premium Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$17.00	5
	90	LiV Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	

## VODKA Flavored Vodka

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	91	BAK'S Bison Grass Zubrowka Flavored Vodka Poland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	90	Ketel One Citroen Flavored Vodka Netherlands, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.99	\$

## AQUAVIT

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
	93	Linie Aquavit Norway, 41.5% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.99	

## GIN

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Plymouth Gin United Kingdom, 41.2% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$30.00	\$
Finalist	94	Beefeater 24 London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.00	\$
Finalist	93	Beefeater London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.00	\$
Finalist	92	Tanqueray London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 47.3% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$
Finalist	92	Tanqueray TEN London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 47.3% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	\$
Finalist	92	Caorunn Small Batch Scottish Gin Scotland, 41.8% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	
	91	Edinburgh Gin Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.00	
	90	Bombay Sapphire East London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
	90	Oxley Gin United Kingdom, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00	

## GENEVER

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Bols Barrel Aged Genever Netherlands, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99	
	91	Bols Genever Netherlands, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	

## RUM Rhum Agricole

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Rhum J.M. White Rhum Agricole Martinique, 50% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$36.99	\$
Finalist	93	Clement Cuvee Homere Hors d'Age Rhum Agricole Martinique, 44% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$99.95	
Finalist	93	Rhum J.M. VSOP Rhum Agricole Martinique, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$57.99	
Finalist	92	Rhum J.M. Millésimé 2001 Rhum Agricole Martinique, 47.2% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$119.99	
Finalist	92	St Barth Cool Rhum Agricole Guadeloupe, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$90.00	
Finalist	91	Depaz Blue Cane Ambre Rhum Agricole Martinique, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	

## RUM

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Appleton Estate Reserve Rum Jamaica, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$27.00	\$
Finalist	95	Vizcaya VXOP Cask 21 Years Old Rum Dominican, Rep., 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$38.00	
Finalist	94	Banks 5 Island Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	\$
Finalist	94	Banks 7 Golden Age Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	
Finalist	94	Banks Endeavour Limited Edition I Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$549.00	
Finalist	93	Appleton Estate 12 Years Old Rum Jamaica, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.00	
Finalist	93	Bacardi 8 Rum United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.99	\$
Finalist	93	J. Wray & Nephew Overproof Rum Jamaica, 63% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.00	\$

Finalist	93	Plantation Original Dark Overproof Rum Trinidad, 73% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	🏆
Finalist	93	Vizcaya Cask 12 Dark Rum Dominican, Rep., 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.00	🏆
Finalist	92	Bacardi Solera Rum Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Blackwell Gold Rum Jamaica, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Cockspur Rum Barbados, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.00	
Finalist	92	Don Q Añejo Aged Rum Puerto Rico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Dos Maderas 5+5 PX 10 Years Old Rum Spain, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	
Finalist	92	Plantation Grande Reserve 5 Years Old Rum Barbados, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	🏆
	91	Cockspur Old Gold Rum Barbados, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.00	🏆
	91	Denizen Rum Trinidad and Jamaica, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99	🏆

## CACHAÇA Silver Cachaça

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	90	INOX Original Silver Cachaça Brazil, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.00	🏆

## TEQUILA Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Milagro Select Barrel Reserve Silver Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$52.99	
Finalist	93	El Mayor Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	🏆
Finalist	93	Siete Leguas Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	
Finalist	93	Tequila Tromba Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Jose Cuervo Tradicional Silver Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.00	🏆
Finalist	92	Olmecca Altos Plata Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.00	🏆
Finalist	92	Tres Agaves Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99	🏆
Finalist	91	Don Julio Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
	90	El Jimador Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	🏆
	90	Herradura Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.95	

## TEQUILA Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Ambhar Tequila Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$48.00	
Finalist	93	Manana Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00	
Finalist	93	Siete Leguas Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$42.99	
Finalist	92	El Jimador Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	🏆

## 97 Frapin Château Fontpinot XO Cognac Grande Champagne

France, 41% abv \$90.00

Gorgeous burnished orange color; flawless purity. Gloriously sophisticated aroma of equal parts power and grace as the lead scent is clearly the grape element. On palate, the integrated flavor profile features deep tastes of raisins, pears, nectarines and oak. Aftertaste is one of Cognac's finest.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 96 Appleton Estate Reserve Rum

Jamaica, 40% abv \$27.00

Eye-catching chestnut color; flawless purity. Integrated, lean notes of molasses, spice, tree bark and nut. Creamy and honeyed at entry, then the taste detonates into an explosion of cocoa, vanilla and baked fruits. One of the great spirits of the world.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 91 Denizen Rum

Trinidad and Jamaica, 40% abv \$15.99

Pristine appearance. Offers tantalizing early aromas of baked orchard fruits, baking spices and brown sugar, then the bouquet turns huskier and more molasses-like. In the mouth, the taste profile is creamy, oily and more bittersweet than sweet and therefore savory and complex.



GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

Finalist	92	El Mayor Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$23.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Tres Agaves Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.99	
Finalist	91	Milagro Select Barrel Reserve Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$56.99	
	90	KAH Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 55% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.99	

## TEQUILA Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	97	Siete Leguas Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$44.99	🏆
Finalist	94	Avion Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$48.00	
Finalist	93	Don Julio 1942 Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$125.00	
Finalist	93	KAH Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99	
Finalist	92	Casa Noble Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$59.95	
Finalist	92	El Jimador Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	🏆
Finalist	92	Tres Agaves Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$37.99	
Finalist	91	Milagro Select Barrel Reserve Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$98.99	

## TEQUILA Extra Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Jose Cuervo Reserva de la Familia Extra Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$125.00	

## MEZCAL

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Del Maguey Vida Single Village Mezcal de Oaxaca Mexico, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$36.00	🏆
Finalist	91	Mano Negra Tobala Mezcal Mexico, 48% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$90.00	
Finalist	91	Sombra Mezcal United States, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.99	
Finalist	90	El Tinieblo Joven Mezcal Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.99	
Finalist	90	Los Amantes Reposado Mezcal Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$64.99	
Finalist	90	Pierde Almas Tobala Joven Mezcal Mexico, 47.8% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$114.99	

## WHISKEY American Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Balcones "I" Texas Single Malt American Whiskey United States, 52.5% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$67.50	

