



# Spirits Selection

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## TASTING FEEDBACK REPORT

Dear Friends,

Spirits Selection's mission is to help producers establish a benchmark for their spirits and identify new opportunities, distributors build up an attractive portfolio of spirits, and consumers select spirits that will fulfil their expectations from an extensive and constantly changing range on offer. In order to improve our mission, for the past three years we have been offering producers the opportunity to receive a tasting report for each sample entered, irrespective of the final results.

In 2021, many producers subscribed again to our offer. More than 1200 entries out of the 1,800 spirits entered in the competition received a tasting report. The reports compile panel members' comments and reproduce them in an easy-to-read format.

As part of the development of our communications aimed at turning the spotlight on the spirits and liqueurs awarded prizes during the competition, we thought it appropriate to share the tasting comments with our readers - producers, distributors, consumers - for spirits awarded a gold or grand gold medal.

These reports do not cover all gold and grand gold medal-winning spirits, only those requested by producers.

Here is a brief reminder of the tasting's principles

- All judges are spirits professionals who live for their passion 365 days a year. They can be importers, distributors, master blenders, spirits educators or spirits consultants, for instance. In 2019, the 103 judges represented 28 nationalities.
- We are mindful to ensure there are judges of different geographical backgrounds and expertise in each panel. This avoids panels being dominated by any one person.
- We guarantee optimal tasting conditions for the judges. The judging panels are seated in a properly aired, well-lit and quiet hall where entry

is prohibited to anybody not directly involved in the tasting sessions.

- The samples are obviously blind tasted and stored in the preparation hall out of the judges' sight. Judges never see the bottles. ANonymity is a fundamental principle of the competition.
- Judges are presented with only 4 flights in one day, with a maximum of 35 samples per day.
- We hold a day of masterclasses prior to the event to present and discuss faults in individual categories and then follow this up with a highly detailed spirits fault guide which outlines them for each of the categories to be judged.

These basic tenets form the basis of the way we organise the event, which we aim to be as rigorous as possible.

We hope you make some great discoveries.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thierry Heins'.

Thierry Heins  
Spirits Selection Director





# Tasting Calibration



Gold Medal  
2020





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# De Cort Oude Pajotse Jenever

Genever

Belgium

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b>       | : | 40 %              |
| <b>Sugar</b>         | : | 0 g/l             |
| <b>Organic</b>       | : | No                |
| <b>Award</b>         | : | Grand Gold Medal  |
| <b>Special Award</b> | : | <b>Revelation</b> |



**Company: De Cort Distillery**  
[www.decortdistillery.be](http://www.decortdistillery.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Light straw-yellow, clear

**AROMA:** Very fine nose, with great depth and florality. Juniper-dominant with low-key spicy notes and a slight graininess. A touch of cloves. Persistent.

**TASTE:** Excellent mouthfeel, with substantial structure and freshness that fills the mouth. A very enjoyable attack with clear juniper flavours, followed by a rich medley of spices and herbs like cinnamon, white pepper or grape skin. Pleasant dry and fresh aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Balanced in every aspect, easy to drink but with great complexity and character. This is a very high quality spirit, with a remarkable and long-lasting aftertaste leaving unforgettable memories.



# Shanguo 52% vol

Baijiu

China

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b>       | : | 52 %              |
| <b>Sugar</b>         | : | 0 g/l             |
| <b>Organic</b>       | : | No                |
| <b>Award</b>         | : | Grand Gold Medal  |
| <b>Special Award</b> | : | <b>Revelation</b> |



Company: Shandong Jinyuanchun Wine Co. Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Intense, clean aroma of pineapple. Very clean. A good example of light aroma baijiu, with rich, complex lactic notes.

**TASTE:** Fat, silky mouthfeel. Fully fermented straw, pear and pear drop (candy) flavours, that are intense but well-developed and integrated across the palate. Full-bodied with notes of cereals and nuts.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and well-structured, with a beautiful elegant finish. This is a perfect introduction to the category for laypeople, elegantly bringing all the characteristics of this type of baijiu to the table. Great job!

# Mujeres Almolonga de Tixtla, Guerrero

Mezcal

Mexico Guerrero

|               |   |                  |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol       | : | 48 %             |
| Sugar         | : | 2,5 g/l          |
| Organic       | : | No               |
| Award         | : | Grand Gold Medal |
| Special Award | : | Revelation       |



Company: Mujeres del Mezcal

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright water-white.

**AROMA:** Intense and characterful nose full of green bell pepper, pink peppercorn with a whiff of smoke. Good persistence, round and harmonious with fine notes of agave.

**TASTE:** Full-bodied with a smooth texture and lively refreshing attitude showing flavours of savoury ash. Mouth-watering with good balance and a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Beautifully balanced. A very fine example of a product showing diversity and a long finish.

# Cierto Tequila Reserve Collection - Reposado

Tequila

Mexico

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b>       | : | 40 %              |
| <b>Sugar</b>         | : | 0 g/l             |
| <b>Organic</b>       | : | Yes               |
| <b>Award</b>         | : | Grand Gold Medal  |
| <b>Special Award</b> | : | <b>Revelation</b> |



Company: Ciertto Spirits Inc.  
[www.cierttotequila.com](http://www.cierttotequila.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Light and pale gold, clear and brilliant.

**AROMA:** From the beginning, the nose shows real appeal, with a complex set of aromas from spicy pepper over herbal notes of ginseng and pepper, to more sweet and fruity impressions of pineapple and wild honey. Oak is very well-integrated. Intense and yet very elegant!

**TASTE:** Elegance also features on the palate. Light sweetness together with effective spice recalling a sweet spice Christmas cake, with touches of peanut butter. All round very mild and rounded - a very well-balanced Tequila. The long finish ultimately emphasises the breadth and roundness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A highly expressive Tequila, almost perfect in all aspects!

# Middas Reserva dos Proprietários 6 years

Cachaça

Brazil

|               |   |                   |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Alcohol       | : | 42 %              |
| Sugar         | : | 0 g/l             |
| Organic       | : | No                |
| Award         | : | Grand Gold Medal  |
| Special Award | : | <b>Revelation</b> |



Company: Dias de Ouro LTDA  
[www.middascachaca.com.br](http://www.middascachaca.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright deep amber colour. Very expressive legs and density

**AROMA:** Intense aromatic spectrum with notes of vanilla and almonds. Very expressive.

**TASTE:** Notes of almonds with intense chocolate ending in a long aftertaste. Elegant, sweet aromas of coconut and caramel. Fresh, precise sweetness. Full-bodied and rounded mouthfeel.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Magnificent balance and harmony. A rounded, rich, unctuous palate with a long finish showing hints of nuts on the aftertaste. Nice complexity.



