



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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TOP 100 SPIRITS OF 2022

Ultimate Beverage Challenge (UBC) is pleased to announce the fourth annual ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE TOP 100 SPIRITS list. Said award-winning USC Judging Chairman F. PAUL PACULT, who curates each year's registry, "This 'best of the best' roster cites the highest scoring spirits, RTDs, aperitifs, and more from this year's USC, held in April and May at the UBC Evaluation Center. Every beverage included in the USC Top 100 scored an aggregate total of at least 94-points

throughout our rigorous and complex multistage evaluation system. Due to yet another year of dramatic entry increases and lofty final scores, I made the decision to expand the list by ten to shine the USC spotlight on more superlative products than ever before. These are benchmark beverages, categorical touchstones, that have earned their places on the USC Top 100 list by exhibiting extraordinary quality to our panels of world-class experts."

1. Ardbeg Uigedail Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
2. Eagle Rare 17 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **98-points**
3. Redbreast 21 Years Old Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey (Ireland) **98-points**
4. Tequila Ocho Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **98-points**
5. Glenmorangie Truffle Oak Reserve 26 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
6. Belvedere Smogory Forest Single Estate Rye Vodka (Poland) **98-points**
7. Mortlach Cowie's Blue Seal 20 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
8. Cointreau l'Unique (France) **98-points**
9. Dewar's Double Double 32 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **98-points**
10. Smooth Ambler Founders' Cask Strength Series Straight Rye Whiskey (United States) **98-points**
11. Pierre Vallet Single Cask Cognac (France) **98-points**
12. Courage & Conviction Cuvee Single Cask, Cask No. 1266, American Single Malt Whiskey (United States) **98-points**
13. Christian Drouin Les Millesimes 1982 Pays d'Auge Calvados (France) **97-points**
14. Old Fitzgerald Bottled-in-Bond Spring 2022 Edition 17 Years Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **97-points**
15. Matsui The Kurayoshi Sakura Cask Japanese Single Malt Whisky (Japan) **97-points**
16. Chateau de Laubade Cask Strength 1994 Bas Armagnac (France) **97-points**
17. Bunnahabhain 12 Years Old Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
18. J.J. Corry The Gael Irish Blended Whiskey (Ireland) **97-points**
19. La Quintinye Royal Rouge Vermouth (France) **97-points**
20. Knappogue Castle 21 Years Old Irish Single Malt Whiskey (Ireland) **97-points**
21. Plantation Xaymaca Special Dry Pot Still Rum (Jamaica) **97-points**
22. Yushan Taiwan Superior 12 Years Old Kaoliang Liqueur (Taiwan) **97-points**
23. Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey (United States) **97-points**
24. Baie de Tresors Plein Soleil Blanc Rhum Agricole (Martinique) **97-points**
25. Vago Ensemble en Barro Mezcal (Mexico) **97-points**
26. Colonel E.H. Taylor Jr. Barrel Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **97-points**
27. Dewar's Double Double 36 Years Old Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **97-points**
28. Pierre Ferrand Dry Curacao (France) **97-points**
29. iichiko Frasco Shochu (Japan) **97-points**
30. Rue Bourbon Cask Strength 16 Years Old Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **97-points**
31. Nonino Moscato Grappa (Italy) **97-points**
32. Frapin 15 Years Old Grande Champagne Cognac (France) **96-points**
33. Colonel E.H. Taylor Jr. Bottled in Bond Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
34. El Tesoro Blanco Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
35. Jack Daniel's 10 Years Old Tennessee Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
36. Jameson 18 Years Old Bow Street Cask Strength Irish Blended Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
37. Carolans Cold Brew (Ireland) **96-points**
38. Seven Seals The Age of Pisces Oloroso Sherry Wood Finish Single Malt Whisky (Switzerland) **96-points**
39. Stranahan's Sherry Cask Colorado Single Malt Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
40. Tres Erres Reservado Pisco (Chile) **96-points**
41. Matsui The Kurayoshi Japanese Malt Whisky (Japan) **96-points**
42. Bare Knuckle High Rye Bourbon Cask Strength 6 Years Old American Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
43. BrandyLab California Brandy (United States) **96-points**
44. GlenDronach Original 12 Years Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
45. Matsui Brandy Umeshu Fruit Liqueur (Japan) **96-points**
46. Boyd & Blair Blood Orange Cosmo Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (United States) **96-points**
47. Bushmills 16 Years Old Irish Single Malt Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
48. Courvoisier XO Cognac (France) **96-points**