## WHISKEY Bourbon

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	98	Blanton's Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 46.5% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$49.99	
Finalist	97	Col. E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$69.99	
Finalist	96	Breckenridge Bourbon United States, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$39.00	
Finalist	96	William Larue Weller 12 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 66.75% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$69.99	
Finalist	96	Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45.2% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$32.99	
Finalist	95	1792 Ridgmont Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 46.9% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$29.99	🏆
Finalist	95	Benjamin Prichard's Double Barrel Bourbon United States, 45% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$72.95	

Finalist	95	Bulleit Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$27.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	95	Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$29.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	95	Evan Williams 1783 Small Batch Extra Aged Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 43% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$12.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	95	Four Roses Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$39.99	
Finalist	95	Knob Creek Single Barrel Reserve 9 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 60% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$39.99	
Finalist	95	Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 23 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 47.8% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$199.99	
Finalist	94	Four Roses 2012 Limited Edition Small Batch 12 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 55% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$99.99	
Finalist	94	Four Roses Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	94	Old Forester Signature Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	94	Parker's Heritage Collection Cognac Finished 10 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$79.99	
	93	Benchmark Old No. 8 Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$11.99	🇺🇸
	93	Eagle Rare Single Barrel 10 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
	93	George T. Stagg 18 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 71.3% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$69.99	
	92	Jefferson's Bourbon United States, 41.15% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
	92	Jefferson's Presidential Select 18 Years Old Bourbon United States, 47% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$89.99	
	92	Kentucky Tavern Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$10.69	🇺🇸
	92	Wild Turkey Rare Breed Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50.5% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
	91	Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	🇺🇸
	91	Early Times 354 Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99	🇺🇸
	91	Hudson Four-Grain 4 Years Old Bourbon United States, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00	
	91	Old Forester Birthday 2011 Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 49% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99	
	91	Wild Turkey 101 Kentucky Straight Bourbon United States, 50.5% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	🇺🇸
	90	Benjamin Prichard's Double Chocolate Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$68.95	

## WHISKEY Rye Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Masterson's Straight Rye Whiskey Canada, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$79.00	
Finalist	92	Bulleit Rye Whiskey United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	91	Sazerac Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	90	Benjamin Prichard's Rye Whiskey United States, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$51.95	

## 93 Clement Cuvee Homere Hors d'Age Rhum Agricole

Martinique, 44% abv, \$99.95

Lushly pretty nose of vanilla, crushed nuts and cooked fruit, with a touch of old wood and tobacco; gorgeous array of tropical fruit, vanilla, sweet cream and caramel dashed with cinnamon, clove and lemon. Eminently sippable, with an everlasting finish, the cream of the Caribbean.



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 92 Clement Creole Shrubb Liqueur

Martinique, 40% abv \$32.95

Vibrant and aromatic with scents of orange peel, Amaro-like botanicals, wild herbs, with bitter berries in support. Great straight, on ice, or in a cocktail.



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 89 Clement VSOP Vieux Rhum Agricole

Martinique, 40% abv \$39.95

Vanilla and spice aromas lead to a mild cooked fruit and brown sugar charm; finishes clean and rich, with a brisk cinnamon tang.



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## WHISKEY Tennessee Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	91	George Dickel Barrel Select Tennessee Whiskey United States, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	\$

## WHISKEY Blended Irish Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	99	Midleton Barry Crockett Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 46% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$240.00	
Finalist	97	Jameson 18 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$85.00	
Finalist	96	Tullamore Dew Reserve 10 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$32.99	
Finalist	95	Bushmills Black Bush Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$29.99	\$
Finalist	95	Bushmills Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	95	Jameson 12 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$50.00	
Finalist	95	Jameson Black Barrel Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$35.00	
Finalist	95	Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 46% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$250.00	
Finalist	95	Midleton Very Rare Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$125.00	
Finalist	94	Michael Collins Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.99	\$
Finalist	94	Powers John's Lane Release 12 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 46% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00	
	93	Jameson Gold Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00	
	93	McFadden Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
	93	Powers 12 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
	93	Powers Gold Label Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.00	
	93	Tullamore Dew Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.00	
	93	Tullamore Dew Reserve 12 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.99	
	92	2 Gingers 4 Years Old Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$
	92	Jameson Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.00	
	91	Finian's Blended Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	

## WHISKEY Irish Pot Still Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Redbreast Cask Strength 12 Years Old Irish Pot Still Whiskey Ireland, 57.7% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.00	
Finalist	95	Redbreast 12 Years Old Irish Pot Still Whiskey Ireland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$40.00	
Finalist	95	Redbreast 15 Years Old Irish Pot Still Whiskey Ireland, 46% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$75.00	

## WHISKEY Single Malt Irish Whiskey

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	97	Bushmills 16 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$74.99	
Finalist	96	Michael Collins 10 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$39.99	
Finalist	94	Bushmills 21 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$124.99	
Finalist	93	Bushmills 10 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	

## WHISKEY Irish Poteen

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
	92	Knockeen Hills Irish Poteen Ireland, 60% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	



## WHISKY Canadian Whisky

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Caribou Crossing Single Barrel Canadian Whisky Canada, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99	
Finalist	91	Canadian Mist Black Diamond Canadian Whisky Canada, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$
Finalist	91	Still Waters Canadian Whisky Canada, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.95	
Finalist	90	Royal Canadian Small Batch Canadian Whisky Canada, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$

## WHISKY Japanese Whisky

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Yamazaki Single Malt 18 Years Old Japanese Whisky Japan, 43% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$120.00	
Finalist	95	Hakushu Single Malt 12 Years Old Japanese Whisky Japan, 43% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$44.99	
Finalist	94	Yamazaki Single Malt 12 Years Old Japanese Whisky Japan, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.99	
Finalist	90	Hibiki Blended Malt 12 Years Old Japanese Whisky Japan, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$55.00	

## WHISKY Blended Scotch Whisky

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Buchanan's Special Reserve 18 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$69.99	
Finalist	94	Royal Salute Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$175.00	
Finalist	93	Buchanan's Red Seal Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$142.99	
Finalist	93	Chivas 25 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$250.00	
Finalist	93	Dewar's 12 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.99	\$
Finalist	93	Dewar's 18 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$79.99	
Finalist	93	Dewar's Signature Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$199.99	
Finalist	93	Johnnie Walker Black Label Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.00	
Finalist	93	Johnnie Walker Blue Label Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$220.00	
Finalist	93	Johnnie Walker Gold Label Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$85.00	
Finalist	93	Wemyss Malts Peat Chimney Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	\$
Finalist	92	Chivas 18 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$75.00	
Finalist	92	Dewar's White Label Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$21.99	\$
Finalist	92	Mount Keen 12 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky United Kingdom, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	RUB 1500.00	
Finalist	92	The Black Grouse Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$

## WHISKY Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Johnnie Walker Green Label Blended Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00	

## 95 Rhum J.M. White Rhum Agricole

Martinique, 50% abv \$36.99

Extravagant cornucopia of ripening tropical fruit - mango, overripe bananas, papaya - and a wild, funky earthiness combine for an aromatic explosion; flavors are intensely rich of fresh sugar cane and tropical fruit; a delight.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 93 Rhum J.M. VSOP Rhum Agricole

Martinique, 45% abv \$57.99

Nougaty richness with cinnamon and clove aromas; tastes of spiced butter and lemony toffee; smooth and subtle finish.