# Cachaça Matuta Single Blend 3,5 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|               |   |                  |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol       | : | 39 %             |
| Sugar         | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic       | : | No               |
| Award         | : | Grand Gold Medal |
| Special Award | : | Revelation       |



Company: Cachaçaria Matuta LTDA  
[www.matuta.com.br](http://www.matuta.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and polished pale golden colour.

**AROMA:** Hello Cachaca! A wonderful nose, packed with fresh sugar cane funk, followed by complimentary acidity and wild honey sweetness.

**TASTE:** All expectations of perfection are met on the palate! Clean and textured with a truly endless finish. The sugar cane expresses itself freely and truly; it delivers all the expected flavours, with perfectly well-integrated alcohol.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A textbook example of a perfect cachaca! The nose and the palate are in complete harmony and the finish is simply wonderful.

# Cachaça Imigrante Ouro - 5 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|               |   |                  |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol       | : | 40 %             |
| Sugar         | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic       | : | No               |
| Award         | : | Grand Gold Medal |
| Special Award | : | Revelation       |



Company: Coop Familiar Agroindustrial Sul Catarinense - Cachaça Imigrante

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep gold in colour.

**AROMA:** Bright sugar cane, juicy and fruity on the nose, showing vanilla, cacao, caramelized nuttiness and fine herbs. Delicate yet expressive scent.

**TASTE:** Very elegant sweetness on the palate showing very fine balance and complexity. Fruity and tropical with lots of sweet spice, suave oak use, excellent.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very pleasant perfume and mouthfeel, good oak use yet also refreshing. A well-made product!

# Admiral Rodney Officer's release 2

Rum

Sainte-Lucie

|               |   |                  |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol       | : | 45 %             |
| Sugar         | : | 4,5 g/l          |
| Organic       | : | No               |
| Award         | : | Grand Gold Medal |
| Special Award | : | Revelation       |



Company: Spiridom

[www.spiridom.com](http://www.spiridom.com); [www.damoiseau.com](http://www.damoiseau.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep amber colour.

**AROMA:** Slightly shy on the nose suggesting allspice, caramel, tropical fruits and a light nutty tone followed by dominant oak spiciness.

**TASTE:** Dry with quite a grip on the palate, showing candied fruity notes, even some red berry and dried fruits with chocolate, vanilla and cigar box-like aromas.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Rich and chocolatey, with plenty of oak to back up the body and flavours. Lots of spiciness, overwhelming in style with good balance between the wood, alcohol and sweetness.

# Aguardente de Melado - 4 Meses

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 0 %              |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Valdemir Debiasi Borghezan

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour. Very shiny

**AROMA:** Very gentle, clean notes. Very complex, smooth and fruity, with lychee and vanilla notes. Retains the typical sugarcane aromas. Very elegant.

**TASTE:** Full-bodied palate. Long and slightly sweet with a herbal aftertaste. Elegant and balanced.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very clean, distinctive aromas. A splendid example of a sugarcane spirit.



# Amaro Ciardon

Bitter

Italy Valle d'Aosta

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 36 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 250 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Vertosan Commerciale Srl  
[www.vertosan.com](http://www.vertosan.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and polished dark, golden amber with pleasing legs.

**AROMA:** Where to start? Very intense, persistent nose absolutely packed with spices and botanicals, underlined by some orange peel. Cinnamon is evident, as well as fennel and green anise to name but a few! The spices are followed by chinchona and balsam bark... Mesmerizing!

**TASTE:** As expected, the palate is equally spicy and complex! All the aromas promised are faithfully delivered, wrapped in a silky sweet texture that coats every bit of the palate. The finish adds perfect and elegant bitterness to balance the sugar and continues its delivery of herbal bliss.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** There is really nothing out of place in this product. All the spices and botanicals are right where they belong! The sugar is perfectly integrated and not at all distracting... Absolutely perfect!

# Amor Prohibido Mezcal Reposado

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|         |   |                  |
|---------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %             |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic | : | No               |
| Award   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Destilados Prohibidos S.A de CV

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Very pronounced, intense nose with fruits, agave and smoke, some saltier notes of cured meat, spices and pepper. Nicely complex, powerful and fine at the same time. What a promise!

**TASTE:** Great complexity and richness all around the mouth. Rounded and nicely warm. Notes of citrus, smoke and mint enhance the alcohol, with very pleasant sweetness. A hint of seaweed and spices. Long aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Everything to be expected in a mezcal is here. It is clear and well-defined. An interesting mix of sweetness and spiciness, with the typicality of the category expressed through a powerful personality. It is very well-balanced, and each and every component is perfectly integrated in a fantastic drink. Bravo !

# Arudi Vermouth di Torino Bianco

Vermouth & Aromatised Wine

Italy Piemonte

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 17 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 160 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Arudi Vermouth Bitters  
[www.arudi.it](http://www.arudi.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Rich and brilliant golden colour without any faults.

**AROMA:** Very full smell of dried fruit and artemisia, typical and intense, with a floral aspect freighted with impressive spicy and herbal perfumes. Aromas of honey, but still clean and precise without any hints of oxidation.

**TASTE:** Herbal and sweet fruitiness suggestive of raisins. Optimal balance between bitterness and sweetness. Very persistent on the palate, through to the long, spicy finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very fine, elegant and impressively balanced between the typical aspects of a vermouth!

# Cachaça Margô Premium 2 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Engenho Jatoba Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and rich polished golden hue.

**AROMA:** Complex nose leading with strong notes of vanilla, wrapped in fresh, bright fruits (green grapes and citrus fruits) followed by rich sugar cane and delicate honey.

**TASTE:** The palate is supple and satisfying with a touch of spice. As expected, the vanilla is predominant but not overpowering; it leaves room for hints of chamomile and fruits to express themselves followed by a creamy, long finish focused on honey.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Beautifully balanced and complex with an incredibly textured finish. Absolutely moreish!



