

World Spirits Award
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Categories, groups and varieties

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1. Fruit brandies (pure distillates without external alcohol, added aroma or sugar)

In the categories 1 OBB and 2 OBS, we distinguish or group by exact variety (e.g. apple – Jonathan) within the species (apple) and the family (pome), so please enter the exact variety with its species and family on the application.

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
OBL	Fruit Cuvée	KERBG	OBB
OBG	Obstler Cuvée	SONBG	OBB
OBT	Obsttester Brand	SONBG	OBB
AMAS	Apple Spirit Maschanzka	KERBG	OBB
AARL	Apple Arlet	KERBG	OBB
ABOS	Apple Boskoop	KERBG	OBB
ACHR	Apple Champagner Renette	KERBG	OBB
AELS	Apple Elstar	KERBG	OBB
AGAL	Apple Gala	KERBG	OBB
AGD	Apple Golden Delicious	KERBG	OBB
ASVN	Apfel Schöner von Nordhausen	KERBG	OBB
AGLO	Apple Gloster	KERBG	OBB
AGOR	Apple Goldrenette von Blenheim	KERBG	OBB
AGPM	Apple Goldparmäne	KERBG	OBB
AGRA	Apple Granny Smith	KERBG	OBB
AGRV	Apple Gravensteiner	KERBG	OBB
AHLC	Apple Hyslop Crab	KERBG	OBB
AHLZ	Wilder Holzapfel	KERBG	OBB
AID	Apple Idared	KERBG	OBB
AJOG	Apple Jona Gold	KERBG	OBB
AJON	Apple Jonathan	KERBG	OBB
AKAR	Apple Kanada Renette	KERBG	OBB
AKBO	Apple Kalterer Böhmer	KERBG	OBB
AKPR	Apple Kronprinz Rudolf	KERBG	OBB
AMCI	Apple Mc Intosh	KERBG	OBB
AMOD	Apple Morgenduft	KERBG	OBB
ADEB	Apfel Delbarestival	KERBG	OBB
ARUB	Apple Rubinette	KERBG	OBB
ASD	Apple Stark Delicious	KERBG	OBB
ASMR	Apple Summerred	KERBG	OBB
ASPL	Apple Spitz Lederer	KERBG	OBB
AWAG	Apple Wagener	KERBG	OBB
AREW	Apfel Rewena	KERBG	OBB
AWWC	Apple Weisser Winter-Calville	KERBG	OBB
AWWS	Apple Winter-Winesap	KERBG	OBB
AKWI	Apfel Kaiser Wilhelm	KERBG	OBB
AMUTZ	Apfel Mutzu	KERBG	OBB
AZIER	Zierapfel	KERBG	OBB
ACOX	Apple Cox Orange	KERBG	OBB
APFA	Apple - All Others	KERBG	OBB
BWIL	Pear Williams Yellow	KERBG	OBB
BAXL	Pear Alexander Lukas	KERBG	OBB
BWIR	Pear Williams Red	KERBG	OBB
BDRG	Pear Dr. Guyot	KERBG	OBB
BCLG	Clairgeau Butterpear	KERBG	OBB
BGUL	Pear Gute Luise	KERBG	OBB
BHOZ	Wilde Holzbirne	WILBG	OBB
BHPO	Hardenponte Winterbutterbirne	KERBG	OBB
BKAA	Pear Kaiser Alexander	KERBG	OBB