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 92 Rhum J.M. Millésimé 2001 Rhum Agricole

Martinique, 47.2% abv \$119.99

Redolent of crushed walnuts and pecans, pecan pie and brown sugar; flavors are more sophisticated, with notes of saddle leather, old wood and tobacco joining the subtle sweetness. Bold, old and enchanting.



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

Finalist	92	Buchanan's Master Blended Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$42.00
Finalist	90	Sheep Dip Blended Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.00

## WHISKY Single Malt Scotch Whisky

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	97	Caol Ila 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$50.00
Finalist	96	Bowmore 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$119.99
Finalist	96	Glen Grant 16 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$79.99
Finalist	96	Glenfarclas 25 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$149.99
Finalist	96	Glenmorangie Signet Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$199.00
Finalist	96	Lagavulin 16 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$90.00
Finalist	96	Tomatin 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$54.99
Finalist	95	Aberlour 16 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.00
Finalist	95	Aberlour 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$100.00
Finalist	95	Ardbeg Uigeadail Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 54.2% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$74.99
Finalist	95	Dalwhinnie 15 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.00
Finalist	95	Glenfarclas 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$44.99
Finalist	95	Glenfarclas 17 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$89.99
Finalist	95	Glenmorangie 25 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$579.00
Finalist	95	Talisker 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 45.8% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$50.00
Finalist	95	The Glenlivet French Oak Reserve 15 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$40.00
	94	Aberfeldy 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99
	94	Aberfeldy 21 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$169.99
	94	Aberlour 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$42.00
	94	Aberlour A'bunadh Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 59% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$70.00
	94	Ardbeg 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$54.99
	94	Ardbeg Corryvreckan Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 57.1% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$84.99
	94	Auchentoshan Three Wood Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
	94	Bowmore 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.99
	94	Bowmore 15 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$69.99
	94	Bowmore Legend Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99
	94	Cardhu 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$43.00
	94	Clynelish 14 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.00
	94	Cragganmore 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00
	94	Glen Garioch 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
	94	Glen Garioch Founders Reserve Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00
	94	Glenfarclas 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99
	94	Glenfiddich 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$85.00
	94	Glenfiddich Cask of Dreams Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48.8% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$99.00
	94	Glenfiddich Gran Reserva 21 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$130.00

94	Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99
94	Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$69.99
94	Oban 14 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
94	Old Pulteney 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$41.99
94	The Glenlivet 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.00
94	The Glenlivet 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00
94	The Glenlivet Nadurra 16 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00
93	Aberlour Non-Chill Filtered 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00
93	Auchentoshan Valinch Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 57% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00
93	Benromach Peat Smoke Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
93	Glen Garioch 1986 Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 54.6% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$249.99
93	Glenfarclas 105 Proof Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 60% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$79.99
93	Glenfarclas 21 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$119.99
93	Glenkinchie 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00
93	Glenmorangie 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$99.99
93	Glenmorangie Original 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99
93	Port Charlotte An Turas Mor Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
93	Speyburn Highland 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99
93	The Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00
93	The Balvenie Portwood 21 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$180.00
93	The Glenlivet 21 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$130.00
92	Auchentoshan 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00
92	Bruichladdich The Laddie Ten Unpeated 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 46% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$57.00
92	Glen Grant 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.99
92	Glenfarclas 40 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$469.99
92	The Balvenie Tun 1401/Batch 3 Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 50.3% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$250.00
92	The Glenrothes Select Reserve Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.99
91	Auchentoshan Classic Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99
90	Glenmorangie Astar Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 57.1% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$79.99

**96 Calvados Drouin**  
25 Years Old Calvados  
Pays d'Auge France, 42% abv \$189.99

Beautiful burnished orange/  
copper color. Ultra-sophisticated  
bouquet ascends in waves of  
baked apple, spiced apple  
and winter holiday cake  
aromas that bedazzle the  
olfactory sense. Vivid and  
clean in the mouth, the flavor  
profile highlights the creamy/  
oily texture and impeccable  
spirit. A masterpiece.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

**94 Masterson's Straight**  
Rye Whiskey  
Canada, 45% abv \$79.00

Amber color. High-flying  
breakfast cereal aromas  
waft up from the glass, dry  
and grainy. In the mouth,  
the flavor profile includes  
earth/soil, oaky vanilla, sap  
and tree bark. Concludes in  
a satiny rush that's appealing  
and sophisticated.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

**91 Finlandia Vodka**  
Finland, 40% abv \$17.99

Immaculate see-through  
appearance. Very faint  
fragrance of malt and minerals/  
earth in the inhalations.  
Ethereally light, balanced  
and graceful in the mouth in  
the tradition of Scandinavian  
distillers. Lovely and elegant.



FINALIST, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 94 Banks Endeavour Limited Edition 1 Rum

West Indies, 43% abv, \$549.00, 750 ml  
Vibrant aromas of dried fruits, old leather/men's club, tree bark and herbs make for enchanting sniffing. Taste profile is deep and complex, showing off nicely fused flavors of oak, winter holiday cake spices and caramel.



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 94 Banks 7 Golden Age Rum

West Indies, 43% abv, \$34.99, 750 ml  
Highly evocative spicy and sea breeze-like aromas bring to mind the tropics. In the mouth, the flavors merge into a unified taste that exhibits roots, tree bark and cooking spices (thyme, sage). Big-textured finish



FINALIST  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 94 Banks 5 Island Rum

West Indies, 43% abv, \$29.99, 750 ml  
Flavor profile is jam-packed with cinnamon, vanilla, molasses and prune tastes that ignite the taste buds. Creamy aftertaste.