# Cachaça Princesa Isabel Ouro

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes              |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company: Alambique Princesa Isabel**  
[www.cachacaprincesaisabel.com.br](http://www.cachacaprincesaisabel.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Rich golden colour, clear

**AROMA:** Intense nose offering up a very fine medley of wood, herbaceous and sweet spices notes. Round with good balance between acidity and alcohol. Notes of cinnamon, caramel, toffee, and herbs. A touch of leather. A very appealing mix.

**TASTE:** Good sweetness initially followed by spiciness on the palate, returning to sweeter notes on the finish. Full-bodied, in complete harmony with the nose. Powerful and soft with nice complexity.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very nice cachaça, very well-balanced and harmonious. It manages to be soft and powerful at the same time, bringing great complexity of aromas and flavours with nice freshness. A really genuine product, enjoyed from start to finish!

# Cachaça Refazenda - 2 Anos - Amburana

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 0 %              |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Pampa Industria, Comercio e Representações - Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Brilliant straw yellow colour.

**AROMA:** Expressive nose full of sweet spice and subtle fruitiness. Chocolate, gingerbread and Christmas cookies with a creamy nutty overtone. Simply lovely.

**TASTE:** Fresh style with a creamy tone of vanilla, spice and some herbs. A hint of bitterness adds dimension. Full-bodied.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very long finish with perfect balance, finesse and richness. Many layers to be found backing up the complexity. Fruity, chocolate and nutty flavours mingle on the nose and palate.

# Cormeil 100% Malt Tourbé

Pure Malt

France Normandie

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42,7 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie Busnel SAS

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright pale gold colour

**AROMA:** Peated but not dominant aroma with herb notes and a hint of vanilla. Fine and elegant, nice persistence with nutty and citric aromas at the end.

**TASTE:** As with the nose, the peat is present but not too strong but with a nice smoky mouthfeel. Very smooth.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very well-balanced and harmonious. Typical character of a single malt.

# Élixir des Moines BIO Botanical Liqueur

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Belgium

|         |   |                  |
|---------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol | : | 32 %             |
| Sugar   | : | 22,7 g/l         |
| Organic | : | Yes              |
| Award   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie de Maredsous  
<https://www.maredsous-gin.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright golden yellow

**AROMA:** Citrus, flowers and ginger notes with a mild bitterness perfect balanced with the sweet aromas. Some herb and honey tones. Very elegant.

**TASTE:** Powerful attack. Fruity bitterness and soft buttery notes followed by honey, floral and herbal aromas.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Typical with beautiful balance. Enjoyable and persistent aromatic spectrum.



# Estancia Moretti 4 Madeiras 2 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Luiz Eduardo Villar Moretti

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright light amber, clear

**AROMA:** Charming, soft nose, well-balanced. Both powerful and fruity, with intriguing wood and some sourness. Notes of cane, overripe fruits, honey and linseed. Sherry hints at the end. Persistent. Really inviting.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity and good complexity on the palate, with a rich, smooth taste. Notes of dried banana, vanilla, and cinnamon. Some enjoyable tannins. Nice persistent dryness and great flavour developments.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A nose- and mouth-filling cachaça, with great balance of wood and cane characters. It is refined and elegant, with a very enjoyable spiciness, bringing new flavours with each sip. Really well-made!

## Golden Age - Elderflower

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Argentina

|         |   |                  |
|---------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol | : | 20 %             |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic | : | No               |
| Award   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Dellepiane San Luis S.A.  
[www.dellepianespirits.com.ar](http://www.dellepianespirits.com.ar)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Pale, polished and brilliant yellow with pronounced, appealing legs.

**AROMA:** The nose is clear and direct with plenty of elderflower, followed by more white blossom and daisy. The liqueur adds a layer of complexity with some very pleasing fruity esters of pineapple and peach. It is very elegant.

**TASTE:** Round, full mouthfeel carrying across the flowery elderflower and an added touch of jasmine. Good minerality adds a layer of complexity to an already brilliant product!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very elegant and well-balanced. The sugar is not overpowering or cloying and the liqueur manages to stay with the 'floweriness' of the elderflower rather than the more unpleasant side of the raw material. Well done!

# Grappa Chardonnay Unicovitigno

Grappa

Italy Lombardia

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 19 g/l           |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Peroni Maddalena  
[www.distillerieperoni.it](http://www.distillerieperoni.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Delicate and elegant nose boasting a complex medley of flower petals, grapes and dried sultanas slowly flowing into fresh, ripe orchard fruits. A summer symphony in a glass!

**TASTE:** Elegance is confirmed and persistent. Delicate and warming alcohol filled with everything that was ushered in by the aromas... Floral, fruity and soft.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Not a hint of inconsistency... The drink is voluptuous and packed with charming aromas and flavours all in unison with one another.

# Guizhou Shaojiu Zhenpin

Baijiu

China

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Shaojiu Produce Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colourless.

**AROMA:** Complex nose with power and freshness at the same time. Aromas suggest cereals, sweet spice and tropical fruits. Complex and multi-layered. A true experience.

**TASTE:** Dry with a lovely sweet fruity character underlined by just the right amount of punch. Piquant, sweet spice combo with the tropical fruits interchanging on the palate. A well-balanced, aromatic mouthfeel embraces a smooth texture.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very long, complex and layered with a smooth, long, lingering aftertaste. Personality with a unique flavour profile elevates it to a higher level.

# Karukera XO Double Distillat 2008 2013

## 45,2°

Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45,2 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company: Marquisat de Sainte-Marie SAS**  
[www.rhum-karukera.com](http://www.rhum-karukera.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Intense golden amber, clean

**AROMA:** A very well-crafted aromatic profile, opening to savory and fruity notes then flowing into elegant wood, lightly toasted and caramelised. Notes of honeycomb, flowers, Asian market spices and fresh wood. Charming and inviting.

**TASTE:** Supple, intense mouthfeel. Fruity and savory opening, leading into lingering spicy notes of cinnamon and pepper. Very attractive high ABV and quite powerful tannins. Notes of dry spices and cream soda.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** This is a very smartly crafted rum, with a charming and complex nose promising so much, and a journey on the palate living up to expectations. Very well-balanced and harmonious, the evident high ABV is perfectly integrated, whilst maturation imparts elegant, fine wood to the final result. A fantastic rum!



