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2019 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT AWARDS JUDGES

SPIRIT

Standing (Left to Right): Hugh Holds, Sean Baxter, Scott Taddeo, Craig Daniels, Tim Gniel, Dr Graham Jones, Lewis Halls, Sacha La Forgia

Sitting: Russell Johnson, Scott McCarthy, Brooke Hayman, Sam Lissner

Absent: Paul Jackson

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT AWARDS

SPIRITS CHIEF JUDGE'S REPORT - TIM GNIEL

Welcome to the inaugural Royal Australian Spirit Awards. This is an exciting time for the craft distillation industry in Australia, with rapid growth in spirits being produced and increased consumer interest. So it is a great opportunity for a Spirits show to sit alongside the Beer and Cider Awards.

To recevie 121 entries for the first show is an excellent result, and it may come as no surprise that 56% of the entries were in the Gin category - a clear indication of just how popular Gin is becoming, particularly here in South Australia. This also allowed the two judging panels to spend a whole day just judging Gin.

The results of the awards were particularly strong, gold medals and trophies awarded in all categories. The overall quality of spirits produced continues to surprise me, given the short period of time many of the producers have been in operation. Each show you attend there are always new and interesting products to try and I was impressed with the creativity and product development being shown. I would like to thank the judges for their time and committment to this event. We had a wide range of experts from across the industry, including educators, producers and retailers, as it is important to get a cross section of people with different perspectives. This year we had four associate judges who all contributed strongly, and hopefully in time, they will add to the pool of judges available.

Running the show within the framework of the Royal Adelaide Beer and Cider Awards and the RA&HS meant that the all-important organisational skills were in place to conduct the show, leading to a seamless and smoothly run show. Thank you to all of the stewards and volunteers, in particular head steward, Bryan Jones. There are differences in the way Beer, Cider and Spirits are presented and judged, so Bryan's product knowledge and attentiveness was appreciated.

Lastly I would like to thank the exhibitors for entering, as therewould not be a show without them. I hope that in this first show, we have set some benchmarks for the future and I genuinely hope that the entries continue to grow along with the industry in general.

Cheers,

Tim Gniel
Chief Spirits Judge 2019

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Craig Daniels
Dr Graham Jones
Hugh Holds
Lewis Halls
Paul Jackson
Russell Johnson
Sacha La Forgia
Sam Lissner
Scott McCarthy
Scott Taddeo
Sean Baxter

Stewards
Bryan Jones *(Chief Steward)*
Bianca Kyriacou
Bruce Hewett
David Prideaux
John Blencowe
Matt Cooper
Peta Baverstock
Peter Conric
Tracy Ellis

STEWARDS

SPIRIT
AWARDS

2019 SPIRIT MEDAL RESULTS

WHISKY

Class 1 - Single Malt.

G	3	Fleurieu Distillery	Fountain Of Youth
S	4	Tin Shed Distilling Co	Iniquity Single Malt batch 015
S	2	Fleurieu Distillery	Message In A Bottle
B	1	Mt. Uncle Distillery	Watkins Whisky Co. Single Malt

Class 2 - Blended

NO ENTRIES

Class 3 - Cask Strength.

S	6	Newcastle Distilling Co	Victor Hingston
	7	Mt. Uncle Distillery	Watkins Whisky Co. Distillers Reserve

Class 4 - Other

G	9	Fleurieu Distillery	Ecto Gammat
S	10	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Native Grain
S	11	Fleurieu Distillery	Atlantic Crossing

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GIN

Class 5 - Classic Dry.

G	20	Never Never Distilling Co.	Triple Juniper Gin
G	22	Virginia Spirits	36 Short Original Gin
S	16	Never Never Distilling Co.	Southern Strength Gin
S	24	Ambleside Distillers	Big Dry
S	19	The Bathtub Gin Co	Angry Duck Gin
S	27	Adelaide Hills Distillery	78 degrees
S	21	Prohibition Liquor Co	Prohibition Gin
S	13	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin - Bold
S	23	Australian Distilling Co. Pty Ltd	Melbourne Gin
B	12	Australian Distilling Co. Pty Ltd	Adelaide Gin
B	26	White Light Beverages	Triple G Gin
B	18	MV Gin Club Pty Ltd T/A Two Accents Gin	Two Accents Dry Gin
B	14	Noosa Heads Distillery	Signature Dry Gin
B	25	That Spirited Lot Distillers	Ninch Dry Gin
B	28	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	Barossa Dry
B	17	Martin Distillation Company Pty Ltd	Mount Compass Distilled Gin
	15	Newcastle Distilling Co	Newcastle Dry Gin

Class 6 - Contemporary Aromatic.

