



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 Mated
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. Madrecuixe
A410. Tepeztate
A412. Raicilla
A414. Sotol
A416. Bacanora
A418. Multiple Agaves (Mexico)
A420. Other Agave-based Spirits (Non-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



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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)

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

- 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

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

WHISK(E)Y FLAVORED

- Q941. Flavored—World