# Laishijia-Shi Niang

Baijiu

China

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Kweichow Maotai Laishijia Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, brilliant and translucent.

**AROMA:** The nose starts very powerfully, with intense soy sauce and aromas of porcini mushrooms. Nutty aspects, with touches of creamy, dark chocolate, and also a yoghurt freshness. In general the smell is elegant with a very persistent soy note.

**TASTE:** An initial powerful attack on the palate is followed by rich roundness, dominated by soy sauce, dried mushrooms and an almost meaty touch. Almonds are present. Yet this baijiu feels fresh. Sweet bitterness leads to a dry and long, very typical finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A powerful, intense and yet wonderfully integrated and balanced baijiu!

## Lejay Original

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

France

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 18 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Intense, dark ruby hue reminiscent of Port, with very heavy and pronounced legs.

**AROMA:** Full, rich nose, replete with all the possible berry colours! This is cassis, cassis and more cassis, with all of its fruit intensity and tartness.

**TASTE:** Very rich and flavourful! A pleasant berry tartness lifts the cassis beautifully and keeps the liqueur sweet and crisp. The finish is simply endless and carries a faint hint of black pepper.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** In spite of being a cream liqueur, it is never cloying and manages to retain some freshness. In other words, this is pure cassis DNA - nothing else to say, just cassis DNA!

# Licor de Ginja M.S.R.

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Portugal

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 20 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 320 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: David Pinto Companhia, Lda.  
[www.ginja.pt](http://www.ginja.pt)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright, deep red

**AROMA:** Fresh and fruity on first pour, flowing into distinguished cherry notes and hints of almonds.

**TASTE:** Full-bodied and almost creamy, with fresh notes of almond, marzipan and raisins, showing pleasant bitterness on the long, balanced finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very well-balanced, elegant and delicate. Amazing integration of aromas and flavours.

# Marc de Riesling - Coteaux de Schengen

Pomace Brandy

Luxemburg Moselle Luxemburgeoise

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 7 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Domaine Viticole Zenner - Distillerie Artisanale Zenner  
[www.distillerie-zenner.lu](http://www.distillerie-zenner.lu)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Fine, persistent nose with a complex bouquet of aromas: fruits, herbs, heady flowers, wet soil, pronounced sweet spices... A very layered but well defined and persistent nose.

**TASTE:** A soft and silky mouthfeel, direct and intense but gentle on the palate. Notes of citrus fruits, pepper and sweet spices. Almond on the finish. A sugarcoated feeling of freshness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Persistent, harmonious and well-balanced: this is a drink to be enjoyed, one sip at a time! It elegantly brings together a complex but well-defined bouquet of flavours and aromas, supported by a soft texture. Very well made!

# Maximo Santana Espadín

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|         |   |                  |
|---------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %             |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic | : | No               |
| Award   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Comercializadora Maximo Santana S De RI De Cv  
[www.maximosantana.com.mx](http://www.maximosantana.com.mx)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Very expressive, typical nose with a hint of smoke and pepper. Rich and complex. Notes of citrus and pear. Some minerality and spiciness. Appealing.

**TASTE:** Very intense mouthfeel with great development on the palate. Well-structured with a soft, fat feeling and long aftertaste with a mineral and spicy twist.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A fantastic mezcal, where every element falls into place in a perfectly orchestrated manner. Intense but gentle, balanced and harmonious, with perfect coherency between the nose and the palate. This is a model example of its category!



## Mezcal Júrame 37%

Mezcal

Mexico

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 37 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,5 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes              |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Mezcal Ipiña, S.a. de C.v.  
[www.jurame.mx](http://www.jurame.mx)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and flawless.

**AROMA:** Strong, intense and yet elegant aromas of green peppers and pickled pepper in brine, cheese and even some citrus. Herbal with earthy touches – this feels unique to a region and is highly expressive!

**TASTE:** Floral and herbaceous, richly creamy, sweet and yet elegant – lovely. A great balsamic, slightly smoked aftertaste emphasizes this. Easy to drink, yet complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** This mezcal tells the story of its agave from start to finish. Exceptional.

# Mezcal Júrame 40%

Mezcal

Mexico

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,5 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes              |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Mezcal Ipiña, S.a. de C.v.  
[www.jurame.mx](http://www.jurame.mx)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Colourless, clean, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Big, bold nose, packed with agave! The aromatic spectrum is broad and complex, starting with pronounced agave, grass and sage notes all the way to bell peppers, chilli and smoke and even a slight gasoline hint

**TASTE:** Everything promised on the nose is delivered on the palate and more. Medium-dry agave character wrapped in soft smoke with a touch of ash. Nothing out of place.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A perfectly balanced product, full of agave character and complexities. A perfect Mezcal for sipping with broad appeal!

# Mombasa Club Colonel's Reserve Gin

Gin

Spain

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43,5 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,4 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company:** Unesdi Distribuciones S.A  
[www.mombasagin.com](http://www.mombasagin.com); [www.unesdi.com](http://www.unesdi.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour with very nice legs on the glass

**AROMA:** Fine and intense. Very elegant with some typical notes. Extremely light with some fruity notes and juniper undertones. Clean and crisp.

**TASTE:** Nice intensity, round and mild. Spiced with a long finish. Well-balanced with notes of juniper, lemon and liquorice on the very unctuous, long aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmonious, smooth and very well-balanced with a pleasant aromatic profile. Superb!

# Pineau des Charentes Rouge Deau

Liqueur Wine/Mistelle

France Charentes

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 17,5 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 125 g/l          |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie des Moisans  
[www.distillerie-des-moisans.com](http://www.distillerie-des-moisans.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright strawberry colour

**AROMA:** Elegant and powerful. Clean with good character. Fresh berry jam notes. Intense and not too sweet. Medium intensity.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity, good balance and acidity followed by fruity flavours and mild sweetness without being cloying. Smooth and mellow.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmonious and balanced between the nose and the palate, the sweetness and the acidity. Very elegant.

# Pisco Mosto Verde Torontel Gran Paso

Pisco

Peru Ica

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



**Company: Industrias Saviagro Sac**  
[www.piscogranpaso.com](http://www.piscogranpaso.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Water-white, clear and bright, brilliant.