BKVC	Birne Köstliche von Charneu	KERBG	OBB
BMUS	Muskatbirne	KERBG	OBB
BLIM	Pear Limonera	KERBG	OBB
ABAE	Apfel Braeburn	KERBG	OBB
BODS	Pear Oliver de Serres	KERBG	OBB
BPAS	Patorenbirne	KERBG	OBB
BSOZ	Pear Sommerzitron	KERBG	OBB
BCON	Birne Conference	KERBG	OBB
BSUB	Pear Subierer	KERBG	OBB
BTWV	Pear Triumph von Wien	KERBG	OBB
BCLI	Birne Clapps Liebling	KERBG	OBB
BWDT	Pear Winter-Dechant	KERBG	OBB
BSOM	Pear Sommer Muskateller	KERBG	OBB
BIRA	Pear - All Others	KERBG	OBB
NASH	Nashi bzw. Asienbirne	SONBG	OBB
HFR	Fruit Yeast Distillate	SONBG	OBB
BIE	Bierbrand	GETBG	OBB
REIS	Rice	SONBG	OBB
QUI	Quince	KERBG	OBB
GER	Malt	GETBG	OBB
SSG	Special Types Grain	GETBG	OBB
GEA	Malt/Cereal - All Others	GETBG	OBB
GEH	Malt Wood Aged	GETBG	OBB
KIDS	Cherry Dollenseppler	STEBG	OBB
KIFL	Cherry Frühe Luxburger	STEBG	OBB
KIGA	Cherry Gang	STEBG	OBB
KZIG	Zigeunerkiersch	STEBG	OBB
KILA	Cherry Lauerzer	STEBG	OBB
KILN	Cherry Lampnästler	STEBG	OBB
KILS	Cherry Langstieler	STEBG	OBB
KIRI	Cherry Rigi	STEBG	OBB
KIRL	Cherry Rote Lauber	STEBG	OBB
KIRV	Cherry Red Virginiana	STEBG	OBB
KISH	Cherry Sweetheart	STEBG	OBB
KBRH	Brenzer Kirsch	STEBG	OBB
KISV	Cherry Black Virginiana	STEBG	OBB
KITA	Cherry Täfler	STEBG	OBB
KIWK	Cherry Wild	STEBG	OBB
KIWS	Cherry Webers Sämling	STEBG	OBB
KSCH	Cherry Schattenmorelle	STEBG	OBB
KWEI	Cherry Sour	STEBG	OBB
KIRA	Cherry Allgemein	STEBG	OBB
NEKT	Nectarina	SONBG	OBB
PFIW	White Peach	STEBG	OBB
PFI	Peach	STEBG	OBB
PFIV	Vineyard Peach	STEBG	OBB
MABR	Apricot	STEBG	OBB
MARI	Apricot (Marille)	STEBG	OBB
MIR	Yellow Plum	STEBG	OBB
RING	Yellow Plum	STEBG	OBB
PFL	Plum	STEBG	OBB
PFSJ	Plum	STEBG	OBB
PFLW	Wild Plum	WILBG	OBB
MYRO	Myrobalane (Kirschpflaume)	WILBG	OBB
DIR	Dirndl, Kornelkiersch	WILBG	OBB
KRI	Damson	STEBG	OBB
ZWE	Plum	STEBG	OBB
ZWEH	Plum	STEBG	OBB
OBS	Stone Fruit Cuvée	STEBG	OBB
TBK	Bird Cherry	WILBG	OBB
SCH	Sloe	WILBG	OBB
ELS	Elsbeere, Adlitzbeere	WILBG	OBB
SSD	Special Types All Others	SONBG	OBB
SSF	Special Types Wild Fruit	SONBG	OBB
MIS	Mispel	WILBG	OBB
SPL	Speierling	WILBG	OBB
FLSB	Saskatoon	WILBG	OBB
FELK	Kupfer Felsenbirne	WILBG	OBB
ARO	Aronia, Schwarze Apfelbeere	WILBG	OBB

SSW	Special Types Roots Vegetables	SONBG	OBB
KAST	Chestnut	SONBG	OBB
KUER	Pumpkin	SONBG	OBB
KARO	Carrot	SONBG	OBB
TOP	Topinambur	SONBG	OBB
KAR	Kartoffel	SONBG	OBB
ENZ	Gentian	SONBG	OBB
TRA	Grape Distillate - All Others	VINBG	OBB
TBCH	Grape Distillate Chardonnay	VINBG	OBB
TBGM	Grape Distillate Gelber Muskateller	VINBG	OBB
TBMU	Grape Distillate Muskat Ottonel	VINBG	OBB
TBSA	Grape Distillate Sauvignon	VINBG	OBB
TMU	Grape Distillate Muskat	VINBG	OBB
TBH	Grape Distillate wood aged	VINBG	OBB
HAG	Rosehip	WILBG	OBB
HEF	Wine Yeast Distillate	VINBG	OBB
HEH	Wine Yeast Wood Aged	VINBG	OBB
TRCH	Grape Marc Chardonnay	VINBG	OBB
TRGM	Grape Marc Gelber Muskateller	VINBG	OBB
TRMU	Grape Marc Muskat Ottonel	VINBG	OBB
TRSA	Grape Marc Sauvignon	VINBG	OBB
TRT	Grape Marc Gewürz-Traminer	VINBG	OBB
TRE	Grape Marc - All Others	VINBG	OBB
TRH	Grape Marc Wood Aged	VINBG	OBB
STA	Gooseberry	BERBG	OBB
ERD	Strawberry	BERBG	OBB
MEHB	Haw	BERBG	OBB
MOSB	Cranberry	BERBG	OBB
PRE	Cranberry	BERBG	OBB
HEI	Blueberry	BERBG	OBB
RIW	White Currant	BERBG	OBB
RIR	Red Currant	BERBG	OBB
RIS	Black Currant	BERBG	OBB
TAYB	Taybeere	BERBG	OBB
BRO	Blackberry	BERBG	OBB
HIM	Raspberry	BERBG	OBB
BOY	Boysenbeere	BERBG	OBB
VOG	Rowanberry	BERBG	OBB
HOL	Black Elderberry	BERBG	OBB
HOLR	Red Elderberry	BERBG	OBB
SSB	Special Types Soft Fruit	SONBG	OBB
OBB	Berry Cuvée	BERBG	OBB
CAS	Cashew	SONBG	OBB
FEIK	Fig Cactus	SONBG	OBB
FEIB	Fig Tree	SONBG	OBB
MAUB	Mulberry	SONBG	OBB
KAKI	Kaki	SONBG	OBB
KIWI	Kiwi	SONBG	OBB
BAN	Banana	SONBG	OBB
MANG	Mango	SONBG	OBB
GRAA	Pomegranate	WILBG	OBB
ANAN	Pineapple	SONBG	OBB
MAN	Tangerine	SONBG	OBB
ORA	Orange	SONBG	OBB
ZRR	Sugar Cane	SONBG	OBB
SES	Exotic Fruits - All Others	SONBG	OBB
WOSB	Wolliger Schneeball	WILBG	OBB
SAND	Sallow thorn	WILBG	OBB
MAHO	Mahonie	WILBG	OBB
WEID	Whitethorn	WILBG	OBB
EIBE	Eibe	WILBG	OBB
BERB	Berberitze	WILBG	OBB
APFD	Apfeldorn, Apfelblättriger Weißdorn	WILBG	OBB
STEP	Holly	WILBG	OBB
MET	Honigbrand, Met	SONBG	OBB
BIAH	Pear Wood Aged - All Others	DESHG	OBB
APHA	Apple Wood Aged - All Others	DESHG	OBB
KIHS	Cherry Spirits Wood Aged	DESHG	OBB
MARH	Apricot Wood Adegd	DESHG	OBB