FINALIST, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 96 Banks 5 Island Rum in a Mojito

The Banks 5 strikes the perfect chord between the mint and lime lifting the drink to new heights proving that great spirits make great cocktails.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL CHALLENGE

## 95 Banks 5 Island Rum in a Daiquiri

This Rum works brilliantly in the classic Daiquiri as it possesses the weight and depth to shine in the drink while seamlessly marrying the semi-tart lime notes.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL CHALLENGE

## 92 Banks 5 Island Rum in a Mai Tai

The Banks 5 offers weight, depth, and complexity to spare creating a Mai Tai worthy of your best Tiki glass.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL CHALLENGE

## BRANDY Armagnac

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	97	Delord 1978 Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$120.00	
Finalist	94	Dartigalongue Hors d'Age Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$58.00	
Finalist	93	Chateau de Laubade 1982 Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$179.99	
Finalist	92	Armagnac Castarède VSOP 10 Years Old Armagnac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00	
Finalist	92	Chateau de Laubade Intemporel No. 5 30 Years Old Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$169.99	
Finalist	92	Marie Duffau Napoleon Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$37.00	

## BRANDY Calvados

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Calvados Drouin 25 Years Old Calvados, Pays d'Auge France, 42% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$189.99	
Finalist	95	Pere Magloire 20 Years Old Calvados, Pays d'Auge France, 40% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$75.00	
Finalist	94	Calvados Boulard VSOP Calvados France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.00	
Finalist	93	Berneroy VSOP Calvados France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.00	
Finalist	92	Calvados Drouin 1982 Calvados, Pays d'Auge France, 42% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$210.00	
Finalist	92	Pere Magloire VSOP Calvados, Pays d'Auge France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
Finalist	92	Pere Magloire XO Tres Vieux Calvados, Pays d'Auge France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$75.00	

## BRANDY Cognac

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	97	Frapin Château Fontpinot XO Cognac Grande Champagne France, 41% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$90.00	
Finalist	96	Martell Cordon Bleu Cognac France, 40% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$120.00	
Finalist	94	Camus Extra Elegance Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$400.00	
Finalist	94	Francois Voyer XO Gold Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	€100.00	
Finalist	94	Pierre Ferrand 1840 Original Formula Cognac France, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.99	
Finalist	94	Pierre Ferrand Ancestrale Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$800.00	
Finalist	93	Camus VSOP Elegance Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$43.00	
Finalist	93	Martell XO Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$150.00	
Finalist	93	Normandin-Mercier Prestige Cognac Fine Champagne France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$85.00	
	92	Delamain Pale & Dry XO Cognac Grande Champagne France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$99.00	
	92	Garde Marine Extra XO Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	RUB 3500.00	
	92	Landy VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	

**97 Delord 1978  
Bas-Armagnac**  
France, 40% abv \$120.00

Deep chestnut color; impeccable clarity. Multiple aromatic impressions include traces of rancio, dry earth, grape preserves and wood plank, with wrapped in an oily/buttery aroma. Highly complex taste aspects include marzipan, nougat and walnut paste. Classically majestic.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

**94 Fuzzy's Ultra  
Premium Vodka**  
United States, 40% abv \$25.99

Immaculately clean and clear. Aroma is intensely grainy, dusty dry and snack cracker-like. In the mouth, the taste profile is off-dry to semi-sweet, decidedly grainy and breakfast cereal-like, with a distant flavor of vanilla bean. Outstanding.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

**91 George Dickel Barrel Select  
Tennessee Whiskey**  
United States, 43% abv \$39.99

Bright amber/honey color. Truckloads of caramel corn, hazelnut, waxpaper and toffee aromas delight; a tantalizing bouquet. Flavor-wise, the entry shows a trace of pipe tobacco while the midpalate tastes feature buttered popcorn, bacon fat and peanut butter. Handsome, integrated whiskey.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

92	Landy XO Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$119.00
91	Camus Ile de Re Fine Island Cliffside Cellar Cognac France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$95.00

**BRANDY Grappa**

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Jacopo Poli Sarpa Barrique Grappa Italy, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$62.00	
Finalist	91	Bepi Tosolini Cividina Grappa Italy, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	\$

**BRANDY Pisco**

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Pisco Porton Pisco Peru, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.00	\$
Finalist	90	Don Alvaro Mollar Pisco Peru, 42% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00	

**LIQUEUR**

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Chartreuse Green Liqueur France, 55% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$59.00	
Finalist	94	Merlet Crème de Cassis, Blackcurrant Liqueur France, 20% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	94	Merlet Crème de Peche, Peach Liqueur France, 18% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	94	Merlet Crème de Fraise, Strawberry Liqueur France, 18% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	94	Bushmills Irish Honey Whisky Liqueur Ireland, 35% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	94	Montenegro Amaro Italy, 23% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	\$
Finalist	93	Merlet Crème de Framboise, Raspberry Liqueur France, 18% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	93	St. Germain Elderflower Liqueur France, 20% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.99	
Finalist	92	Clement Creole Shrub Liqueur Martinique, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.95	
Finalist	92	Cointreau Noir Liqueur France, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$42.00	
Finalist	92	Drambuie Speyside Malt 15 Years Old Whisky Liqueur Scotland, 43% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$59.99	
Finalist	92	Merlet Crème de Poire, Pear Liqueur France, 18% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	\$
Finalist	92	Pernod Absinthe France, 68% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$70.00	
	91	Bols Black Raspberry Liqueur Netherlands, 17% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$11.99	\$
	91	Brady's Irish Cream Liqueur Ireland, 17% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99	\$
	91	Pallini Limoncello Italy, 26% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.00	
	91	Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur Italy, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$36.99	
	91	The Knot Irish Whiskey Liqueur Ireland, 50% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.00	\$
	90	Cacao Prieto Don Estaban Chocolate Liqueur United States, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	
	90	Luxardo Maraschino Liqueur Italy, 32% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.99	



# Ultimate Cocktail Challenge 2012

Ultimate Cocktail Challenge is the most innovative cocktail competition in the world and is really two competitions in one. It is innovative because over the course of three days the foremost cocktail authorities from around the world assess first how spirit product entries react in Classic Cocktails. For example, Ultimate Cocktail Challenge judges determine which gin makes the tastiest Dry Martini. They also discover through rigorous testing which gin makes the best Aviation and Negroni, two other acknowledged gin-based cocktail classics.

