



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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2019 SPIRITS CLASSIFICATION CODES

If you prefer, and you're not using the online entry form, you may leave the category code field blank and we will add the correct codes for you. If you have any questions or require assistance with completing the form, email info@ultimate-beverage.com or phone +1 (347) 878-6551.

The general categories in which spirits are judged at Ultimate Spirits Challenge are listed below. During judging the tasting flights are further narrowed so that spirits are evaluated like-with-like.

ABSINTHE

Y105. Absinthe

BITTER/AMARO/APERITIF

L201. Bitter
L203. Amaro
L205. Aperitivo/Aperitif

BRANDY—ARMAGNAC

N639. Armagnac Blanche
N641. Armagnac VS/Three Star
N643. Armagnac VSOP
N645. Armagnac XO
N647. Armagnac Hors d'Age
N649. Armagnac Vintage

BRANDY—CALVADOS

C630. Calvados Pays d'Auge Fine/Three Stars
C632. Calvados Pays d'Auge Vieux/Reserve
C634. Calvados Pays d'Auge VO/VSOP/Vieille Reserve
C636. Calvados Pays d'Auge Extra/Napoleon/Hors d'Age/Inconnu
C638. Calvados Pays d'Auge Vintage
C640. Calvados Domfrontais
C642. Calvados AOC (any age designation)

BRANDY—COGNAC

D670. Cognac VS/Three Stars
D672. Cognac VSOP
D674. Cognac XO/Napoleon/Extra
D676. Cognac Vintage
D678. Cognac Flavored (non-liqueur)

BRANDY—GRAPPA/MARC/EAU-DE-VIE/AGUARDIENTE

M600. Grappa—Italy
M601. Grappa—World (non-Italy)
M603. Marc—France (grapes)
M605. Eau-de-Vie/Fruit Brandy—World
(stone fruits, berries, flowers—non-Calvados)
M607. Grape Brandy—Europe (non-Cognac, non-Armagnac)
M609. Grape Brandy—North America
M611. Grape Brandy—World (non-Europe, non-North America)
M613. Other Brandy—World
M615. Aguardiente—World

BRANDY—PISCO

M617. Pisco—Peru
M619. Pisco—Chile

BRANDY—SPANISH

M621. Brandy de Jerez
M623. Other Spanish Brandy
(non-Brandy de Jerez)

GIN/GENEVER

G300. London Dry style
(juniper dominant)
G302. Plymouth style
G304. New World style
(non-juniper dominant)
G306. Old Tom style
G308. Navy strength
G310. Matured Gin
G312. Flavored Gin
G314. Other Gin
G316. Genever (all ages)

LIQUEURS

L102. Pastis
L104. Aniseed Liqueurs (for example, Sambucca)
L106. Berry and Fruit Liqueurs
(all berries, cherry, apple, peach, pear, banana, etc.)
L108. Citrus Fruit Liqueurs (orange/triple sec, limoncello, etc.)
L110. Coffee Liqueurs
L112. Nut Liqueurs (almond, walnut, hazelnut, etc.)
L114. Chocolate Liqueurs
L118. Cream/Dairy Liqueurs
L120. Mint/Herb/Spice/Botanical Liqueurs
L122. Other Liqueurs
L124. Schnapps
L126. Sloe Gin
L128. Ouzo and Raki

MISCELLANEOUS SPIRITS

J900. Miscellaneous Spirits—World

READY-TO-DRINK/PRE-MIXED COCKTAILS AND MIXES

B103. Ready-to-Drink/Pre-Mixed Cocktails and Mixes (all types)



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RUM/CACHAÇA/ARRACK

- R502. Rhum/Rum Agricole
- R503. White/Silver Rum
- R504. Gold Rum
- R505. Dark Rum
- R506. Over-Proof Rum
- R507. Rum—5 years and older
- R508. Flavored Rum (any base)
- R510. Arrack
- R511. Clairin Rum (Haiti)
- R512. Molasses and Sugarcane Juice Blend
- R514. Spiced Rum
- R516. Other Sugarcane Juice Rum
- R540. Cachaça (un-aged)
- R542. Cachaça (aged)