ZWH	Plum Wood Aged	DESHG	OBB
DESH	Distillates wood	DESHG	OBB
WHOL	Wilder Holunder (Attich)	BERBG	OBB

1.1. Cigar brandies

only 100% distillate (see Category 1) wood aged

Requirements for cigar distillates – distillates that go well with cigars:

100% distillate, high density, intense aroma, a sweet essence, matured in a wooden barrel (recommended), higher alcoholic contents (c. 50% vol), good overall balance of the product and a perfect marriage with cigars.

Cigar distillates

Cigar distillates have to be a perfect accompaniment to smoking - the range of cigars extends from Dominican (light) to Cuban (heavy). The distillates must be stored in wooden barrels and exhibit particular density, length and sweetness. The criteria of how well the products harmonise in this group is much more strictly assessed than in other groups. As alcohol also has an influence, an upper limit of 53% vol. has been set. Spirits that have a higher alcohol content generally go well with cigars - higher proof ones go better with heavy cigars, while spirits with a lower 40% tend to go better with lighter cigars.

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
ZIK	Cigar Distillates - pomaceous fruit	ZIGGG	OBB
ZIS	Cigar Distillates - stone fruit	ZIGGG	OBB
ZIE	Cigar Distillates - all Others	ZIGGG	OBB
ZIV	Cigar Distillates - grapes and wine	ZIGGG	OBB
ZIC	Cigar Distillates - special types	ZIGGG	OBB

1.2. Coffee brandies

only 100% distillate (see Category 1) wood aged

Requirements for coffee distillates:

100% distillate, high density, intense aroma, a high degree of sweetness from the extract or wood, good overall balance of the product and a perfect marriage with coffee.

Coffee distillates

Coffee distillates should generally blend well with coffee. These products distinguish themselves with particular density, length and sweetness. They can be stored in wooden barrels, but can also be distilled using stone fruits, grapes or wild fruits. The criteria of how well the products harmonise in the "Coffee distillates" category is much more strictly assessed than with spirits in other groups.

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
KAK	Coffee Distillate - Pomaceous Fruit	KAFGG	OBB
KAC	Coffee Distillate - Grain	KAFGG	OBB
KAS	Coffee Distillate - Stone Fruit	KAFGG	OBB
KAV	Coffee Distillate - Grapes and wine	KAFGG	OBB
KAE	Coffee Distillate - Special types	KAFGG	OBB
KAB	Coffee Distillate - Wood Aged	KAFGG	OBB

The groups: pomaceous fruit (KERB), stone fruit (STEB), soft fruit (BERB), grapes and wine (VINB), wild fruit (WILB), grain (GETB), coffee distillates (KAFG), cigar distillates (ZIGG), wood aged 100% distillates (HOLG), special types (SONB).

The listed varieties are a selection only - should the variety you would like to enter not be among them, please list them in your application form as "diverse / other varieties" and list the group instead of an abbreviation.

Grappe or whiskeys - as long as they fit the rules for category 1 - may also be entered in the category OBB. In this case, you would be listed among the marcs or korns.