Then they test tequila in Margaritas, El Diablos and Fresa Verdes and more and brandies in Sidecars and whiskeys in Manhattans and Old Fashioneds and on and on. The point is to ascertain which popular brands of each spirit category react the best in recipes that have defined the cocktail for decades as well as the present day. After all, it has been the Classic Cocktails that gave rise to the current cocktail renaissance. Ultimate Cocktail Challenge's primary focus is with the Classics.

Additionally, however, Ultimate Cocktail Challenge assiduously examines Signature

Cocktails, wherein cocktail recipes are created for specific spirits brands. Those results can be viewed on the UBC website.

The focus of this buying guide is on Ultimate Cocktail Challenge's Classic Cocktail results for 2012. In it, you will discover which rum made the best Mojito, Daiquiri, Fog-Cutter and Mai Tai. When you visit [www.ultimate-beverage.com](http://www.ultimate-beverage.com) you will also gain access to the recipes so you can make these cocktails at home.



## GIN Aviation

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	94	Broker's London Dry Gin England, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99
Finalist	93	Edinburgh Gin Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00
Finalist	90	Ungava Gin Canada, 43.1% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$36.00

## GIN Extra Dry Martini

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Broker's London Dry Gin England, 47% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$19.99
Finalist	94	Bombay Sapphire Gin United Kingdom, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99
Finalist	93	Tanqueray London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 47.3% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99
Finalist	92	Ungava Gin Canada, 43.1% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$36.00
Finalist	90	Edinburgh Gin Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00

## GIN Negroni

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	94	Tanqueray London Dry Gin United Kingdom, 47.3% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99
Finalist	94	Bombay Sapphire East Gin United Kingdom, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.99
Finalist	93	Broker's London Dry Gin England, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99
	90	Bombay Sapphire Gin United Kingdom, 47% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99
	90	Edinburgh Gin Scotland, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00

## VODKA Cosmopolitan

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	New Amsterdam Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.99
	90	Still Waters Vodka Canada, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.95

## VODKA Moscow Mule

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	New Amsterdam Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.99

## VODKA Vodka Martini

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	93	Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.99

## TEQUILA/MEZCAL El Diablo

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Tres Agaves Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$32.99
Finalist	94	Ambhar Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00
Finalist	94	Tres Agaves Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99
Finalist	93	Tres Agaves Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$37.99
Finalist	90	Familia Camarena Silver, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$20.00

## TEQUILA/MEZCAL Fresa Verde

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	93	Tres Agaves Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$37.99
Finalist	92	Tres Agaves Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99
Finalist	91	Ambhar Añejo, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00

## TEQUILA/MEZCAL Margarita

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	94	Tres Agaves Blanco, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$27.99
Finalist	93	Tres Agaves Reposado, 100% Agave Tequila Mexico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.99

## RUM Daiquiri

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Banks 5 Island Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$29.99
Finalist	94	Santa Teresa Claro Rum Venezuela, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$12.99
Finalist	93	Denizen Aged White Rum Trinidad & Jamaica, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99
Finalist	90	10 Cane Rum Trinidad, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99

## RUM Mai Tai

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	92	Banks 5 Island Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99

## RUM Mojito

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	96	Banks 5 Island Rum West Indies, 43% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$29.99
Finalist	94	Denizen Aged White Rum Trinidad & Jamaica, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99
Finalist	94	Diplomatico Blanco Rum Venezuela, 50% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$31.99

## RUM Fog Cutter

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	Amrut Old Port Rum India, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99

## RUM Aged Rum Sidecar

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	93	Diplomatic Reserva Exclusiva Rum Venezuela, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$31.99
Finalist	90	Don Q Añejo Rum Puerto Rico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99

## RUM El Presidente

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	92	Don Q Añejo Rum Puerto Rico, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99
Finalist	91	Amrut Old Port Rum India, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99
Finalist	90	Diplomatic Reserva Exclusiva Rum Venezuela, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$31.99

## CACHAÇA Red-Headed Saint

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	Leblon Silver Cachaça Brazil, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$30.00

## COGNAC/BRANDY Brandy Crusta

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	92	Rémy Martin VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00
Finalist	91	Pierre Ferrand 1840 Original Formula Cognac France, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00

## COGNAC/BRANDY Sidecar

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	94	Rémy Martin VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00
Finalist	92	Pierre Ferrand 1840 Original Formula Cognac France, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00
Finalist	91	D'USSÉ VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.99
Finalist	91	Osoalis Rare Alambic American Brandy United States, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00

## COGNAC/BRANDY Vieux Carré

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	D'USSÉ VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$44.99
Finalist	94	Pierre Ferrand 1840 Original Formula Cognac France, 45% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00
Finalist	91	Chateau de Laubade Signature Bas-Armagnac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99
	90	Rémy Martin VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00

## COGNAC/BRANDY May Daisy

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	93	Rémy Martin 1738 Accord Royal Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$50.00
Finalist	92	Rémy Martin VSOP Cognac France, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00

## PISCO Pisco Sour

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	Inca Gold VIP Pisco Peru, 42% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99

## IRISH WHISKEY Black Thorn

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	90	Michael Collins 10 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99

## IRISH WHISKEY Dublin Rose

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE
	91	Michael Collins 10 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99



## IRISH WHISKEY Tipperary Cocktail

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Michael Collins 10 Years Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey Ireland, 40% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$39.99

## SCOTCH WHISKY Blood & Sand

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Glen Garioch 12 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.00
Finalist	94	Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
Finalist	93	Highland Park 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00
Finalist	92	Bowmore Darkest 15 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$69.99

## SCOTCH WHISKY Rob Roy

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Amrut Fusion Indian Single Malt Whisky India, 50% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.99
Finalist	94	Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
Finalist	94	Dewar's White Label Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$23.00
Finalist	91	Glen Garioch 12 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 48% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.00
Finalist	90	Highland Park 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00

## SCOTCH WHISKY Rusty Nail

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	95	Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$65.00
Finalist	94	Amrut Fusion Indian Single Malt Whisky India, 50% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$65.99
Finalist	94	Bowmore Darkest 15 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$69.99
Finalist	94	Highland Park 12 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00
Finalist	91	Chivas Regal 12 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland, 40% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.00

## U.S. WHISKEY Manhattan

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	94	Russell's Reserve 10 Years Old Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99

## U.S. WHISKEY Old Fashioned

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	92	Russell's Reserve 10 Years Old Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99

## U.S. WHISKEY Whiskey Sour

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE
Chairman's Trophy	92	Russell's Reserve 10 Years Old Bourbon United States, 45% abv Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99