G	51	Settlers Spirits	Settlers Coriander Leaf Gin
G	40	Four Pillars Distillery	Four Pillars Spiced Negroni Gin
S	44	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Green Ant Gin
S	31	Mountain Distilling Company	Mountain Gin
S	39	Virginia Spirits	36 Short Rhubarb Gin
S	36	Mt. Uncle Distillery	Botanic Australis
S	33	Imperial Measures Distilling	Ounce Gin - Signature
B	42	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Bar Torino Citrus Gin
B	29	Settlers Spirits	Settlers Spiced Fig Gin
B	37	Fosseys Ginporium	Fossey's Original Gin Elixir
B	53	Settlers Spirits	Settlers Yuzu Gin
B	32	Ambleside Distillers	No. 8 Botanical Gin
B	54	Ambleside Distillers	Small Acre Gin
B	34	Turner Stillhouse Pty Ltd	Three Cuts Gin
B	46	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	Savoury Allsorts
B	49	Wandering Distillery	Wandering Distillery Signature Gin
B	52	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	House Gin
B	30	The Gin Joint	Heres Looking At You Kid Wild Rose
B	35	The Abel Gin Co	Essence GIN
B	38	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Sunset Gin
	45	The Gin Joint	Heres Looking At You Kid Christmas Gin
	48	The Abel Gin Co	Quintessence Gin
	41	Hayward Park Pty Ltd	Mad Men Gin
	47	Copper Pot Distillery	Signature
	120	Swan Valley Gin Company	Diablo Artisan Gin

GIN (CONT.)

Class 7 - OLD TOM

B	55	Settlers Spirits	Settlers Ols Tom Gin

Class 8 - Navy (High Strength 44%+)

G	62	Never Never Distilling Co.	Juniper Freak Gin
S	56	Four Pillars Distillery	Four Pillars Navy Strength Gin
B	57	Fosseys Ginporium	Fossey's Navel Strength Elixir
B	61	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Wover proof
B	60	Noosa Heads Distillery	Fortune X Peter Phillips
B	59	Prohibition Liquor Co	Bathtub Cut Gin
	58	Mt. Uncle Distillery	Botanic Australis Navy Strength Gin

Class 9 - Other

G	68	Seppeltsfield Road Distillers	2019 Barossa Shiraz Gin
G	66	Virginia Spirits	36 Short Barrel Aged Gin
S	77	Four Pillars Distillery	Four Pillars Sherry Cask Gin
S	73	Settlers Spirits	Settlers Sloe Gin
S	65	Mt. Uncle Distillery	Botanic Australis Bushfire Smoked Gin
S	72	Underground Spirits Pty Ltd	Shiraz Gin with Tasmanian Pepperberries
S	79	MV Gin Club Pty Ltd T/A Two Accents Gin	Two Accents Shiraz Gin
S	67	MV Gin Club Pty Ltd T/A Two Accents Gin	Two Accents Barrel-Aged Shiraz Gin
B	70	Prohibition Liquor Co	Shiraz Barrel Aged Gin
B	80	The Bathtub Gin Co	Fish Creek Pinot Gin
B	78	Virginia Spirits	36 Short Blood Orange Gin
B	63	Prohibition Liquor Co	Sour Cherry Gin
B	64	The Bathtub Gin Co	Best Day Ever Gin
B	76	Fosseys Ginporium	Fossey's Pepperberry Elixir
B	71	Fosseys Ginporium	Fossey's Kaffir Leaf Elixir
	69	Martin Distillation Company Pty Ltd	Mount Compass Barrel Aged Gin - Batch 2
	75	Noosa Heads Distillery	Fortune X Sum Yung Guys "Pho" Gin
	74	Fosseys Ginporium	Fossey's Old Man Saltbush Elixir