Requirements for:

Title "Distillery of the Year": at least 10 distilleries within the category
 Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups
 Award: at least 10 products within one group
 Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

2. Fruit spirits/brandies - blends from fruit, wine, wild fruits, grain (with external alcohols and/or sugar added, as well as aromatic additives)

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Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
APFS	Apple Spirits - All Others	KERSG	OBS
BIRS	Pear Spirits - All Others	KERSG	OBS
WILS	Williams Pear Spirit	KERSG	OBS
CEDR	Cedron	SONSG	OBS
ZIT	Lemon	SONSG	OBS
WIHS	Williams Pear Spirits Wood Aged	KERSG	OBS
BIES	Beer Spirit	SONSG	OBS
BIHS	Beer Spirits Wood Aged	SONSG	OBS
QUIS	Quince Spirit	KERSG	OBS
PFLS	Damasin Spirits	STESG	OBS
MIRS	Yellow Plum Spirit	STESG	OBS
ZWES	Plum Spirits	STESG	OBS
MARS	Apricot Spirits	STESG	OBS
PFIS	Peach Spirits	STESG	OBS
MAHS	Apricot Spirits Wood Aged	STESG	OBS
KIRS	Cherry Spirits	STESG	OBS
SCHS	Blueberry Spirits	BERSG	OBS
HIMS	Raspberry Spirit	BERSG	OBS
BROS	Blackberry Spirit	BERSG	OBS
RISS	Black Current Spirit	BERSG	OBS
HOLS	Black Elderberry Spirits	BERSG	OBS
VOGS	Rowanberry Spirits	BERSG	OBS
BEES	Berry Spirits - All Others	BERSG	OBS
OBBS	Berry Spirits Cuvée	BERSG	OBS
TRAS	Grape Spirits	VINSG	OBS
HEFS	Wine Yeast Spirits	VINSG	OBS
HEHS	Wine Yeast Spirits Wood Aged	VINSG	OBS
TRES	Grape Marc Spirits	VINSG	OBS
TRHS	Grape Marc Spirits Wood Aged	VINSG	OBS
DSS	Spirits - All Others	SONSG	OBS
ETGS	Exotic/tropical fruit Spirits	ETGSG	OBS
GETS	Getreide Spirituose	GETSG	OBS
KORB	Korinthenbrand	SONSG	OBS
ABWE	Apfel-, Birnenwein-Brand	SONSG	OBS
PALW	Palmwein	SONSG	OBS
HOBW	Holzbranntwein	SONSG	OBS
SCLS	Schlehen Geist	WILSG	OBS
HAS	Hazelnut Spirits	KTNG	OBS
KAF	Coffee Spirits	KTNG	OBS
OBHS	Obstler Spirits Wood Aged	KERSG	OBS
OBSS	Obstler Spirits	KERSG	OBS
HEIS	Blueberry	BERSG	OBS

The groups: pomaceous fruit (KERS), stone fruit (STES), soft fruit (BERS), grapes and wine(VINS), wild fruit(WILS), special types(SONS), exotic/tropical fruits (ETGSG).

Requirements for:

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 Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups
 Award: at least 10 products within one group
 Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

3. Cognac

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
CVS	Cognac VS/***(2 YO)	CVSG	COG
COP	Cognac VSOP/Réserve (4 YO)	COPG	COG
CXO	Cognac XO/Hors d'âge/Napoléon ((6 YO)	CXOG	COG
CEA	Cognac Aged (11 YO)	CEAG	COG
COA	Cognac Extra Aged (21 YO)	COAG	COG
CLA	Cognac Millésimé	CLAG	COG

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Requirements for:

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Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

4. Armagnac

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
AEW	Eau de Vie weiss (Armagnac)	AEWG	ARM
ARW	Blanche Armagnac (1YY)	ARWG	ARM
AVS	Armagnac VS (2 YO)	AVSG	ARM
AOP	Armagnac VSOP (5 YO)	AOPG	ARM
AXO	Armagnac XO (6 YO)	AXOG	ARM
AHD	Armagnac Hors D'Age (10 YO)	AHDG	ARM
AUA	Armagnac Aged (21 YO)	AUAG	ARM
AVA	Armagnac Extra Aged (31 YO)	AVAG	ARM
ASB	Armagnac Single Barrel/Age	ASBG	ARM
ALA	Armagnac Millésime/Vintages	ALAG	ARM
AAB	Armagnac Single	AASG	ARM
FDG	Floc de Gascogne	FDGG	ARM

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Requirements for:

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Award: at least 10 products within one group

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5. Brandy Jerez

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
BSO	Solera	BSOG	BRJ
BSR	Solera Reserva	BSRG	BRJ
BGR	Solera Gran Reserva	BGRG	BRJ
BGX	Solera Gran Reserva (min. 6 Jahre)	BGXG	BRJ
BGN	Solera Gran Reserva (ab 11 Jahre)	BGAG	BRJ
BGA	Solera Gran Reserva (ab 21 Jahre)	BGAG	BRJ
BGV	Solera Gran Reserva Vintage	BGVG	BRJ
BLA	Brandy Mix/Low Alcohol	BLAG	BRA

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Requirements for:

Title "Distillery of the Year": at least 10 distilleries within the category

Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

6. South African Brandy

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
SVS	Standard Brandy (Blend)	SVSG	SAB
SLA	Vintage Brandy (Blend)	SLAG	SAB
SOP	Potstill Brandy (3 YO)	SOPG	SAB
SXO	Potstill Brandy (10 YO)	SXOG	SAB
SOA	Potstill Brandy Extra Aged (20 YO)	SOAG	SAB

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Requirements for:

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

7. Other grape brandies

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
BOS	Brandy VS (2 YO)	BOSG	BRA
BOB	Brandy VSOP (4 YO)	BOBG	BRA
BOX	Brandy XO (6 YO)	BOXG	BRA
BDN	Brandy Aged (11 YO)	BDNG	BRA
BEA	Brandy Extra Aged (21 YO)	BEAG	BRA
WEB	Brandy - All Others	WEBG	BRA
WBSK	Brandy Herbal	WBSKG	BRA
WBG	Brandy Chardonnay	WBSG	BRA
WBMO	Brandy Muskat Ottonel	WBSG	BRA
WBSA	Brandy Sauvignon	WBSG	BRA
BYO	Brandy V (1 YO)	BYOG	BRA

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Requirements for:

Title "Distillery of the Year": at least 10 distilleries within the category

Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

8. Calvados

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
CCW	Calvados Weiss	CCWG	CAL
CCVS	Calvados VS/***/Fine	CCVSG	CAL
CCOP	Calvados VO/VSOP/Vieille réserve	CCOPG	CAL
CCXO	Calvados XO/Extra/Napoléon/Hors d'âge/Age inconnu	CCXOG	CAL
CCXT	Calvados Extra Aged (11 YO)	CCXTG	CAL
CCVT	Calvados Extra Aged (21 YO)	CCVTG	CAL

CCLA	Calvados Vintages	CCLAG	CAL
CPOM	Pommeau	CPOMG	CAL

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Requirements for:

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

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9. Gin & Vodka

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
WLA	Wodka Low Alcohol	WLAG	GIWO
WOA	Wodka - Flavoured	WOAG	GIWO
WOM	Wodka Mix	WOMG	GIWO
WOD	Wodka Western Style (45% Vol. less)	WODG	GIWO
WOO	Wodka Western Style (46% Vol. over)	WOOG	GIWO
WEX	Wodka White Aged (11 YO)	WEXG	GIWO
WEA	Wodka White Extra Aged (21 YO)	WEAG	GIWO
WDO	Wodka Old Eastern Style (45% Vol. less)	WDOG	GIWO
WOE	Wodka Old Eastern Style (46% Vol. over)	WOEG	GIWO
WOH	Wodka Wood Aged	WOHG	GIWO
WXH	Wodka Wood Aged (11 YO)	WXHG	GIWO
WEH	Wodka Wood Extra Aged (21 YO)	WEHG	GIWO
GIA	Gin Flavoured	GIAG	GIWO
GIN	Gin (45% Vol. less)	GING	GIWO
GINA	Gin (46%-49 % Vol.)	GINAG	GIWO
GINO	Gin (50% Vol. over)	GINOG	GIWO
GIND	Gin Distilled (45% Vol. less)	GINDG	GIWO
GNAD	Gin Distilled (46%-49 % Vol.)	GNADG	GIWO
GLD	London Dry Gin (45% Vol. less)	GLDG	GIWO
GNW	New Western Style Gin	GNWG	GIWO
GIH	Gin Resera Wood Aged (45% Vol. less)	GIHG	GIWO
SLGI	Sloe Gin	GIAG	GIWO
GENA	Genever Aromatisiert	GENAG	GIWO
GEN	Genever	GENG	GIWO
GENJ	Genever Jung ("jonge")	GENJG	GIWO
GENO	Genever Alt ("oude")	GENOG	GIWO
GENY	Genever Alt ("oude") 6 years older	GENYG	GIWO
GNOX	Genever Alt ("oude") 10 years older	GNOXG	GIWO
GENV	Genever Vintage (Jahrgang)	GENVG	GIWO
GKO	Korenwijn	GKOG	GIWO

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Special definitions apply to the following groups and products:

Vodka:

Western Style: As neutral a style as possible

Old Eastern Style: Minimum recognisable aroma of the base product

Gin:

London Dry Gin: Clear presence of juniper

New Western Style: Harmony between juniper and botanicals, no dominance of juniper

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10. Grappa

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
GJM	Grappa Young Single Variety	GJMG	GRA
GJU	Grappa Single Variety	GJUG	GRA
GJO	Grappa - All Others	GJOG	GRA
GJA	Grappa Young Aromatic	GJAG	GRA
GRH	Grappa Aromatic	GRHG	GRA
GAR	Grappa - Flavoured (Herbs, Fruits ...)	GARG	GRA
GHA	Grappa Wood Aged (5 YY)	GHAG	GRA
GHV	Grappa Wood Aged (6-10 Y)	GHVG	GRA
GHX	Grappa Wood Aged (11 YO)	GHXG	GRA
GJOS	Grappa jung ohne Sortenangabe (bis 5 Jahre)	GJOSG	GRA

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11. Marc

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
MWT	Marc White Wine Grapes	MWTG	MAR
MRT	Marc Red Wine Grapes	MRTG	MAR
MAR	Marc (6-10 Y)	MARG	MAR
MAVH	Marc Wood Aged (6-10 Y)	MAVHG	MAR
MEXA	Marc Aged (11 YO)	MEXAG	MAR
MEA	Marc Extra Aged (21 YO)	MEAG	MAR

