



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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2023 SPIRITS CLASSIFICATION CODES

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 products are judged at Ultimate Spirits Challenge are listed below. During judging the tasting flights are further narrowed so that products are evaluated like-with-like.

ABSINTHE

Y105. Absinthe

AMARO/APERITIF/BITTER

Z140. Pineau des Charentes/Floc de Gascogne/
Pommeau de Normandie—France
Z165. Bitter
Z170. Amaro
Z175. Aperitivo/Aperitif

BAIJIU/KAOLIANG

X901. Baijiu/Kaoliang

BRANDY—ARMAGNAC

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

BRANDY—CALVADOS

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

BRANDY—COGNAC

D670. VS/Three Stars
D672. VSOP
D674. XO/Napoleon/Extra
D676. Vintage

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—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
M616. Flavored Brandy—World (Non-Liqueur)

BRANDY—PISCO

M617. Pisco—Peru
M619. Pisco—Chile

BRANDY—SPAIN

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

GIN/GENEVER

G300. Gin
G302. Old Tom Style
G304. Navy Strength (57% abv or above)
G306. Barrel Matured
G308. Flavored
G310. Genever (All ages)

HARD SELTZERS & FLAVORED MALT BEVERAGES

B101. Hard Seltzers/Flavored Malt Beverages

LIQUEURS

L102. Pastis
L104. Aniseed (For example, Sambuca, Ouzo)
L106. Berry and Fruit (All berries, cherry, apple, peach, pear, banana, etc.)
L108. Citrus Fruit (Orange/triple sec, limoncello, etc.)
L110. Coffee
L112. Nut (Almond, walnut, hazelnut, etc.)
L114. Chocolate
L116. Cream/Dairy
L118. Mint/Herb/Spice/Botanical
L120. Whiskey
L122. Other
L124. Schnapps
L126. Sloe Gin

MEZCAL & NON-TEQUILA AGAVE-BASED SPIRITS

A400. Espadin
A402. Arroqueno
A404. Tobola
A406. Pechuga
A408. Madrecaixte
A410. Tepezate
A412. Raicilla
A414. Sotol
A416. Bacanora
A418. Multiple Agaves (Mexico)
A420. Other Agave-based Spirits (Non-Mexico)
A422. Other Agave-based Spirits (Mexico)

MISCELLANEOUS SPIRITS

J900. Brandy-based Spirits (Any nation)
J902. NGS-based Spirits
J908. Aquavit
J910. Raki
J912. Nog
J914. Applejack
J916. Low/No Alcohol Spirits
J918. Other Spirits
J920. Sake

NON-ALCOHOL MIXERS/TONICS/SODAS

B103. Mixers: Non-Alcohol Club Soda/Tonic/Ginger Beer/
Ginger Ale, et cetera
B105. Non-Alcohol Cocktail Mixes (Powder or liquid)



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READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS (Cans & Bottles)

- B107. Whiskey Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B109. Vodka Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B111. Gin Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B113. Agave (Tequila & Mezcal) Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B115. Rum Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B117. Cannabis Ready-to-Drink Cocktails
- B119. Other Ready-to-Drink Cocktails

RUM/RHUM

- R502. Rhum/Rum Agricole
- R504. White/Silver
- R506. Gold/Dark (Aged less than 5 years)
- R508. Gold/Dark (Aged more than 5 years)
- R510. Over-Proof (Over 51% abv)
- R512. Clairin (Haiti)
- R514. Molasses and Sugarcane Juice Blend
- R516. Spiced
- R518. Flavored (Any base)
- R520. Other Sugarcane Juice Spirits (for example, Arrack)
- R522. Cachaça (Un-aged)
- R524. Cachaça (Aged)

SHOCHU/SOJU

- X900. Shochu/Soju

TEQUILA

- T100. Blanco/Silver/Platinum 100% Agave
- T102. Joven 100% Agave
- T104. Reposado 100% Agave
- T106. Añejo 100% Agave
- T108. Cristalino 100% Agave
- T110. Extra Añejo 100% Agave
- T112. Mixto
- T114. Flavored (All flavors/any base)

VERMOUTH

- Z150. Vermouth—Dry/Extra Dry
- Z155. Vermouth—Sweet
- Z160. Vermouth—Ambre/Bianco/Other

VODKA

- V200. Unflavored Potato
- V202. Unflavored Wheat
- V204. Unflavored Rye
- V206. Unflavored Barley
- V208. Unflavored Corn
- V210. Unflavored Multiple Grain
- V212. Unflavored Sugar Cane
- V214. Unflavored Grape or Fruit Distillate
- V216. Unflavored Sorghum
- V218. Flavored (All flavors/any base)
- V220. Other Vodka

WHISKY—CANADA

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

WHISKEY—IRELAND

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

WHISKY—JAPAN

- H896. Japanese Pure Malt
- H898. Japanese Rice-Based
- H900. Japanese Blended
- H902. Japanese Single Grain
- H904. Japanese Single Malt
- H906. Japanese Column Still

WHISKY—SCOTLAND

- W701. Blended
- W703. Blended Malt
- W705. Single Grain
- W707. Blended Grain
- W709. Speyside Single Malt
- W711. Islay Single Malt
- W713. Lowland Single Malt
- W715. Island Single Malt (Skye/Orkneys/Jura/Arran/Mull)
- W717. Highland Single Malt (Non-Speyside)
- W719. Campbeltown Single Malt
- W721. Independent Merchant (Single Malt/Blended)

WHISKEY—UNITED STATES

- P771. Moonshine/White Dog/Unaged Whiskey (Any state)
- P773. Rye (Any state/any age)
- P775. Bourbon (Any state/any age)
- P781. Single Barrel Bourbon (Any age)
- P785. Bottled-in-Bond Bourbon/Rye (50% abv—any state/any age)
- P787. Single Malt (Any age/any state)
- P789. Single Grain (Any state/any age)
- P791. Blended/Multi Grain (Any state/any age)
- P793. Tennessee Whiskey
- P795. American/Experimental/Other (Any state/any age)
- P797. Wheat Whiskey (Any state/any age)

WHISK(E)Y—WORLD

- H907. Taiwanese Single Grain
- H908. Taiwanese Blended
- H910. Taiwanese Single Malt
- H912. Indian Blended
- H914. Indian Single Malt French
- H916. Blended
- H918. French Single Malt Wales/
- H920. England Blended Wales/
- H922. England Single Malt
- H924. Australia Blended Australia
- H926. Single Malt Other—World
- H928.

WHISK(E)Y FLAVORED

- Q941. Flavored—World