

The South's Best Has Crowned the Top Spirits in the Region

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES, December 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The South's Best Spirits Awards, a first-of-its-kind spirit competition celebrating the finest spirits in the South, is proud to announce its inaugural award winners. Fourteen expert judges convened in early November in Charleston, SC, the competition's headquarters, to thoroughly analyze and honor the best spirits in the South with Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Category, Affinity, Packaging and the coveted Best in Show medals.

The South's Best is proud to recognize the best in the industry by celebrating the authenticity and quality of Southern spirits. With hundreds of entries from 10 states, ranging from Texas to Virginia, in over thirty categories, including special awards for female-, minority- and veteran-owned brands, The South's Best is excited to announce its highly deserving 2023 winners. Each spirit was judged on carefully considered criteria including aroma, flavor, balance, complexity, finish and smoothness.

[Old Dominick](#) Straight Bourbon has been named Best In Show with a perfect score of 100. The Best in Show Award was judged on three core pillars including liquid, packaging and regional significance. A full list of winners can be found below. The comprehensive list of 2023 winners along with score totals can be found online [HERE](#).

In addition to the spirit itself, entrants also had the opportunity to submit products to be judged for their packaging, with criteria like identity, innovation, sustainability and more. Charleston-based [High Goal Gin](#) was awarded Best in Show for packaging.

"I'm really proud and blown away by all of the diverse spirits that entered the competition," says



The South's Best: Best in Show

Matti Anttila, Founder of The South's Best. "I've always known that this region is producing the best of the best, and it's an honor to be able to officially celebrate the finest spirits in the South. This is only the beginning for The South's Best!"

The South's Best looks forward to continuing to recognize the best in the region with plans to grow into new beverage categories including beer in 2024, along with the second annual The South's Best Spirits Awards in September.

BEST IN SHOW

Old Dominick Straight Bourbon

BEST IN CATEGORY

Amethyst NA Spirit

Bear Fight American Single Malt

Bluffton Whiskey

Bushwood Stillwater Rye

Castaway Barrel Rested Rum

Chicken Cock Island Rooster

Dixie Honey Vodka

Dixie Southern Vodka

Greenhouse Artisan Gin

Jones Brother's Bourbon Coffee

King's Family Distillery Wheated Bourbon

NoFo Brew Co Agave Spirit

NoFo Brew Co Barrel Aged Gin

NoFo Brew Co Moonshine 1

Old Dominick Straight Bourbon

Old Dominick Straight TN Whiskey

Papa's Pilar

S.E. Callahan's

Stable Reserve Bourbon

Tennessee Shine Co Apple Pie

The Reverend Sour Mash Whiskey

TX Straight Bourbon Tawny Port Finish

Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - Batch 025

Vicario Savage Cherry Liqueur

BEST IN STATE

Amethyst NA Spirit - SC

Bear Fight American Single Malt - NC

Bluffton Whiskey - SC

Bushwood Stillwater Rye - KY

Castaway Barrel Rested Rum - NC

Chicken Cock Island Rooster - KY
Dixie Honey Vodka - SC
Dixie Southern Vodka - SC
Dread River Sherry-Finished Rye - AL
Gate 11 Dry Gin - TN
Greenhouse Artisan Gin - TX
JH Bards Toasted Barrel High Rye- VA
Jones Brother's Bourbon Coffee - TN
King's Family Distillery Wheated Bourbon - TN
NoFo Brew Co Agave Spirit - GA
NoFo Brew Co Barrel Aged Gin - GA
NoFo Brew Co Moonshine 1 - GA
Old Dominick Straight Bourbon - TN
Old Dominick Straight TN Whiskey - TN
Papa's Pilar - FL
S.E. Callahan's - TN
Southern Star Paragon Single Barrel Wheated - NC
Stable Reserve Bourbon - TN
Tennessee Shine Co Apple Pie - TN
The Reverend Sour Mash Whiskey - NC
TX Straight Bourbon Tawny Port Finish - TX
Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition - Batch 025 - TN
Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey - Batch 061 - TN
Uncle Nearest Straight Rye Whiskey - TN
Vicario Savage Cherry Liqueur - AL

BEST IN AFFINITY

Best Female-Owned: King's Family Distillery Wheated Bourbon
Best Minority-Owned: Uncle Nearest Single Barrel Whiskey

BEST IN PACKAGING

High Goal Gin

Matti Antilla

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