



The Washington Cup Competition

A Competition for American-Made Spiritous Liqueurs

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FINAL COMPETITION RESULTS

The Washington Cup Competition has released its final results and out of a field of nearly 180 American made spirits, the Washington Cup judges have bestowed Washington Cups upon six spirits. Seventy-two spirits have been awarded Bronze Medals, while thirty-six have received Silver Medals. Just ten spirits have been given Gold Medals and out of this group, six received coveted Washington Cups.

While this might be a lower percentage of awards than any other competition provides, the judges of the Washington Cup strongly believe that these results are based upon merit and not upon preconceived minimums (as so often happens with competitions). Instead, we hold that these awards reflect the state of distilling in America – with so many new distillers and distilleries, there is still much to be learned.

The Washington Cup is the first competition of its kind – a competition exclusively for American made spirits and liqueurs. We seek to provide an opportunity for the best of these new distilleries to demonstrate their skills and the excellence of their products on a level playing field. By creating the Washington Cup, our goal is to bring attention to new and established high quality American spirits and liqueurs. The Washington Cup Spirits Competition is also unique in that there were three distinct phases to the competition:

We believe that the Washington Cup's focus upon a democratic approach towards spirits tasting and assessment reflects our nation's founding father's own steadfast belief in a new political system that allowed the people to speak as loudly as the powerful. George Washington, along with his other brothers in freedom, saw the merit of a democracy in which a meritocracy (the Executive branch) shared power alongside the people's direct representatives (Congress), with an impartial and experienced group providing oversight (the Judiciary). With the Washington Cup, we have tried to create a series of tastings that mirror our remarkable system of government.

As an unprecedented service to each of the brands involved, the ten spirits that are competing for a Washington Cup Award in the final round will receive the top recipe developed by the bartenders. The Washington Cup does not levy an additional charge for this service. We hope that these events reflect well upon the tremendous heritage of George Washington, and speak to the great spirits now marking the diverse American landscape.

Questions concerning the Washington Cup may be addressed to Doug Frost at 816-916-1095 or go to www.washingtoncup.com or email us at washingtoncup@gmail.com.

THE WASHINGTON CUP WINNERS

Edelbrand Pure Distilling – Vinars de Meila – Artisanal Apple Brandy

Glenn’s Creek Distilling – Prohibition Kentucky Rum

Moon River Distillery – Thompson Brothers Vodka

Vivacity Spirits – Treos Brandy

Wildrye Distilling – Boss Tweed Old Tom Gin

Wildwood Spirits Co. – Kur Gin

ALL AWARD WINNERS

Alligator Bay Distillery– Alligator Bay White Rum (Bronze Medal)

Asylum Distillery– Asylum Ginger Zap (Bronze Medal), Asylum Gin (Silver Medal)

Black Bear Distilling – Black Bear Vodka (Bronze Medal), Black Bear Rum (Bronze Medal);
Mountain Shine (Bronze Medal), Mountain Shine Reserve (Bronze Medal)

Black Cove Beverages– Morécello Blackberry Cello (Bronze Medal)

Black Dog Distillery – Vanilla Vodka (Bronze Medal), Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Bone Hill View Distillery – Sweet Sorghum Shine- Oak Finished (Bronze Medal)

Boot Hill Distillery – Boot Hill Vodka (Gold Medal), Boot Hill White Whiskey (Silver Medal), Boot Hill Red Eye Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Buffalo Trace Distillery – Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey (Silver Medal)

C88 Holdings – Rivulet Artisan Pecan Liqueur (Silver Medal)

Cape Spirits – Wicked Dolphin Spiced Rum (Bronze Medal), Wicked Dolphin Oloroso Sherry Barrel Aged Three Year Rum (Bronze Medal), Wicked Dolphin Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Cascade Alchemy – Hot Pepper Vodka (Bronze Medal), Oregon Gin (Silver Medal), Bourbon (Silver Medal)

Chattanooga Belle Farm – Muscashine (Bronze Medal), Campfire (Bronze Medal), Block & Tackle (Bronze Medal)

Coastal Beverages– Taste of Florida Bloody Mary (Silver Medal), Taste of Florida Spicy Bloody Mary (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Piña Colada (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Green Apple (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Peach (Bronze Medal)

Cotton & Reed– Dry Spiced Rum (Bronze Medal), White Rum (Silver Medal)

Dalton Distillery – Taza Ray (Bronze Medal), Taza Ray Red (Bronze Medal)

Dark Corner Distillery – Jocassee Gin (Bronze Medal), Whiskey Girl Peach (Bronze Medal), Whiskey Girl Apple-Maple (Bronze Medal), The World's Best Moonshine (Silver Medal)

Dry Hills Distillery – Montana Abbey Gin (Bronze Medal), Hollowtop Wild Raspberry Flavored Vodka (Bronze Medal), Hollowtop Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Edelbrand Pure Distilling – Vinars da Meila/Artisanal Apple Brandy (WASHINGTON CUP), Vinars da Plogas/Artisanal Plum Brandy (Gold Medal), Vinars d'Apricosas/Artisanal Apricot Brandy (Silver Medal), Vinars da Vin/Artisanal Grape Brandy (Silver Medal)

