



# ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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## TOP 100 SPIRITS OF 2019

Ultimate Beverage Challenge is delighted to announce the inaugural ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE TOP 100 SPIRITS list. This roster of superlative brandies, whiskeys, gins, vodkas, tequilas, liqueurs, rums, baijius, mezcals and shochus honors the very best of the best entries from USC 2019.

Said award-winning USC Judging Chairman F. Paul Pacult, "Every spirit included on the USC Top 100 list for 2019 scored an aggregate rating of at least 95-points throughout USC's rigorous, weeks-long process of multilevel judging. The world's foremost spirits authorities cited these spirits last March as being the finest in their individual categories. It's an astonishingly diverse and comprehensive laundry list of blue chip spirits, hailing from around the world. All of them are categorical benchmarks of remarkable quality."

- Bowmore 25 Years Old** Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **99-points**
- Appleton Estate 21 Years Old** Rum (Jamaica) **98-points**
- George T. Stagg** Kentucky Straight Bourbon (USA) **98-points**
- Red Spot** Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **98-points**
- Glenglassaugh 30 Years Old** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
- El Tesoro Extra Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **98-points**
- BenRiach Authenticus 30 Years Old** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
- Marie Duffau Hors d'Age** Bas-Armagnac (France) **97-points**
- Partida Reposado** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
- Fords** London Dry Gin (United Kingdom) **97-points**
- Courvoisier Initiale Extra** Cognac (France) **97-points**
- Blanton's Single Barrel** Kentucky Straight Bourbon (USA) **97-points**
- Plantation Xaymaca Special Dry** Rum (Jamaica) **97-points**
- Real Minero Barril** Mezcal (Mexico) **97-points**
- Kamiki Blended Malt Intense Wood** Japanese Whisky (Japan) **97-points**
- Crown Royal XR** Blended Canadian Whisky (Canada) **97-points**
- Jameson Bow Street Cask Strength 18 Years Old** Blended Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **97-points**
- Highland Park 18 Years Old** Orkneys Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Oban Distiller's Edition** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Asbach 15 Years Old** Brandy (Germany) **97-points**
- Buchanan's Special Reserve 18 Years Old** Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Lagavulin 12 Years Old** Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Azunia Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
- BenRiach Temporis 21 Years Old** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Cierto Extra Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
- Redbreast Cask Strength 12 Years Old** Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **97-points**
- Glengoyne 21 Years Old** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
- Dartigalongue 1985 33 Years Old** Bas-Armagnac (France) **96-points**
- TTL Yushan Chiew XO** Kaoliang (Taiwan) **96-points**
- Boyd & Blair** Potato Vodka (USA) **96-points**
- 1792 Full Proof** Kentucky Straight Bourbon (USA) **96-points**
- Mortlach Cowie's Blue Seal 20 Years Old** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Kavalan Solist ex-Bourbon Single Cask Strength** Taiwanese Single Malt Whisky (Taiwan) **96-points**
- Del Maguey Single Village San Jose Rio Minas Espadin/Arroqueno** Mezcal (Mexico) **96-points**
- Redemption Barrel Proof 9 Years Old** Bourbon (USA) **96-points**
- Knappogue Castle 14 Years Old** Single Malt Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
- Camus XO** Cognac (France) **96-points**
- William Larue Weller** Kentucky Straight Bourbon (USA) **96-points**
- Glenmorangie Allta** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Brancoveanu XO Vinars** Romanian Brandy (Romania) **96-points**
- Grand Marnier Cuvee Louis Alexandre** Liqueur (France) **96-points**
- Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve** Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Demonio de los Andes Acholado** Pisco (Peru) **96-points**
- Banks 5 Island** Rum (Multiple Islands) **96-points**
- Buchanan's Deluxe 12 Years Old** Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Citadelle Original** Dry Gin (France) **96-points**