## 95 Amrut Fusion Indian Single Malt Whisky

India, 50% abv \$65.99

Lovely frosty brown appearance in the coupe. Aromatically, this cocktail highlights the Amrut Fusion Single Malt to a fine point as the nose is all about bread, baking yeast and breakfast cereal. Impeccable balance is the underlying asset. Amrut from India is now ready to play in the big leagues of whisk(e)y.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
IN A ROB ROY  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL CHALLENGE

## 93 Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva Rum

Venezuela, 40% abv \$ 31.99

This classic recipe is far too good to be the exclusive domain of Cognac as aged Rum does quite well when supported by fresh squeezed lime juice and orange liqueur. The Diplomatico works so well in this cocktail because the rich and dense flavors provide the perfect foil to the tart lime.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
IN AN AGED RUM SIDECAR  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL CHALLENGE

## 94 Diplomatico Blanco Rum

Venezuela, 50% abv \$ 31.99

FINALIST  
IN A MOJITO  
ULTIMATE COCKTAIL  
CHALLENGE





# Ultimate Wine Challenge 2012

We all know the sinking feeling of walking into a wine merchant and being confronted with hundreds, often thousands of wine choices. The world of wine is the most complex of all beverage alcohol segments in terms of the number of wine products available and the wide variety from many regions in many countries.

Ultimate Wine Challenge exists to cut through the rhetoric, the advertising and the clutter so astute buying choices can be made by anyone, no matter their level of wine acumen.

Ultimate Wine Challenge occurs once each year when the world's leading authorities, including Masters of Wine, sommeliers, authors and journalists, come together to methodically assess the latest releases of wines from around the world. Using New York City's ideal setting, Astor Center, Ultimate Wine Challenge judges painstakingly examine hundreds of wines to assess their quality and price/value ratios. Multiple panels sample each wine entry to gain an accurate and fair evaluation.



This collection of data, with easy-to-understand scores on the 100-point scale and tasting notes, provides for consumers all the pertinent information they require to make informed and money-saving wine selections in wine stores. Gone are the days of wine intimidation. Gone are the days of fumbling your way through aisles of wines without knowing where to begin. Ultimate Wine Challenge takes the mystery and anguish out of buying wine by supplying everyone with the most accurate results available today.

## CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING Champagne, France

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Moët & Chandon Imperial Brut NV Epernay (France)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$45.00	
Finalist	91	Gosset Champagne Brut Grand Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay NV Champagne (France)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$100.00	

## CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Domaine Carneros Brut Rosé 2008 Carneros, Napa (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$36.00	
Finalist	93	Chateau Frank Blanc de Noirs Sparkling Wine 2006 Finger Lakes (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
Finalist	92	Gloria Ferrer Brut Sparkling Wine NV Sonoma County (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$20.00	🇺🇸
Finalist	91	Domaine Carneros by Taittinger Brut Methode Champenoise 2008 California (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$26.00	
Finalist	91	Mionetto Il Lambrusco Lambrusco NV Veneto, IGT (Italy)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99	🇮🇹
	90	Vinkara Yaşasın Kalecik Karası 2009 Southern Anatolia (Turkey)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	€ 23.40	

## WHITE WINES Chardonnay, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Quails' Gate Stewart Family Reserve Chardonnay 2010 Okanagan Valley (Canada)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.00	🇺🇸
Finalist	92	Davis Bynum Chardonnay 2010 Russian River Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	
Finalist	92	J. Lohr October Night Chardonnay 2010 Arroyo Seco/Monterey (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	
Finalist	92	Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards Chardonnay 2010 Central Coast (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.99	🇺🇸
Finalist	91	Alexander Valley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay 2010 Alexander Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$18.00	🇺🇸
Finalist	91	Buena Vista Winery Chardonnay 2009 Carneros (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.00	🇺🇸

# BERONIA. THE LAND BEFORE RIOJA.



WINE MODERATION  
Art de Vivre  
EWING COLBY & ASSOCIATES, WASHINGTON, DC

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Finalist	91	Domaine Ferret Pouilly-Fuisse 2009 Bourgogne (France) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$31.99	
Finalist	91	Rodney Strong Estate Chardonnay 2010 Sonoma County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.50	\$
	90	Castillo de Molina Reserva Chardonnay 2011 Casablanca Valley (Chile) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$10.99	\$
	90	Fetzer Chardonnay 2010 California (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$7.99	\$
	90	Irony Chardonnay 2010 Napa Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.99	\$
	90	McWilliams Hanwood Estate Chardonnay 2010 South Eastern Australia (Australia) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$12.00	\$
	90	Wakefield Estate Chardonnay 2010 Clare Valley (Australia) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.99	\$

## WHITE WINES Sauvignon Blanc, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Framingham Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Marlborough (New Zealand) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$
Finalist	91	Mud House Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Marlborough (New Zealand) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$17.00	\$
Finalist	91	The Crossings Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Marlborough (New Zealand) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$

## WHITE WINES Riesling, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Riesling 2011 Finger Lakes (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$
Finalist	92	Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling 2011 Columbia Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.00	\$
Finalist	91	Fetzer Riesling 2010 California (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99	\$
Finalist	91	Sheldrake Point Estate Grown, Dry Riesling 2011 Finger Lakes (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.00	\$
	90	Barefoot Cellars Riesling NV California (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$6.99	\$
	90	Wakefield Estate Riesling 2011 Clare Valley (Australia) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.99	\$

## WHITE WINES Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Willm Réserve Pinot Gris 2010 Alsace (France) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.00	\$
Finalist	90	Handley Cellars Pinot Gris 2010 Anderson Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$18.00	\$

## WHITE WINES Gewurztraminer, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	90	Fetzer Gewurztraminer 2010 California (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99	\$

## WHITE WINES Chenin Blanc, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Quails' Gate Chenin Blanc 2010 Okanagan Valley (Canada) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.00	\$

## WHITE WINES Assorted Whites, Europe

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Vinas del Vero La Miranda de Secastilla Garnacha Blanca 2010 Somontano (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.00	\$

Our wines are the legacy of the Berones, the first people to inhabit the region now known as Rioja. Quality wines that are made traditionally and reflect the personality of their land. Beronia is recognised for its outstanding quality year after year.