49. Don Fulano Reposado Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
50. Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
51. Glenrothes 18 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
52. Gordon's Traveler's Edition London Dry Gin (Scotland) **96-points**
53. Los Magos 6 Year Reserva Single Barrel Sotol (Mexico) **96-points**
54. Red Spot 15 Years Old Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey (Ireland) **96-points**
55. Remy Martin 1738 Accord Royal Fine Champagne Cognac (France) **96-points**
56. The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Batch #13 Tabanco Time 11 Years Old Blended Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
57. Bainbridge Battle Point Two Islands Islay Cask Straight Organic Wheat Whiskey (United States) **96-points**
58. De Montal VSOP Bas Armagnac (France) **96-points**
59. Olmeca Altos Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **96-points**
60. Appleton Estate Signature Rum (Jamaica) **96-points**
61. Benriach The Twelve 12 Years Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
62. Den-En Envelhecida Shochu (Japan) **96-points**
63. Falconnet XO Tres Vieux Calvados (France) **96-points**
64. Faretti Biscotti Chocolate Liqueur (Italy) **96-points**
65. Four Roses Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **96-points**
66. Sorel Liqueur (United States) **96-points**
67. ImpEx Collection Long Pond 2007 14 Years Old Over-Proof Rum (Jamaica) **96-points**
68. WhistlePig The Boss Hog VIII LapuLapu's Pacific Straight Rye Whisky (Canada) **96-points**
69. Nonino Amaro Riserva (Italy) **96-points**
70. Evan Williams Single Barrel Vintage 2014 Kentucky Straight Bourbon (United States) **96-points**
71. Highland Park Viking Honour 12 Years Old Orkney Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **96-points**
72. La Quintinye Royal Extra Dry Vermouth (France) **96-points**
73. Plantation Cut & Dry Coconut Rum (Barbados) **95-points**
74. Bache Gabrielsen Very Old Pineau des Charentes (France) **95-points**
75. Barrell Whiskey Private Release DJA1 Blend 1 Finished in a St. Agrestis Brooklyn Amaro Cask American Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
76. Wemyss Malts Spice King Blended Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
77. Fords London Dry Gin (United Kingdom) **95-points**
78. Angel's Envy Finished in Caribbean Rum Casks Rye Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
79. Boulard X.O. Limited Edition Mizunara Cask Finish Pays d'Auge Calvados (France) **95-points**
80. Fever-Tree Ginger Ale (United Kingdom) **95-points**
81. Plantation 3 Stars White Rum (Trinidad, Barbados, Jamaica) **95-points**
82. Social Hour Harvest Whiskey Sour Made with George Dickel Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (United States) **95-points**
83. Tequila Ocho Plata Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
84. Caravelo Torontel Pisco (Peru) **95-points**
85. High Noon Sun Sips Pineapple Vodka & Soda Hard Seltzer (United States) **95-points**
86. Balcones Mirador Texas Single Malt Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
87. Chairman's Reserve The Forgotten Casks Rum (Saint Lucia) **95-points**
88. Cierro Reserve Collection Extra Anejo Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
89. Teeling Irish Single Grain Whiskey (Ireland) **95-points**
90. 23rd Street Riverland Rose Vodka (Australia) **95-points**
91. Lobos 1707 Reposado Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
92. Mezcal de Layendas Vinita Solar Mezcal (Mexico) **95-points**
93. Bernheim Original 7 Years Old Small Batch Kentucky Straight Wheat Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
94. Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition Batch 009 11 Years Old Tennessee Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
95. Clos Martin XO 15 Years Old Armagnac (France) **95-points**
96. Gracias a Dios Espadin Artesanal Mezcal (Mexico) **95-points**
97. The Clover Single Barrel Straight Bourbon Whiskey (United States) **95-points**
98. Cierro Reserve Collection Blanco Tequila (Mexico) **95-points**
99. Don Q 151 Rum (Puerto Rico) **95-points**
100. Koloa Sparkling Mango Hawaiian Rum Cocktail (United States) **95-points**
101. La Muse Verte Traditionelle Absinthe (France) **95-points**
102. Notaris Bartender's Choice Jerry Thomas Rome Edition Genever (Netherlands) **95-points**
103. Sipsmith London Dry Gin (United Kingdom) **95-points**
104. Talisker 18 Years Old Skye Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland) **95-points**
105. Morris Australian Single Malt Whiskey (Australia) **95-points**
106. Crown Royal 18 Years Old Canadian Blended Whisky (Canada) **94-points**
107. Le Barteleur Hanky Panky Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (France) **94-points**
108. Deep Eddy Lemon Vodka (United States) **94-points**
109. Cazadores Paloma Ready-to-Drink Cocktail (Mexico) **94-points**
110. Finlandia Grapefruit Vodka (Finland) **94-points**

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