**AROMA:** The nose is profound and delicate with precise, clean aromas of preserved fruit, raisins and grapes. Fresh and bright!

**TASTE:** On the palate, a fat supple texture emerges, with the fruity nose aromas carrying through, adding mirabelle plum and a measure of spiciness. Full intensity leads to a very refined and elegant, persistent finish. All in all, highly typical and balanced.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A pisco with a personality and character!

# Qinghua Fenjiu 30

Baijiu

China

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Shanxi Xinghua Cun Fenjiu International Trade Limited Company

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear bright colour.

**AROMA:** Ripe fruit, prune, yoghurt, flor and goji-like nose. Earthy underscored by some discrete pineapple. Very complex and multi-layered. Really great!

**TASTE:** Pronounced on the palate with a fine touch of sweet fruity flavours, a hint of astringency and minerality.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Clean, long finish with lots of fruity flavours. A complex and very powerful product with great balance. Multi-layered, fantastic.



# Rhum Esb Longueteau Prélude

Agricultural Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50,1 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie Longueteau  
[www.rhumlongueteau.com](http://www.rhumlongueteau.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Intense, clear gold colour

**AROMA:** Delicate vanilla and nut aromas. Light, dry spices and fresh sugarcane notes with a hint of truffles. Nice complexity.

**TASTE:** Elegant notes on the palate with vanilla. Fresh sugarcane, spices and smoky flavours. Intense and fruity with deep complexity.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very well-balanced aromas and flavours. Very typical characters. The fresh feeling from the sugarcane is impressive.

# Savanna Le Must

Rum

Reunion

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie Savanna

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Medium deep gold colour.

**AROMA:** Clean, sugar cane notes with lots of spice, vanilla and caramel. The alcohol lends a smooth feeling and is perfectly integrated, showing finesse right from the outset.

**TASTE:** Soft, creamy mouthfeel, full-bodied with complex flavours of spice and fruit and floral characters. Gorgeous depth with an amazing personality and very long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A stunning example with bold flavours, a warming palate yet suave, silky texture, banana and toffee. Intense and complex with lots of ripe fruits and sheer beauty from start to finish.

# Smoke Aniseed Vodka

## Aromatized Vodka

India

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42,8 %           |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 12 g/l           |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: NV Group Distilleries and Breweries Pvt. Ltd.  
[www.SmokeLabVodka.com](http://www.SmokeLabVodka.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Crystal clear and bright, with no faults.

**AROMA:** On the nose, we are welcomed by a full set of aromas, from floral over herbal to spicy, dominated by aniseed, with a touch of liquorice. Very complex, with hints of fruit and vanilla.

**TASTE:** Herbal aniseed also dominates the palate. A spicy and minty touch freshens up the full and rich mouthfeel, which has a perfect level of sweetness, almost to the point of becoming chocolatey. This stays a long time, until the long, mild finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very rich, flavourful, smooth and yet balanced vodka!

# Tavria Craft Collection Double Wood 5 Years

Cognac

Ucrania

|         |   |                  |
|---------|---|------------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %             |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l            |
| Organic | : | Undefined        |
| Award   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Irina Lukasheva

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright amber

**AROMA:** Intense and elegant fruity and spicy nose. Great depth of aroma from caramel to raisins, with notes of sweet spices, orange, sweet herbs and cooked apple. Very inviting.

**TASTE:** An initial sweetness imparted by fruits and honey flavours, followed by wood notes of vanilla and almonds. Very intense, round and full-bodied.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A powerful and complex brandy, with an inviting nose and a superb mouthfeel that delivers on all its promises. A very good, elegant and highly quality product!

# Tequila Tau Blanco

Tequila

Mexico Jalisco

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Importadora Y Exportadora Mave, S.a. de C.v.  
<https://www.tequilatau.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Superb nose with a lot to discover, from herbs to tobacco, from herbal notes to fruity ones. Very complex, multi-dimensional, perfectly integrated and harmonious as well. A touch of butterscotch and caramel.

**TASTE:** Rich sensation with a vivid and lively personality, bright and flavourful. Peppermint and green herbs with salty minerality. Vibrant and fruit-driven, ripe agave with some cooked fruit character. Long and concentrated finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A smooth, pristine sensation, truly remarkable with personality, finesse and subtle attitude. Well done!

# Trois Rivières Cuvée de l'Océan

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Campari Group

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and delicate colour

**AROMA:** Delicate and light, starts with faint piquant notes leading into vegetal and fruity aromas like melon, fresh grass and sugarcane.

**TASTE:** Very light and gentle showing some spices with a mild and pleasant salty dry finish. Very complex and typical. Amazing balance of alcoholic strength and rich flavours with long persistence.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Ethereal and delicate but with a lot of personality and persistence. This is exactly what a young rum should be.



# Wiba Amburana 6 Meses

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Alambique Ouro Fino Ltda  
[www.cachacawiba.com.br](http://www.cachacawiba.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright, with golden reflections.

**AROMA:** Expressive, rich nose, opening to exotic fruits and cocoa then flowing into sweet spices (cinnamon and vanilla). Pleasing fermentation notes (yeast), with light and elegant wood notes.

**TASTE:** Soft and intense mouthfeel, with a spicy opening and a long vanilla finish. Very supple and round, fresh and savory.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Fine, fresh, complex, well-balanced, elegant, lively... Many descriptors come to mind to describe this fantastic cachaça! The finish still feels a bit short, because it should never actually finish!

# Wiba Blend de Carvalhos14 Meses

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Alambique Ouro Fino Ltda  
[www.cachacawiba.com.br](http://www.cachacawiba.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright and polished, without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Beautiful and inviting notes, packed with fresh sugar cane and grassy notes, followed by incredibly well-integrated woody aromas of vanilla, baking spices and honey. While the nose is not overly complex, it is incredibly well-made with all the aromas perfectly in place!

**TASTE:** Like the nose, the palate is straightforward but perfectly accomplished! Warm and pleasant at first, with some fruity esters (ethyl butyrate?) and citrus developing perfect logically towards a long and silky finish filled with woody aromas.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The nose and the palate are perfectly in unison, with persistent reflections of sugar cane juice throughout the whole experience! As mentioned before, this may not be the most complex cachaca, but what it does, it does to perfection! A true benchmark for the category.