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VODKA

Class 10 - Classic

G	81	White Light Beverages	White Light Vodka, Original
S	83	The Gin Joint	Heres Looking At You Kid Tripple Distilled Vodka
	82	Noosa Heads Distillery	Vodka

Class 11 - Flavoured

B	84	Underground Spirits Pty Ltd	Vodka with Caramel

Class 12 - Other

S	87	White Light Beverages	White Light Vodka, Barrel Aged
B	85	The Gin Joint	Heres Looking At You Kid Barrel Aged Vodka
	86	Lord Byron Distillery	Lord Byron Distillery - Purecane Vodka

RUM

Class 13 - White

S	89	Lord Byron Distillery	Lord Byron - Silver Rhum
B	88	Lord Byron Distillery	Lord Byron - Silver Rhum (overproof)

Class 14 - Dark (Overproof) ABV Above 50%

NO ENTRIES

Class 15 - Dark (Underproof) ABV Under 50%

G	91	Mt. Uncle Distillery	FNQ Rum Co. Iridium
B	90	Illegal Tender Rum Co	Distillers Cut

Class 16 - Spiced/Flavoured.

S	93	Newcastle Distilling Co	Sparrow Jack Spiced
S	94	Lord Byron Distillery	Lord Byron The Promise
B	95	Settlers Spirits	Settlers White Spiced Rhum

Class 17 - Other

S	99	Noosa Heads Distillery	White Cane
B	98	Illegal Tender Rum Co	Spiced
B	97	Illegal Tender Rum Co	1808 Barely Legal

BRANDY

Class 18 - Grape Brandy – 2 years and under 3 years.

S	100	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VS Brandy

Class 19 - Grape Brandy, over 3 years.

G	103	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO
S	102	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes VSOP Brandy
B	104	St Agnes Distillery	St Agnes XO Imperial

Class 20 - Brandy, Fruit.

S	105	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Apple Brandy

Class 21 - Other

B	106	Pietro Gallo Estate	Grappa Di Prosecco

OTHER SPIRITS

Class 22 - Liqueur

G	110	Adelaide Hills Distillery	Bitter Orange Aperitif
S	111	Pietro Gallo Estate	Liquore al Lime
B	107	Pietro Gallo Estate	Limoncello Classico
B	113	Sassy Sister	Sassy Sister
B	114	Pietro Gallo Estate	Liquore alla Liquirizia
B	112	Pietro Gallo Estate	Grappa al Caffè
B	109	Pietro Gallo Estate	Liquore all'Arancia
	108	Pietro Gallo Estate	Liquore al Cioccolato

Class 23 - Other (unable to be entered in any other current class)

S	117	Vittorio Spirits	Tsipouro with Aniseed
S	116	Virginia Spirits	36 Short Gold Rakia
B	115	Vittorio Spirits	Tsipouro Traditional
B	118	Backwoods Distilling Co	Wild Rye

2019 SPIRIT TROPHIES & MEDALLIONS

THE MASTER CASK TROPHY
for
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for
CHAMPION GIN
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Won by: Never Never Distilling Co.
Triple Juniper Gin

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for
CHAMPION VODKA
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Won by: White Light Beverages
White Light Vodka, Original

THE SA COOPERAGE TROPHY
for
CHAMPION RUM
Trophy sponsored by **SA Cooperage**
Won by: Mt. Uncle Distillery
FNQ Rum Co. Irdium Gold Rum

THE SHOW SOCIETY FOUNDATION TROPHY
for
CHAMPION BRANDY
Trophy sponsored by **Show Society Foundation**
Won by: St Agnes Distillery
St Agnes XO

THE TAFE SA TROPHY
for
CHAMPION OTHER SPIRIT
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Won by: Adelaide Hills Distillery
Bitter Orange Aperitif

THE ST AGNES DISTILLERY TROPHY
for
CHAMPION SMALL BATCH
Trophy sponsored by **St Agnes Distillery**
Won by: Fleurieu Distillery
Fountain Of Youth (Single Malt Whiskey)

THE TARAC TECHNOLOGIES TROPHY
for
CHAMPION SPIRIT OF SHOW
Trophy sponsored by **Tarac Technologies**
Won by: Never Never Distilling Co.
- *Triple Juniper Gin*

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