



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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TOP 100 SPIRITS OF 2021

Ultimate Beverage Challenge is delighted to announce the third ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE TOP 100 SPIRITS list. This roster of superlative brandies, whiskeys, gins, vodkas, tequilas, liqueurs, rums, baijius, mezcals, and shochus honors a century of the foremost entries from USC 2021. Said award-winning USC Judging Chairman F. Paul Pacult, who made the final determination of the list, "Every spirit included on the USC TOP 100 list for 2021 scored an aggregate rating

of at least 93-points throughout USC's rigorous, weeks-long process of multistage judging this past May and June. Panels comprised of the world's foremost spirits authors, educators, bartenders, journalists, and consultants cited these spirits as being benchmarks in their individual categories. The USC TOP 100 SPIRITS of 2021 is an astonishingly diverse and comprehensive list of blue chip spirits, hailing from all corners of the world. All of them are exemplary spirits of world-class quality."

1. Kilchoman Machir Bay Cask Strength Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **99-points**
2. Old Fitzgerald VVS 2020 16 Years Old Bottled-in-Bond Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **98-points**
3. Dartialongue 1989 30 Years Old Bas Armagnac (France) **98-points**
4. Redbreast Cask Strength 12 Years Old Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey (Ireland) **98-points**
5. Christian Drouin Vintage 1991 Pays d'Auge Calvados (France) **98-points**
6. Talisker 18 Years Old Skye Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
7. Tanqueray London Dry Gin (Scotland) **98-points**
8. Mortlach Distiller's Dram 16 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
9. Del Maguey Single Village Wild Papalome Mezcal (Mexico) **97-points**
10. Glenturret Peat Smoke 10 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
11. Matsui Shuzo Sakura Single Cask Japanese Malt Whisky (Japan) **97-points**
12. Storywood Speyside 7 Reposado Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
13. Weller Wheated Bourbon Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **97-points**
14. Calle 23 Blanco Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
15. Jean Fillioux Single Cask #212 Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **97-points**
16. Blanton's Straight From the Barrel Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **97-points**
17. Dewar's Double Double 32 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
18. Social Hour Gin & Tonic Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (United States) **97-points**
19. The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Cask No. G8.16 Mature and Energetic 1989 31 Years Old Lowlands Single Grain Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
20. Jung & Wulff Guyana No. 2 Rum (Guyana) **97-points**
21. Ocho Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **97-points**
22. St. Elder Pamplemousse Pink Grapefruit Liqueur (United States) **97-points**
23. The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Cask No. 12.43 Desire Lines 1991 28 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
24. Ferrand Dry Curacao (France) **97-points**
25. Hangar One Straight Vodka (United States) **97-points**
26. Col. E.H. Taylor, Jr. Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey (United States) **97-points**
27. Gordon's Traveller's Edition Gin (United Kingdom) **97-points**
28. Ardbeg Wee Beastie 5 Years Old Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
29. Ancho Reyes Verde Chile Poblano Liqueur (Mexico) **96-points**
30. Highland Park Viking Pride 18 Years Old Orkney Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
31. Ocho Plata Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
32. Top Tomato Spicy Tomato Cocktail Mix Mixer (United States) **96-points**
33. Calle 23 Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
34. Citadelle Original Gin (France) **96-points**
35. Alberta Premium Cask Strength Canadian Rye Whisky (Canada) **96-points**
36. Amarula Cream Liqueur (South Africa) **96-points**
37. Boyd & Blair Potato Vodka (United States) **96-points**
38. Chateau de Laubade Cask Strength 1986 Bas Armagnac (France) **96-points**
39. Glenfiddich Bourbon Barrel Reserve 14 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
40. La Quintinye Royal Rouge Vermouth (France) **96-points**
41. Black Bourbon Society's Maker's Mark Private Selection Recipe 2 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
42. Nonino Amaro (Italy) **96-points**
43. Merlet Creme de Cassis **96-points**
44. Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or Sauternes Rare Cask Finish Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
45. The Legendary Silkie Irish Blended Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
46. Plantation O.F.T.D. Overproof Artisanal Rum (Caribbean) **96-points**
47. Port Askaig 110 Proof Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
48. Cotswolds Sherry Cask Single Malt Whiskey (United Kingdom) **96-points**
49. Gran Duque d'Alba Oro Brandy de Jerez (Spain) **96-points**
50. Mount Gay 1703 Master Blender Collection Port Still Cask Expression Rum (Barbados) **96-points**
51. Moutai BuLaoJiu Baijiu (China) **96-points**
52. Waterford Dunmore Single Farm Origin Addition 1.2 Irish Single Malt Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
53. Westland American Single Malt Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
54. 1792 Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **95-points**
55. Appleton Estate Black River Casks 15 Years Old Aged Rum (Jamaica) **95-points**
56. Demonio de los Andes Italia Pisco (Peru) **95-points**
57. Elijah Craig Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
58. Royal Mash Vintage 2020 Vodka (United Kingdom) **95-points**
59. RumHaven Caribbean Rum with Coconut Liqueur Rum (Canada) **95-points**
60. Larceny Barrel Proof Batch A121 Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **95-points**
61. Camus XO Cognac (France) **95-points**
62. Blue Spot Cask Strength 7 Years Old Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey (Ireland) **95-points**
63. Cutwater Tequila Paloma Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (United States) **95-points**
64. Christian Brothers Sacred Bond 4 Years Old American Brandy (United States) **95-points**
65. Deep Eddy Lemon Flavored Vodka (United States) **95-points**
66. Dewar's 18 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
67. Mr Black Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur (Australia) **95-points**
68. Bainbridge Battle Point Two Islands Islay Cask Barrel Proof Organic Straight Wheat Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
69. El Tesoro Extra Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
70. Mizu Saga Barley Shochu (Japan) **95-points**
71. 6 O'clock Damson Gin (United Kingdom) **95-points**
72. Asbach Freiheits-Brand 1989 European Brandy (Germany) **95-points**
73. Yushan Superior Taiwan 12 Years Old Kaoliang Liquor (Taiwan) **95-points**
74. Belvedere Single Estate Rye Lake Bartezek Vodka (Poland) **95-points**
75. Canadian Club Chronicles The Speakeasy 43 Years Old Canadian Blended Whisky (Canada) **95-points**
76. Chateau Montfauud VS Petite Champagne Cognac (France) **95-points**
77. Gusto Historico - Juan Vazquez Tepextate/Tobala/Cuixe/Madrecuixe Mezcal (Mexico) **95-points**
78. Plantation 3 Stars White Rum (Caribbean) **95-points**
79. Uncle Nearest 1820 Single Barrel 11 Years Old Tennessee Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
80. Vago Espadin Emigdio Jarquin Mezcal (Mexico) **95-points**
81. Oban 18 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
82. Purity 34 Craft Nordic Organic Old Tom Gin (Sweden) **95-points**
83. Teeling Small Batch Irish Blended Whiskey (Ireland) **95-points**
84. AMASS Faerie Fizz Hard Seltzer (United States) **94-points**
85. Barrell Bourbon Batch 027 Cask Strength 5 Years Old Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **94-points**
86. Bushmills 10 Years Old Irish Single Malt Whiskey (Ireland) **94-points**
87. Foro Rosso Vermouth di Torino Vermouth (Italy) **94-points**
88. Per Se Aperitivo (Portugal) **94-points**
89. Heaven Hill 7 Years Old Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **94-points**
90. 21 Seeds Valencia Orange Flavored Tequila (Mexico) **94-points**
91. Courage & Conviction American Single Malt Whiskey (United States) **94-points**
92. Mizu Green Tea Shochu (Japan) **94-points**
93. Germain-Robin 7 Years Old California Alambic American Brandy (United States) **94-points**
94. Barrell Rum Private Release B716 Finished in a Ruby Port Barrel Cask Strength Rum (Caribbean) **94-points**
95. Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye Canadian Rye Whisky (Canada) **94-points**
96. La Quintinye Royal Extra Dry Vermouth (France) **94-points**
97. Tom Bullock's Burnt Orange Bourbon (United States) **94-points**
98. GlenAllachie MacNair's Lum Reek 12 Years Old Blended Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **93-points**
99. George Dickel Single Barrel 15 Years Old Tennessee Whiskey (United States) **94-points**
100. Mammoth Distilling Infinity Whiskey (United States) **94-points**

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