Gran Reserva 2004 - 92 points in Wine Spectator  
Reserva 2005 - Top100 Wine Spectator - 91 points  
Crianza 2008 - Gold L.A. Intl. Wine Competition

Finalist	91	Carlos Serres Onomastica, Blanco Reserva Viura 2008 Rioja (DOC) (Spain)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99
Finalist	91	Marques De Riscal 2011 Rueda (Spain)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99
Finalist	90	Bodegas Pago De Almaraes Mencil 2011 D.O. Granada (Spain)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.85
Finalist	90	Testa Moscato 2010 Moscato d'Asti (Italy)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$17.99

## RED WINES Cabernet Sauvignon, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Nordby Vineyards II Re (The King) Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Lake County (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$37.00	
Finalist	93	Clos Du Val Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Stag's Leap District (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$75.00	
Finalist	93	Raymond Vineyards Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.99	
Finalist	92	J. Lohr Carol's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Saint Helena (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
Finalist	91	Clos Du Val Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$38.00	
Finalist	91	Rodney Strong Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Alexander Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	
	90	Bodegas y Vinedos De Aguirre Reina Ana Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 Valle Central (Chile)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.95	
	90	Midsummer Cellars Canon Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.00	
	90	Midsummer Cellars Clark-Claudon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$44.00	

## RED WINES Pinot Noir, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Davis Bynum Pinot Noir 2010 Russian River Valley (United States)	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$35.00	
Finalist	94	Forchini Vineyards & Winery Proprietor's Reserve Pinot Noir 2008 Russian River Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$34.00	
Finalist	93	DeLoach Vineyards Pinot Noir 2010 Russian River Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$23.99	
Finalist	92	Styring Estate Pinot Noir 2008 Ribbon Ridge (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
Finalist	91	Duck Pond Pinot Noir 2009 Willamette Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$20.00	
	90	Hedgeline Vineyards Pinot Noir 2010 Oregon (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$18.99	

## RED WINES Merlot, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Monte De Oro Deportola Vineyards Estate Grown Merlot 2008 Temecula Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.00	
Finalist	91	Clos Du Val Merlot 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
Finalist	90	Irony Merlot 2009 Napa Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.99	

## RED WINES Shiraz/Syrah, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Monte De Oro Vista Del Monte Vineyard, Estate Grown Syrah 2007 Temecula Valley (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$70.00	
Finalist	90	Bota Box Shiraz 2010 California (United States)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	
	90	Wakefield St. Andrews Shiraz 2006 Clare Valley (Australia)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$49.99	

## RED WINES Malbec, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Gamela Reserva, Viñas de Altura Malbec 2009 San Rafael (Argentina) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$
Finalist	90	Rigal The Original Malbec 2011 Cahors (France) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$11.99	\$

## RED WINES Zinfandel, USA

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Rodney Strong Knotty Vines Zinfandel 2009 Sonoma County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$18.50	\$
Finalist	93	Gnarly Head Old Vine Zinfandel 2010 Lodi (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$11.99	\$
Finalist	92	Barefoot Cellars Zinfandel NV Lodi (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$6.99	\$
	90	Parker's Estate Dillon Springs Road Zinfandel 2010 Sonoma County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	
	90	Scott Harvey Old Vine Reserve Zinfandel 2009 Amador County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.00	

## RED WINES Petite Sirah, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	HandCraft Petite Sirah 2010 California (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$
Finalist	91	Concannon Reserve Petite Sirah 2008 Livermore Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
Finalist	90	Concannon Conservancy Petite Sirah 2008 Livermore Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$15.00	\$

## RED WINES Assorted Reds, North America

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Franciscan Estate Magnificat 2007 Napa Valley (United States) Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$50.00	
Finalist	92	Styring Reckless 2008 Columbia Valley (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
Finalist	90	Buena Vista Winery The Count 2008 Sonoma County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$

## RED WINES Assorted Reds, Europe

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	95	Domaine De Nizas Le Mas Rouge 2009 Languedoc (France) Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$13.99	\$
Finalist	92	Campochiarenti Vivi NV IGT, Toscana (Italy) Excellent, Highly Recommended	€ 12.00	
Finalist	92	Carlos Serres Gran Reserva Tempranillo 2004 Rioja (DOC) (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
Finalist	92	Carlos Serres Reserva Tempranillo 2005 Rioja (DOC) (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.99	\$
Finalist	92	Corbello Nero d'Avola 2009 IGT, Sicily (Italy) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$9.99	\$
	91	Ca' Bartoldi Amarone Reserve 2005 Valpolicella (Italy) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
	91	Chateau du Bousquet 2009 Cotes De Bourg (France) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$
	91	Citra Caroso Montepulciano 2007 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (Italy) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.99	
	90	Duca Merlot/Pinot Noir 2010 Veneto, IGT (Italy) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$18.99	
	90	Perrin Crus Les Cornuds 2009 Vinsobres (France) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.00	
	90	Ramon Bilbao Tempranillo 2008 Rioja (DOC) (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.99	

## 93 Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Riesling 2011

Finger Lakes (United States) \$14.99

A dry yet aromatic white wine with hints of petrol and spice. Palate shows floral notes of orange blossom and rose, along with vibrant acidity and a note of lime. Very pretty.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE

## 93 Le Caprice de Clementine Les Valentines 2011

Cotes-de-Provence (France) \$14.99

Delicate light shade of pink, with aromas of rose petal, pear and apricots; on the palate, it's crisp with medium body, fine lemony acidity and a charming red currant quality. Finishes medium dry and charming.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE

## 92 Framingham Sauvignon Blanc 2011

Marlborough (New Zealand) \$19.99

Passionfruit, grapefruit, lime leaf and gooseberry explode from this benchmark New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Green apple flavors, followed by grapefruit and a light buttery richness - balsamic finish completes the picture.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE

## RED WINES Assorted Reds, Southern Hemisphere

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Bodegas y Vinedos De Aguirre Reina Ana Gran Reserva 2009 Maule Valley (Chile)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.95	\$

## RED WINES Portugal Reds

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Herdade da Comporta 2008 Setúbal DOC (Portugal)	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$19.99	\$
Finalist	94	Poli Phonia Signature 2008 Alentejo (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.00	
Finalist	94	Poli Phonia Reserva 2009 Alentejo (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$20.00	\$
Finalist	93	Herdade São Miguel Reserva 2009 Alentejo (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	
Finalist	92	Guadalupe Selection 2008 Alentejo (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	€ 6.45	
Finalist	92	Prats & Symington Prazo de Roriz 2009 Douro (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$16.00	\$
Finalist	92	Quinta de Ramozeiros Grand Reserve 2007 Douro (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	€ 15.00	
	91	Aya Intense 2010 Alentejo (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.50	\$
	91	Prats & Symington Post Scriptum De Chryseia 2009 Douro (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.00	
	90	Burro Velho Tejo 2010 Portugal (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	€ 4.50	
	90	Dow's Vale do Bomfim 2009 Douro (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$13.00	\$

## ROSÉS Europe

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME	ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Le Caprice de Clementine Les Valentines 2011 Cotes-de-Provence (France)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$14.99	\$
Finalist	91	Château Léoube Rosé de Léoube 2011 Cotes-de-Provence (France)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$24.00	
Finalist	90	Gassier en Provence Sables d'Azur 2011 Cotes-de-Provence (France)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$11.99	\$
Finalist	90	Hera Rosé 2011 Vinho Verde (Portugal)	Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$7.00	\$



©2012, Handcraft Artisan Collection, Manteca, CA

# HANDCRAFT

ARTISAN COLLECTION

California wines with a dash of Italian varietals.

## ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE 2012 WINNERS

2010 PETITE SIRAH

92 POINTS | CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

"GREAT VALUE"

2010 CHARDONNAY

"GREAT VALUE"



## ROSÉS North America

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	91	Midsummer Cellars Rosé Grenache 2011 Yolo County (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$19.00	\$

## DESSERT Ice Wines, World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	92	Whistler Icewine VQA Riesling 2008 Niagara Peninsula (Canada) Excellent, Highly Recommended	CAD 49.98	

## FORTIFIED Sherry, Spain

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Barbadillo Obispo Gascon Palo Cortado Palomino NV Jerez-Xeres-Sherry (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$42.00	
Finalist	92	Barbadillo Principe Amontillado NV Jerez-Xeres-Sherry (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$40.00	
Finalist	91	Barbadillo San Rafael Oloroso Dulce NV Jerez-Xeres-Sherry (Spain) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$28.00	

## FORTIFIED Porto, Portugal

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	96	Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port 2009 Douro (Portugal) Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	\$62.00	
Finalist	94	Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Old Tawny Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$31.99	
Finalist	94	W. & J. Graham's 20 Year Tawny Port NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$60.00	
Finalist	93	Dow's 10 Year Old Tawny Port NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$33.00	
Finalist	93	Fonseca 10 Year Old Tawny Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$32.99	
Finalist	93	Taylor Fladgate 40 Year Old Tawny Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$234.99	
Finalist	92	Dow's Late Bottled Vintage Port 2006 Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$22.00	\$
Finalist	92	Taylor Fladgate 30 Year Old Tawny Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$139.99	
Finalist	92	W. & J. Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos Vintage Port 2009 Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$58.00	
Finalist	91	Taylor Fladgate 20 Year Old Tawny Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$54.99	
	90	Croft Distinction Special Reserve Porto NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$17.99	\$
	90	W. & J. Graham's 10 Year Tawny Port NV Douro (Portugal) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$35.00	

## SAKE World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	93	Kitaya Kansansui Junmai Dai-Ginjo NV Fukuoka (Japan) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$48.99	
Finalist	91	Kitaya Junmai NV Fukuoka (Japan) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$25.99	
Finalist	90	Tenryo Hidadomare Junmai Ginjo NV Gifu (Japan) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$39.99	

## CIDER World

AWARD	SCORE	PRODUCT NAME/ ACCOLADE	PRICE	GV
Chairman's Trophy	94	Eden Vermont Ice Cider Calville Blend Apple 2010 Vermont (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	
Finalist	91	Orleans Apple Wine NV United States (United States) Excellent, Highly Recommended	\$29.99	

## 96 Lise Baccara Troussepinete Red Aperitif

France, 17% abv \$20.00

The rich, ruby/crimson color is stunningly beautiful. Aroma is piquant, tart and intensely berried, with undertones of blackberry and blackcurrant. The astringent entry flavor is carried by the high acidity, which pushes the fruit forward. Textbook quality.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

## 93 Barbadillo Obispo Gascon Palo Cortado

Palomino NV Jerez-Xeres-Sherry (Spain), \$42.00

Lovely nose of crushed walnuts and hazelnuts with green olives, seaside brininess and toasted bread. On the palate, you'll find that appetizing savory quality dry Sherries are known for, with an after taste both delicious and appetizing. Appealing pair for cured meat, hard and semi-hard cheese, nuts, olives and salty snacks.



CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY  
ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE

## 91 Marques De Riscal 2011

Rueda (Spain), \$9.99

Fresh green herbs, a light brininess and stone fruit are at the heart of the aromas of this Spanish Verdejo varietal. Citrusy with a full and rounded mouth-feel it finishes with a touch of bitter almonds and lemon zest. Great with marinated vegetables or light fare.



FINALIST, GREAT VALUE  
ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE



RÉMY COINTREAU USA

THE PREMIUM CHOICE



RÉMY COINTREAU'S LUXURY PORTFOLIO OF SPIRITS RECEIVES HIGH ACCOLADES  
ULTIMATE BEVERAGE CHALLENGE 2012

www.ultimate-beverage.com



RÉMY COINTREAU ELEVATES THE COCKTAIL CULTURE  
WITH THEIR LUXURY PORTFOLIO OF SPIRITS

RÉMY MARTIN® V.S.O.P COGNAC

France, 40% abv

Classic Cocktail: SIDECAR  
Chairman's Trophy

94

Classic Cocktail: BRANDY CRUSTA  
Chairman's Trophy

92



HIGHLAND PARK® 12 YEARS OLD  
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Scotland, 43% abv

Classic Cocktail: RUSTY NAIL  
Finalist

94

Classic Cocktail: BLOOD & SAND  
Finalist

93

Classic Cocktail: ROB ROY  
Finalist

90



COINTREAU NOIR® LIQUEUR

France, 40% abv

Spirit Challenge: NOIR NEAT  
Finalist

92



RÉMY MARTIN® 1738  
ACCORD ROYAL COGNAC

France, 40% abv

Classic Cocktail: MAY DAISY  
Chairman's Trophy

93



COINTREAU® LIQUEUR\*

France, 40% abv

Signature cocktail: COINTREAU COBBLER  
Chairman's Trophy



\*COINTREAU ORANGE LIQUEUR IS THE BENCHMARK. THE BEST. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT IT WAS THE EXCLUSIVE ORANGE LIQUEUR USED FOR TASTINGS CONDUCTED BY THE ULTIMATE BEVERAGE CHALLENGE JUDGING PANEL.