Fire Oak Distillery – Fire Oak Vodka (Bronze Medal), Texas Bourbon (Gold Medal)

Five Mile Mountain Distillery - Vanilla Plum Moonshine (Bronze Medal)

Glenn's Creek Distillers – Prohibition Kentucky Rum (WASHINGTON CUP), OCD#5 Kentucky Bourbon (Bronze Medal)

Hilton Head Distillery – Two Traditions Platinum Rum (Bronze Medal), Aer Moor Vodka (Bronze Medal), Mountain Peak Espresso Rum (Bronze Medal)

Jose Miguel Puro– Cinnamon Spirits (Bronze Medal), White Spirits (Bronze Medal)

Jug Creek Distillery – Oaked Wicked Chocolate Cranberry (Bronze Medal), Cedar's Ultra Premium Gin (Bronze Medal), Grand Dad's Coffee Creamer (Bronze Medal)

Lazy Guy Distillery – Atlanta Gin (Bronze Medal), 5th Article 1887 Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal),

Lonely Oak Distillery – North 40 Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Louisiana Spirits – Bayou Satsuma Rum Liqueur (Silver Medal), Bayou Silver Rum (Silver Medal), Bayou Select Rum (Silver Medal), Bayou Spiced Rum (Silver Medal)

Lucidi Distillery – Forcible Entry Vodka (Bronze Medal), Crooked Ladder Rum (Bronze Medal), Dispatch Gin (Bronze Medal), Canadian Whiskey Fire Station No. 1 (Bronze Medal)

Missouri Ridge Distillery – Howlin' Hounds White Lightning (Silver Medal), Howlin' Hounds Honey Moonshine (Silver Medal), Howlin' Hounds Apple Pie Moonshine (Silver Medal), Howlin' Hounds Moonshine (Bronze Medal), Howlin' Hounds Peach Moonshine (Bronze Medal), Howlin' Hounds Corn Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Missouri State University – Rum (Silver Medal)

Moon River Distillery – Thompson Brothers Vodka (WASHINGTON CUP)

Murlarkey Distilled Spirits – Imagination Gin (Bronze Medal)

Nelson's Green Brier Distillery – Schatzi Vodka (Silver Medal)

O.H.S.O Distillery + Eatery – D.I.C.K Peach Flavored Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Arcadia Cucumber Vodka (Bronze Medal), Arcadia Grapefruit Flavored Vodka (Bronze Medal), Arcadia Jalapeño Flavored Vodka (Bronze Medal), Arcadia Horseradish Flavored Vodka (Bronze Medal), #Rum (Silver Medal)

Old Dominick Distillery – Memphis Toddy (Bronze Medal), Memphis Vodka (Silver Medal), Honeybell Vodka (Gold Medal)

Rabbit Hole Distilling – Kentucky Straight Bourbon (Silver Medal), Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Straight Bourbon Finished in PX Sherry Casks (Bronze Medal)

Ransom Spirits – Barley Wheat Rye Whiskey (Silver Medal), Henry Du Yore's Rye Whiskey (Silver Medal)

Restless Spirits Distilling – Builder's Gin (Silver Medal), Stone Breaker Irish and American (Silver Medal), Duffy's Run Vodka (Bronze Medal), Padraig's Rebellion Poitin (Bronze Medal)

Rocheport Distilling – Peach Brandy (Bronze Medal), Rum (Silver Medal), White Rum (Silver Medal), Dark Rum (Silver Medal)

S. D. Strong Distilling – Pillar 136 Gin (Silver Medal)

South Bay Spirits - Lawless Liqueur Apple (Bronze Medal)

St. Julian Winery – Grey Heron Vodka (Silver Medal), A&G Gin Michigan Reserve (Bronze Medal), A&G Rum Michigan Reserve (Bronze Medal), A&G Cherry Brandy Michigan Reserve (Bronze Medal), A&G Apple Brandy Michigan Reserve (Bronze Medal), A&G Brandy Michigan Reserve (Bronze Medal)

Tennessee Hills Distillery – Lavender Lemon (Bronze Medal)

Thumb Butte Distillery – Winter Flower Gin (Silver Medal), Premium Vodka (Bronze Medal), Bloody Basin Bourbon Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Crown King Single Malt (Bronze Medal)

Timber Creek Distillery – Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Vivacity Spirits – Traditional Rum (Silver Medal), Treos Brandy (WASHINGTON CUP)

White River Distillery – Friday Night Redeye (Bronze Medal)

Wild Turkey Distilling Company– Wild Turkey Masters Keep Decades (Silver Medal)

Wildrye Distillery – Boss Tweed Old Tom Gin (WASHINGTON CUP)

Wildwood Spirits Co. – Kur Gin (WASHINGTON CUP), Stark Vatten Vodka (Silver Medal)

Wollersheim Distillery – 1876 Press House Brandy (Silver Medal)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Frost', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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