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Award: at least 5 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

12. Grain brandy and other grain products

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
KORA	Korn/Cereal - Flavoured	KORAG	KOR
KOR	Korn/Cereal	KORG	KOR
KORH	Korn/Cereal Wood Aged	KORHG	KOR
KOS	Korn Single Variety	KOSG	KOR
KOD	Korn/Cereal Aged (11 YO)	KODG	KOR
KODH	Korn/Cereal Wood Aged (11 YO)	KODHG	KOR
KOXH	Korn/Cereal Wood Extra Aged (21 YO)	KOXHG	KOR
KORV	Korn/Cereal - Vintage	KORVG	KOR
KORS	Korn/Cereal	KORSG	KOR

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Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

13. Herbal spirits, Liqueurs & Exotic (ouzo, pastis, absinthe, bitter aperitifs ...)

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
ABS	Absinth (Absinthe) classic	ABSG	BILI
ABSD	Absinthe classic distilled	ABSG	BILI
ABM	Absinth (Absinthe) modern art	ABMG	BILI
ABMD	Absinthe modern art distilled	ABMDG	BILI
AQU	Aquavit	AQUG	BILI
DBKS	Spirits Diverse Base	DBKSG	BILI
ANIS	Spirits Aneseed	ANISG	BILI
PAS	Pastis	ANISG	BILI
ARAK	Arak	ANISG	BILI
SAMB	Sambuca	ANISG	BILI
OUZO	Ouzo	ANISG	BILI
RAKI	Raki	ANISG	BILI
KUES	Spirits Caraway	KUESG	BILI
WACO	Juniper Spirits	WACOG	BILI
ENZS	Gentian Spirit	ENZSG	BILI
FRLN	Liqueur Fruit - Non Flavoured	FRLNG	BILI
FRLA	Liqueur Fruit - Flavoured	FRLAG	BILI
LIWB	Liqueur Wine Based - Non Flavoured	LIWBG	BILI
LIKW	Liqueur Wine Based - Flavoured	LIKWG	BILI
NLN	Liqueur Nut - Non Flavoured	NLNG	BILI
NLA	Liqueur Nut - Flavoured	NLAG	BILI
KKAL	Liqueur Cacao/Coffee/Tea - Flavoured	KKALG	BILI
KKLN	Liqueur Cacao/Coffee/Tea - Non Flavoured	KKLNG	BILI
LISN	Liqueur Chocolate - Non Flavoured	LISNG	BILI
LISA	Liqueur Chocolate - Flavoured	LISAG	BILI
LWSB	Likör Wine and/or Spirit based	LWSBG	BILI
HLN	Liqueur Honey - Non Flavoured	HLAG	BILI
HLA	Liqueur Honey - Flavoured	HLAG	BILI
DBLN	Liqueur Diverse Base - Non Flavoured	DBLNG	BILI
DBLA	Liqueur Diverse Base - Flavoured	DBLAG	BILI
EMLN	Liqueur Cream/Dairy - Non Flavoured	EMLNG	BILI
EMLA	Liqueur Cream/Dairy - Flavoured	EMLAG	BILI
BITK	Herbs Liqueurs	BITG	BILI
BITG	Herbal bitter liqueurs	BITG	BILI
BIT	Various herbs and bitter spirits	BITG	BILI
BILN	Diverses herbes ou liqueurs amères	BITG	BILI
BILA	Herbs, roots or spices Liqueurs with precise basic information (peppermint, ginger, etc.)	BITG	BILI
BKS	Herbs, roots or spices Spirits with exact basic information	BITG	BILI
ALL	Allasch	KUESG	BILI
GRAM	Grand Marnier	LIWBG	BILI
AUFG	Aufgussgetränk/Punsch/Jagatee	AUFGG	BILI
WWB	Wine products - based on wine	WWBG	BILI
WER	Vermounth	LWSBG	BILI
WSB	Wine spirits - wine fortified/blended with alcohol	WSBG	BILI
JSB	Juice spirits - Juice fortified/blended with alcohol	JSBG	BILI

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 Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups
 Award: at least 10 products within one group
 Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

14. Rhum

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
RUL	Rum Light	RULG	RUM
RUW	Rum White	RUWG	RUM
RWA	Rum weiss aged (Holz und filtriert)	RWAG	RUM
RUM	Rum White (Agricole) 100% Potstill	RUMG	RUM
RUH	Rum Wood Aged 100% Potstill (Vieux)	RUHG	RUM
RVPH	Rum Holz 100% Potstill Aged (11 YO)	RVPHG	RUM
RXPH	Rum Holz 100% Potstill Extra Aged (21 YO)	RXPHG	RUM
RUMH	Rum Wood Aged	RUMHG	RUM
RVIH	Rum Holz Aged (11 YO)	RVIHG	RUM
RXIH	Rum Holz Extra Aged (21 YO)	RXIHG	RUM
RXL	Rum Overproof (55% Vol. and more)	RXLG	RUM
RUP	Rum Paille (Agricole) 100% Potstill	RUPG	RUM
RHD	Rum Hors d`Age 100% Potstill	RHDG	RUM
RVE	Rum très vieux 100% Potstill	RVEG	RUM
ARR	Arrack	ARRG	RUM
RLA	Rum Low Alcohol	RLAG	RUM
RUMM	Rum Mix/Liqueur	RUMMG	RUM
RUA	Rum Spiced - Flavoured	RUAG	RUM
RUAF	Rum - Fruit Flavoured	RUAFG	RUM