# Zhenjiu Zhen 30 - Grand Reserve

Baijiu

China

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %             |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l            |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No               |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Grand Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Zhenjiu Wine-making Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Big, plentiful nose starting with very dark, bitter chocolate (Lindt 99%) with a roasted black sesame follow-up. French roasted coffee also peeks its head in the secondary nosing, with only a touch of umami.

**TASTE:** Very hot and astringent at first. The umami flavours are a bit more present on the palate, with some blue cheese and burnt sesame on the finish. The earthy mushroom only appears at the very end. The finish is long, dry and textured and continues to develop the advertised flavours

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A superb nose followed by an intricate and moreish palate. The finish is endless and full of character.

# 15 Chao Shuanglong Hui

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shaokonglong Holding Group Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright colour.

**AROMA:** Fairly pronounced nose full of cereal, green spice, peppermint and anise followed by ripe pear, Williams pear underlined by a lovely floral, blossom-like personality. Delicate pineapple in the background.

**TASTE:** Warm sensation on the palate with a lot of fruitiness, pineapple, mango and guava followed by sorghum and mint notes. Perfect balance with a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very good impression on the palate with a lot to discover. An excellent example of the category with a very long finish and complexity.

## 53° Pangquan Q8

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shanxi Pangquan Winery Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** The nose is a bit shy, but the aromas are very fine and subtle. The usual lactic notes are focused more on pleasant baked bread with elegant savoury and vegetal notes. There are lingering nut aromas and very subtle but elegant fruit esters.

**TASTE:** A big, rich and textured palate with an impressive medley of flavour. The primary flavours are fresh and fruity with plenty of ripe pineapple. Next come umami and sauce with a touch of salted caramel. Lastly, there is an interesting tertiary aromatic spectrum based on roasted coffee and slight oakiness. Very interesting.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The spirit is certainly complex and well-made. As per the category, the ethanol is assertive but not overpowering and leaves enough room for additional aromas and flavours. There is a slight and pleasing astringency on the finish that freshens everything up. Very well done!

# Admiral Rodney Formidable

Rum

Sainte-Lucie

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 4,5 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Spiridom**

[www.spiridom.com](http://www.spiridom.com); [www.damoiseau.com](http://www.damoiseau.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright and polished dark amber.

**AROMA:** Delicately wooded nose, full-on elegance and finesse! Figs, cacao and vanilla with spicy cracked black pepper and some grassy notes.

**TASTE:** Thick, fat and textured mouthfeel, packed with coffee, chocolate, nuts, caramel and luscious vanilla. A grassy undertone is always present.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very complex, dry rum! It is balanced, textured, long... And completely moreish.

# Admiral Rodney Princessa

Rum

Sainte-Lucie

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 4,5 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Spiridom**

[www.spiridom.com](http://www.spiridom.com); [www.damoiseau.com](http://www.damoiseau.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear deep amber colour.

**AROMA:** Pronounced and expressive nose full of orange and spice, pear underlined by honey, raisin with a hint of tropical tone. Elegant and powerful at the same time.

**TASTE:** The oak seems fairly powerful on the palate adding to the roundness and weight. Brown sugar followed by tobacco, caramel and spice. Well-knit and compact with depth and dimension.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmonious with perfect balance. Very impressive Indiaed. Spot on, everything is in the right place and proportion. Well done.



# Amaro Velvet

Bitter

Italy Toscana

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 30 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 93,7 g/l   |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Mr.Liquor di Giovanni Frullani  
[www.mrliquor.it](http://www.mrliquor.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright golden brown colour

**AROMA:** Distinguished anise notes, wooded with good length. Hints of salted liquorice and orange blossom. Good balance and a pleasant aromatic composition.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity. Pleasant soft and sweet feeling with gentle bitterness. Anise and liquorice root flavours. Round and elegant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Elegant, typical and well-balanced. Exact measure of bitterness and sweetness. Well done.

# Amrut Amalgam Peated 5 Years

## Worldwide Whisky

India

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Amrut Distilleris Pvt Ltd  
[www.amrutdistilleries.com](http://www.amrutdistilleries.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright dark gold. Clean color with nice movement in the glass.

**AROMA:** Nice balance of the peat aromas. Medicinal and barbecue notes. Meaty and very persistent.

**TASTE:** Soft dry smokiness in the beginning with a pleasant oily texture in the mouth and a long and elegant aftertaste. Notes of exotic fruits and orchids complete the overall picture.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Soft, rounded and very well balanced. Well done!

# Antigua Cruz Añejo Cristalino

Tequila

Mexico Jalisco

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 35 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Compañía Tequilera De Arandas S.a. De C.v.  
[www.elcharrotequila.com](http://www.elcharrotequila.com); [www.tequileradearandas.com](http://www.tequileradearandas.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour.

**AROMA:** Perfect, refreshing scent full of bright agave, followed by almond and pink pepper. Very elegant and refined with lovely typicity and a cool herbal mood in the background.

**TASTE:** Mild, soft mouthfeel with a botanical and herbal note to lead. Full-bodied with a very seductive flavour composition of agave, sweet spice and a hint of flowers. Richly textured with a long, lingering finish. Great balance with clear finesse too.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Close to perfection with a rich style, and quite a mouthfeel. Lingers on and on with depth and concentration. Well done!

# Apinatura

Fruit Wine

Spain Canarias

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 14 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 90 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Apinatura, S.L  
[www.apinatura.es](http://www.apinatura.es)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Golden, clear and clean yellow.

**AROMA:** An aroma depiction of pure honey, underlined by a touch of pulp fruits! The nose is clean, direct and clear.

**TASTE:** Textured palate filled with honey sweetness! The palate is bombastic honey with orchard/apple fruit freshness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and perfectly made! Honey in all its glory.

# Armagnac Darroze - Biologic

Armagnac

France

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 48 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Armagnac Darroze  
[www.darroze-armagnacs.com](http://www.darroze-armagnacs.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright gold colour

**AROMA:** Fine and long-lasting nose, with enjoyable complexity. Rich bouquet of dried and white fruits, with notes of grapes, fig, spices, pepper and butter.