- Del Maguey Single Village San Luis del Rio Tobaziche** Mezcal (Mexico) **96-points**
- Redbreast 21 Years Old** Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
- Francois Voyer Extra** Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **96-points**
- Cabeza Blanco** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
- Highland Park 12 Years Old** Orkneys Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Cierto Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
- Tamdhu 15 Years Old** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Cask 38.24 "Princes Street Gardens in Summer"** 26 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Glenmorangie Duthac** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Partida Elegante Extra Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
- Blanton's Gold Edition** Kentucky Straight Bourbon (USA) **96-points**
- Jameson 18 Years Old** Blended Irish Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
- The Glenrothes 18 Years Old** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
- Lucano Anniversario** Amaro (Italy) **96-points**
- Top Collectors Liquor Symphony No. 6** 2014 5 Years Old Kaoliang (Taiwan) **95-points**
- Argonaut Fat Thumb** Premium California Brandy (USA) **95-points**
- Junipero** Gin (USA) **95-points**
- Christian Drouin 1999** Pays d'Auge Calvados (France) **95-points**
- Peerless 3 Year-Old** Kentucky Straight Rye (USA) **95-points**
- Frapin Chateau Fontpinot XO** Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **95-points**
- Cointreau** Liqueur (France) **95-points**
- Talisker Distiller's Edition 2018** Skye Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
- iichiko Reserve Zenwa 2019 Edition** Shochu (Japan) **95-points**
- Becherovka** Liqueur (Czech Republic) **95-points**
- Hibiki Harmony** Japanese Whisky (Japan) **95-points**
- Milagro Silver** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
- Chateau de Laubade Extra Single Estate** Bas-Armagnac (France) **95-points**
- Beefeater** London Dry Gin (England) **95-points**
- Blanton's Straight From The Barrel** Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (USA) **95-points**
- Absolut Juice Strawberry Edition** Flavored Vodka (Sweden) **95-points**
- Chivas Regal 12 Years Old** Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
- Diplomatico The Distillery Collection No. 3** 2010 Pot Still Rum (Venezuela) **95-points**
- TTL Yushan Daqu** Kaoliang (Taiwan) **95-points**
- Jean Fillioux Single Cask #96** Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **95-points**
- Rittenhouse Bottled-in-Bond** Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey (USA) **95-points**
- Del Maguey Single Village Santa Caterina** Minas Arroqueno Mezcal (Mexico) **95-points**
- Glengoyne Cask Strength** Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
- Scapegrace Gold** Navy Strength Gin (New Zealand) **95-points**
- Belvedere Lake Bartezek** Single Estate Rye Vodka (Poland) **95-points**
- Marquis de Montesquiou Extra Oak Cask** Armagnac (France) **95-points**
- Banks 7 Golden Age** Rum (Multiple Nations) **95-points**
- Thomas H. Handy Sazerac** Straight Rye Whiskey (USA) **95-points**
- Courvoisier XO** Cognac (France) **95-points**
- Chamucos Extra Anejo** 100% Agave Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
- Canadian Club Classic 12 Years Old** Blended Whisky (Canada) **95-points**
- Cardenal Mendoza Solera Gran Reserva** Brandy De Jerez (Spain) **95-points**
- Tommyrotter Cask Strength Bourbon-Barrel Mated** Gin (USA) **95-points**
- Uncle Nearest 1820 11 Years Old Nearest Green** Single Barrel Edition Tennessee Whiskey (USA) **95-points**
- Francois Voyer XO Gold** Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **95-points**
- Speyburn Arranta** Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
- Asbach 8 Years Old** Brandy (Germany) **95-points**
- Johnnie Walker Blue Label Ghost and Rare Port Ellen** Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
- El Tesoro Paradiso Extra Anejo** 100% Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
- Croizet VS** Cognac (France) **95-points**

For the full results from Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2019 please see [ultimate-beverage.com/usc2019results](http://ultimate-beverage.com/usc2019results)