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 Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups
 Award: at least 10 products within one group
 Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

15. Tequila

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
TEQX	Tequila 100% Agave Blanco (Silver)	TEQXG	TEQ
TGO	Tequila Joven or Oro (Gold)	TGOG	TEQ
TRX	Tequila 100% Agave Reposado (aged)	TRXG	TEQ
TAX	Tequila 100% Agave Anejo (Extra-aged)	TAXG	TEQ
TMX	Tequila 100% Agave Extra Anejo (Ultra-aged)	TMXG	TEQ
THX	Tequila 100% Agave Extra Anejo aged (Ultra-aged)	THXG	TEQ
TAS	Tequila 100% Agave Spirituosen (Mix)	TASG	TEQ
TEQ	Tequila Blanco (Silver)	TEQG	TEQ
TJO	Tequila Joven or Oro (Gold)	TJOG	TEQ
TER	Tequila Reposado (aged)	TERG	TEQ
TEA	Tequila Anejo (Extra-aged)	TEAG	TEQ
TEM	Tequila Extra Anejo (Ultra-aged)	TEMG	TEQ
TEH	Tequila Extra Anejo aged (Ultra-aged)	TEHG	TEQ
TTS	Agave Spirits (Mix)	TTSG	TEQ
MEQ	Mezcal Blanco (Silver)	MEQG	TEQ
MEJ	Mezcal Joven or Oro (Gold)	MEJG	TEQ
MER	Mezcal Reposado (aged)	MERG	TEQ
MEZ	Mezcal Anejo (Extra-aged)	MEZG	TEQ
MEM	Mezcal Extra Anejo (Ultra-aged)	MEMG	TEQ
MEH	Mezcal Extra Anejo aged (Ultra-aged)	MEHG	TEQ
MTS	Mezcal Spirits (Mix)	MTSG	TEQ
TAN	Tequila Spirituosen (Mix)	TANG	TEQ
TMA	Tequila Margarita (Mix)	TMAG	TEQ

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

16. Asian Spirits

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
SHO	Shochu	SHOG	ASP
SAKE	Sake	SAKG	ASP
LAB	Light aroma baijiu	LABG	ASP
SAB	Strong aroma baijiu	SABG	ASP
SAR	Sauce aroma baijiu	SARG	ASP
MOU	Moutai	SARG	ASP
RAB	Rice aroma baijiu	RABG	ASP
MAB	Mixed aroma baijiu	MABG	ASP

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

17. Whiskey – Bourbon USA

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
STB	Straight Bourbon	STBG	WHU
BXH	Small Batch Bourbon (11 YO)	BXHG	WHU
BXT	Small Batch Bourbon (10 YY)	BXTG	WHU
TEW	Tennessee Whiskey	TEWG	WHU
ABW	American Blended Whiskey	ABWG	WHU
SXT	Single Barrel American Whiskey (10 YY)	SXTG	WHU
SXH	Single Barrel American Whiskey (11 YO)	SXHG	WHU
STR	American (Straight) Rye Whiskey	STRG	WHU
STW	American (Straight) Wheat Whiskey	STWG	WHU
STM	American (Straight) Malt Whiskey	STMG	WHU
SRM	American (Straight) Rye Malt Whiskey	SRMG	WHU
STC	American (Straight) Corn Whiskey	STCG	WHU
COG	Other Grain Whiskeys	COGG	WHU
AGB	Grain Blend Whiskey	AGBG	WHU
GSA	Grain Spirits (stored in oak containers)	GSAG	WHU
GSU	Grain Spirits unaged (not stored in oak containers)	GSUG	WHU
WBL	Whiskey based Liqueurs/Mix/Infusion	WBLG	WHU

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 10 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

18. Whiskey – Ireland

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
BIW	Blended Irish Whiskey	BIWG	WHI
SMI	Single Malt Irish Whiskey	SMIG	WHI
OWH	Other Irish Whiskey	OWHG	WHI
WIA	Single Malt Irish Whiskey Aged (11 YO)	WIAG	WHI
WIEA	Single Malt Irish Whiskey Extra Aged (21 YO)	WIEAG	WHI
WICS	Single Malt Irish Whiskey Cask Strength	WICSG	WHI

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Requirements for:

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Distillery qualification: submission of at least 5 products within three groups

