

## Bayon Distillery Rocks ADI 2022

*Matthew Green-Hite and Rattana Em of Bayon Distillery attended the 2022 American Craft Spirit Conference & Expo in St Louis, Missouri this week.*

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI, USA, September 17, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Although they told everyone they were there to pickup their Silver and Bronze Medals for Palm Sugar Rhum, the owners of [Bayon Distillery](#) were really there to have fun and get some education with over 1800 other distillers !

Day One they spent the morning studying Heritage corn (those red, blue, and multicolored ears) with Gary Hinegardner of [Wood Hat Spirits](#) and the team of distillers, educators, writers and genetic experts; then an additional 6 hours for a trip to Wood Hat Distillery and their corn fields. And nearly every one of 11 rows of heritage corn had a tasting sample at the end of the row.



Heritage Corn

“

Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime ....”

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And to further emphasize the difference between the varieties, 5 different corn breads from 5 different heritage corns were served ! We bought a bottle of Bloody Butcher Red Corn Whisky and a bottle of Aged Blue Corn Whiskey each – purely for research purposes ! Don't be surprised if Bayon Distillery produces a Cambodian heritage corn whiskey soon !

Day Two started with a Keynote Address by Dr. Anne Brock / Master Distiller at [Bombay Sapphire Distillery](#) (London) that really motivated - which was good, because it was followed up by five classes ranging from TTB Fundamentals to a roundtable for Tasting Rooms as Profit Centers. Rattana was almost too tired to attend the Beverage Testing Institute Happy Hour (I said almost

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Day Three started with a Boozy Breakfast (not my title - I think it belongs to Erik Owens, President of ADI). Five more classes, followed by the Awards Lunch where Gold and Double Gold awards were presented - with recipients ranging from Vietnam to Mexico. We barely made the conference floor in time to visit the nearly 200 exhibitors !

Next year the event will be held in August in Las Vegas. Viva Las Vegas !

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Rattana on the Exhibit Floor



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