**TASTE:** A delicate and gentle mouthfeel, with a pleasant attack and fine aftertaste. Notes of prunes and pepper. Intense and complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced, round feeling but with firm grip. An enjoyable Armagnac, fresh and persistent. The wood can leave a drying feeling on the aftertaste, but very pleasant nonetheless!

# Arrangé Banane Flambée Isautier

Flavoured Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 323 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Rhums Punchs Isautier  
[www.isautier.com](http://www.isautier.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Bright light gold colour.

**AROMA:** Intense ripe fruits and banana aromas, both fresh and ripe. Well-balanced. No apparent alcohol.

**TASTE:** Intense mouthfeel with sweet banana and caramelized sugar flowing into more spicy and peppery notes. Well-defined flavours that are not overpowering. Nice complexity, exotic with notes of pineapple and honey.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A well-balanced, harmonious product with clear aromas and flavours, it leaves a nice, soft feeling with a lingering aftertaste.

# Ba Fang Long Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 48 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 6 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: BEIJingYongningBadalingWINEGrorpCo.,LTD.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Medium intense aromas with nuances of pear drops, coconut and cream with a floral touch. A hay and cereal note are also present. Nice bouquet.

**TASTE:** Rich and full-bodied on the palate showing a lot of tropical fruits, sorghum and creamy notes in good balance with a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Elegant and very refined. Nice typicity and identity. Mouth-caressing.



## Baimai Spring No.1 52% vol

Baijiu

China

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|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shan Dong Baimai Spring Liquor Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Big, bold, classic and faultless nose. Hints of nuts followed by oodles of overripe pineapple, underlined by fresh citrus. Just a touch of fermented soy and lactic butter.

**TASTE:** The palate is very well-controlled, and explodes with flavours! Fresh pineapple and citrus with hints of white chocolate. There is an underlying spiciness and sweetness provided by a pleasing liquorice-inspired note.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The finish is equally bold with edgy alcohol that delivers some eloquent black pepper. It is almost faultless, if it weren't overshadowed by a hint of burnt rubber in the retro-nasal aromas.

# BEG Brazilian Boutique Dry Gin

Gin

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 44 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** BEG Boutique Distillery  
[www.beggin.com.br](http://www.beggin.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Very well-expressed nose, elegant. Clear juniper with floral and spicy notes. Intense and appealing.

**TASTE:** Intense and persistent, with a great opening. An enjoyable pungent touch, with a fresh and spicy finish. Clear juniper balanced with citrus flavours. Very clean alcoholic structure.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A great product showing a complex and well-expressed bouquet of aromas. It is easy to drink and could very well be served neat to show off its potential.

# BEG Modern Tropical Infused Gin

Gin

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 10 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** BEG Boutique Distillery  
[www.beggin.com.br](http://www.beggin.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Elegant and intense violet colour, clear and with no faults.

**AROMA:** Bright burst of aromas, especially juniper and citrus. Elegant and delicate floral lavender and violet components.

**TASTE:** Juniper is very present, with rosemary and thyme aspects. Both refreshing and smooth mouthfeel. Floral lavender on the finish without becoming too perfumed. Great balance - the alcohol and botanicals work together very well.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Delicious and lovely! This beckons for another sip!

# Bianco Chinato

## Vermouth & Aromatised Wine

Italy Piemonte

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 17 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 140 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Delmago Srl  
[www.delmagodrinks.com](http://www.delmagodrinks.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Rich golden colour, no faults.

**AROMA:** Beautiful and complex smell with light herbality, a bold set of sweet spices like cinnamon, and an almost baroque florality.

**TASTE:** On the palate, the herbal bitterness is balanced against sweetness and acidity. Cinnamon and spices appear here, as well. In the end, there is a typical, long finish. Together with the ample persistence and rich mouthfeel this feels very complex and elegant!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complex, sophisticated and engaging!

# Blood Bitter Petrus BK

Bitter

Netherlands

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 30 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 245 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Wed A.P Boonekamp Bv  
[www.petrusbk.com](http://www.petrusbk.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, deep ruby colour

**AROMA:** Intense and straightforward nose, quite herbaceous with notes of liquorice, gentian, cardamom and anise. Some orange undertones. Very pleasant.

**TASTE:** Optimal balance between sweetness and bitterness, slightly more fruity than the nose with beautiful orange flavours. Herbaceous with a distinct bitterness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-structured product, with a delicate balance between sweetness and bitterness that is not easily found in its category. Really good!

# Bourgogne des Flandres Hop Genever

Genever

Belgium

|                |   |                                      |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 35 %                                 |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l                                |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | In the process<br>of being converted |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal                           |



**Company:** John Martin SA  
mezcalsantogusano.com

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Very light amber, clear

**AROMA:** Elegant nose with delicate aromas of juniper. Refined. Notes of peach, citrus and chamomile, with herbal and floral hints. Slightly short but freshly appealing.

**TASTE:** Smooth and pleasant mouthfeel. Juniper comes through with lemon and white pepper notes. Good length. Fresh and elegant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A harmonious and well-made spirit, with very pleasant genever notes and great balance. It might still be a bit understated, as more power on both the nose and the palate would be lovely.

# Cachaça Baraúna Carvalho Premium 4 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 0 %        |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Engenho Barauna Ltda Me  
[www.engenhobarauna.com.br](http://www.engenhobarauna.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished golden hue.

**AROMA:** A very intense, inviting and rich nose! It is packed with vanilla notes and dried sultanas with a very appealing honey and caramel sweetness. A very pleasant bananas aroma lingers throughout.

**TASTE:** The palate is as expected - quite rich and charming. A lot of wood at first, leading to some pleasing notes of slight oxidation and a leathery taste. The finish is long and textured and brings back all the sweet honey and caramel aromas promised by the nose.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Charming, pleasant and moreish, packed with vanilla and everything that is good about wood and sugar cane.



# Cachaça Bartenike Carvalho - 4 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Multidrink do Brasil Ltda. - Bartenike

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Pale gold with some straw yellow hue.

**AROMA:** Sweet sugar cane followed by vanilla and a faint floral tone on the nose. Sweet spice and vanilla with a fruity overtone adding to the personality.

**TASTE:** Intense on the palate yet showing a smooth texture with lots of flavours from tropical fruits to nuttiness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Long and harmonious finish, with perfect integration and a well-balanced style. Warming alcohol just adds the right touch to the overall picture, very subtle. Well-made with clear definition and concentration.