SHOCHU/SOJU/BAIJIU

- X900. Shochu/Soju
- X901. Baijiu/Kaoliang

TEQUILA, MEZCAL & AGAVE-BASED SPIRITS

- T400. Mixto Tequila (all grades/minimum 51% agave spirits)
- T410. Flavored Tequila (all flavors)
- T415. 100% Agave Blanco/Silver/Platinum Tequila
- T420. 100% Agave Reposado Tequila
- T425. 100% Agave Añejo Tequila
- T430. 100% Agave Extra Añejo Tequila/Ultra Aged Tequila
- T435. 100% Agave Joven Tequila
- T440. 100% Agave Cristalino Tequila
- A460. Arroqueño Mezcal
- A470. Espadin Mezcal
- A490. Madrecuixe Mezcal
- A500. Pechuga Mezcal
- A510. Tepetaze Mezcal
- A520. Tobola Mezcal
- A530. Other Mezcal
- A540. Sotol, Comiteca, Bacanora
- A550. Agave-Based Spirits (non-Mexico origin)

VERMOUTH

- Z150. Dry/Extra Dry Vermouth
- Z153. Sweet Vermouth
- Z155. Ambre/Bianco/Other Vermouth

VODKA/AQUAVIT

- V200. Unflavored Potato Vodka
- V202. Unflavored Wheat Vodka
- V204. Unflavored Rye Vodka
- V206. Unflavored Barley Vodka
- V208. Unflavored Corn Vodka
- V210. Unflavored Combined Grain Vodka
- V212. Unflavored Sugar Cane Vodka
- V214. Unflavored Grape or Fruit Distillate Vodka
- V216. Flavored Vodka (all flavors/any base)

- V218. Aquavit
- V220. Other Vodka

WHISKY—CANADA

- S790. Canadian Blended Whisky
- S792. Canadian Single Grain/Single Malt Whisky
- S794. Canadian Single Barrel/Small Batch Whisky
- S796. Canadian Rye Whisky

WHISK(E)Y—FLAVORED

- Q906. Flavored Whisk(e)y—World

WHISKEY—IRELAND

- E740. Blended Irish Whiskey
- E742. Single Malt Irish Whiskey
- E744. Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey
- E746. Single Grain Irish Whiskey
- E748. Poitin/Poteen

WHISKY—JAPAN

- F801. Japanese Blended Whisky
- F803. Japanese Single Malt Whisky
- F805. Japanese Single Grain Whisky
- F807. Japanese Column Still Whisky

WHISKY—SCOTLAND

- W701. Blended Scotch Whisky
- W703. Blended Malt Scotch Whisky
- W705. Single Grain Scotch Whisky
- W707. Blended Grain Scotch Whisky
- W709. Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- W711. Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- W713. Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- W715. Island (Skye, Orkneys, Arran, Jura, Mull)
Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- W717. Non-Speyside Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- W719. Campbeltown Single Malt Scotch Whisky

WHISKEY—UNITED STATES

- P771. Moonshine/Unaged Grain Spirits
- P773. Tennessee Whiskey
- P775. Straight Rye Whiskey
- P777. Straight Bourbon Whiskey/Single Barrel/Small Batch
(all ages/all proofs)
- P779. Blended/Multi-Grain/Non-Straight/Experimental (all ages/all proofs)
- P781. Single/Straight Malt Whiskey
- P783. Wheat Whiskey
- P785. Single Grain Whiskey

WHISK(E)Y—WORLD

- H900. Whisky—Europe (non-Ireland & non-Scotland)
- H902. Whisky—India
- H904. Whisky—Rest of World
(for example, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Africa)