Award: at least 5 products within one group

Title "Spirits of the Year": at least 5 products for one variety or group

19. Whisky – Scotch

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
SBXT	Blended Scotch (10 YY)	SBXTG	WHS
SBXH	Blended Scotch (11-20 Y)	SBXHG	WHS
SBXX	Blended Scotch (21 YO)	SBXXG	WHS
SSXT	Distiller's Single Malt Scotch (10 YY)	SSXTG	WHS
SSXH	Distiller's Single Malt Scotch (11-20 Y)	SSXHG	WHS
SSXX	Distiller's Single Malt Scotch (21 YO)	SSXXG	WHS
SIXT	Independent Merchant Single Malt (10 YY)	SIXTG	WHS
SIXH	Independent Merchant Single Malt (11-20 Y)	SIXHG	WHS
SIXX	Independent Merchant Single Malt (21 YO)	SIXXG	WHS
SVMS	Blended Malt Scotch Whisky	SVMSG	WHS

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Award: at least 10 products within one group

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20. Whisky Worldwide - all others

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
SMWA	Single Malt Whisky	SMWAG	WHA
SMA	Single Malt Whiskey Aged (11 YO)	SMAG	WHA
SMEA	Single Malt Whiskey Extra Aged (21 YO)	SMEAG	WHA
SMCS	Single Malt Whiskey Cask Strength	SMCSG	WHA
WCAN	Whisky Canadian	WCANG	WHA
CWA	Corn Whisky	CWAG	WHA
MWA	Malt Whisky	MWAG	WHA
RAW	Rye Whisky	RAWG	WHA
WWA	Wheat Whisky	WWAG	WHA
OWA	Oat Whisky	OWAG	WHA
OWHA	Other Whiskies	OWHAG	WHA
OGW	Other Single Grain Whisky	OGWG	WHA

BIWA	Blended Whisky	BIWAG	WHA
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21. Pisco

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
PPAR	Pisco Peru Puro Aromatico - Aromatic	PPARG	PIS
PPNA	Pisco Peru Puro No Aromatico – Non-Aromatic	PPNAG	PIS
PPAC	Pisco Peru Acholado (Half-breed)	PPACG	PIS
PPGM	Pisco Peru Mosto Verde - Green Must	PPGMG	PIS
PPOT	Peru Poteen	PPOTG	PIS
PICR	Pisco Chile Regular, 30% to 35%	PICRG	PIS
PICE	Pisco Chile Special, 35% to 40% (Pisco Especial)	PICEG	PIS
PICRE	Pisco Chile Reserve, 40% to 43% (Pisco Reservado)	PICREG	PIS
PICG	Pisco Chile Great, 43% or more (Gran Pisco)	PICGG	PIS
PCREA	Pisco Chile Reserve, 40% to 43% (Pisco Reservado) Extra Añejado	PICREG	PIS
PCGA	Pisco Chile Great, 43% or more (Gran Pisco) Extra Añejado	PICGG	PIS

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22. Cachaca

Variety Abbreviation	Variety	Group Abbreviation	Category Abbreviation
CIM	Cachaca Artesanal Flavoured/Mix	CIMG	CAC
CIS	Cachaca Silver	CISG	CAC
CIG	Cachaca Gold	CIGG	CAC
CAM	Cachaca Artesanal Flavoured/Mix	CAMG	CAC
ACI	Aguardente de Cana (bis 54% Vol.)	ACIG	CAC
CAC	Cachaca Artesanal Silver (40% Vol. less)	CACG	CAC
CAD	Cachaca Artesanal Silver (42% Vol. less)	CADG	CAC
CAE	Cachaca Artesanal Silver (43% Vol. over)	CAEG	CAC
CADA	Cachaca Artesanal Gold (1 YO)	CADAG	CAC
CADB	Cachaca Artesanal Gold (3 YO)	CADBG	CAC
CADC	Cachaca Artesanal Gold Aged (6 YO)	CADCG	CAC
CADX	Cachaca Artesanal Gold Extra Aged (10 YO)	CADXG	CAC
ACA	Aguardente de Cana Artesanal (bis 54% Vol.)	ACAG	CAC

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Concerning whiskies, the tasting is performed according to regions (e.g. Highlands, Lowlands, Islay, Islands, Speyside) or according to the variety, such as with apples (Gloster, Reinette, Jonathan ...). After that, the individual group ratings are summarized and the results will be published for whiskies or apples in their entirety.

The organizer reserves the right to reclassify the spirits if necessary, when the registration of a submitting party is not clear, allowing arbitrary classification.

Moreover, groups can be complemented or deleted if there are too few samples submitted - in this case, the category or group is assigned to fruit spirits, for example, or "similar" products (consequently, these samples unfortunately cannot receive an award, but naturally medals). Classification also takes place, provided that the preconditions according to the rules are fulfilled.

The award for the best group or best category is only presented by the organizer provided that there is no division of a product into groups.

In order to make it possible for the organizer to present an award for a certain category, at least 10 products must have been submitted in that same category.

The results will not reflect the total number of submitted samples, since only the "winners of medals" are published.

There will be no awards for individual varieties, just medals.

Subject to alterations

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