# Cachaça Boa do Brejo Cristal 1 Year

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: 2i Industria e Comercio de Bebidas Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright and polished.

**AROMA:** Intense, layered and complex sugar cane in all its beauty and without any faults. The nose features esters of banana, pear and green apple followed by complimentary grassy and vegetables notes.

**TASTE:** A big, bold mouthfeel, starting surprisingly dry but developing into a lusciously textured palate laden with all the promised flavours of fresh sugar cane juice and exotic fruits all the way to a long and moreish finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very harmonious and seductive, this is without a doubt one of the great cachacas!

# Cachaça Cabaré Extra Premium 15 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 0 %        |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Engenho Dom Tápparo desde 1978  
[www.domtapparo.com.br](http://www.domtapparo.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Overt nose full of different aromas, kicking off with caramel and vanilla, followed by some orange marmalade and nutmeg and even some wild berries in the back.

**TASTE:** Dry and woody mouthfeel in complete harmony. Suave texture with weight and a lot of sweet spices, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salted caramel. Elegant flavour profile and complete harmony.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Still fresh and elegant with depth, all at the same time. Well-integrated wood and well-balanced.

# Cachaça Caialua Extra Premium 5 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |                         |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %                    |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l                   |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | In the process of being |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal              |



**Company:** Alambique Caialua  
[www.caialua.com.br](http://www.caialua.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep straw yellow colour.

**AROMA:** Fresh green herbs, mint and sweet spice with plenty of flowers and a lot of exotic fruit, mango and passion fruit with pure fruitiness from the sugar cane. Elegant and delicate.

**TASTE:** Complex, fresh palate feel with lively notes of sweet woody tones and nuttiness. Suave, smooth texture with a very long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very complex and very long with perfect balance. Expressive on the nose as well as on the palate.

# Cachaça do Imperador Amburana

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 41 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Sandra Regina Porto Machado ME

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, light gold colour.

**AROMA:** Fruity nose with some liquorice, a grapey perfume and tropical fruit. A very delicate wood tone adds to the personality of the spirit. Notes of wild fruit with a fine sugar cane fruity tone.

**TASTE:** The palate recalls fruit cake with white chocolate followed by some nuttiness, honey and spice. Very round and elegant with finesse. The wood adds structure backed up with lots of fruity, spicy flavours.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Smooth long finish with refined use of wood adding to personality. A very elegant and well-made product!

# Cachaça Extra Premium 5 Anos Solera Weber Haus

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: H. Weber e Cia Ltda  
[www.weberhaus.com.br](http://www.weberhaus.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Deep gold colour.

**AROMA:** Plenty of honey, oak and sugar cane on a fruity nose followed by sweet spices like vanilla and cinnamon.

**TASTE:** Smooth and fruity on the palate with a lovely sweet touch, bright and refreshing at the same time, going for the perfect balance. Vanilla, chocolate, toffee and ground coffee underlined by a subtle fruity personality.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very long finish with complexity and substance, very good use of oak adding to overall dimension and mouthfeel.

# Cachaça Giuseppe Ouro Amburana - 1 Ano

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 39 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Ind. e Com. de bebidas Nesi e Caminski Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Beautiful golden colour

**AROMA:** A completely atypical but very enjoyable nose. A touch of smoke envelops the floral and musty characters. Slightly woody, with spices and vegetable notes.

**TASTE:** Silky and enjoyable mouthfeel, with the atypical character on the nose flowing through. Well-balanced and very rounded with a great blend of wood and alcohol. Fresh minty finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Subtle, fine, delicate and out of the ordinary, this is a singular but rich and complex cachaça, refreshing and intriguing. A must-taste!



# Cachaca Moendao - 10 Anos - Lote 10

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Cachacaria Moendão Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and polished golden brown, light amber hue with quite a pronounced oiliness.

**AROMA:** Intense and compelling on the nose, packed with fruit esters and complimentary notes. Opens with apple, sour cherry and tropical fruits, and develops into light and promising rancio. Packed with good things!

**TASTE:** An explosion of flavour on the palate with an insane progression all the way from a dry opening to a complex, long and moreish toffee finish. The initial flavours are centred on exotic fruits, and sugar cane, with honey mid-palate and a wood-driven finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Strong, balanced and wonderful! It boast a silky profile packed with fruit esters and wood! It showcases the finest oak and sugar cane.

# Cachaça Premium 7 Madeiras Weber Haus 2 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: H. Weber e Cia Ltda  
[www.weberhaus.com.br](http://www.weberhaus.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Pale yellow hue, clear.

**AROMA:** Deep and complex aromas with caramel sweets and vanilla wrapped in a fresh and floral cane. On the second nose, there are notes of cocoa. Very inviting and seductive.

**TASTE:** Captivating round, silky mouthfeel. Vanilla, sugar, smooth cacao and spices layer the palate in an endless line-up of flavours. Vanilla takes the closing lap to deliver a long, almost nutty finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** To produce such perfect balance and a symphony of aromas and flavours, masters must have been at work here. Beautiful. Congratulations!

# Cachaça Premium Wruck - 8 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Agroindustria e Comércio De Produtos Agrícolas Wruck Ltda - Wruck

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, clean, deep gold

**AROMA:** Very persistent with delicate notes of vanilla. Caramel, chocolate, nut and honey. Hints of spices. Good richness and complexity.

**TASTE:** Elegant with well-balanced woody flavours at the end. Good persistency, full-bodied and fresh. Lovely balsamic notes with almond and nougat on the finish. Very complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Nicely balanced and harmonious. Outstanding use of barrels and good aromatic expression.

# Cachaça Princesa Isabel Amburana

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Alambique Princesa Isabel**  
[www.cachacaprincesaisabel.com.br](http://www.cachacaprincesaisabel.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear bright gold

**AROMA:** Expressive nose of wood, well-balanced. Notes of vanilla, almonds, toffee and cinnamon. Hints of ethylacetate disappear after airing.

**TASTE:** Round and intense mouthfeel, with good development on the palate. Lively opening, with strong wood notes all along. Vegetal and spicy notes.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-balanced and expressive cachaça, with a particularly appealing nose, and well-integrated wood. This product clearly fulfills the expectations of today's consumers!

# Cachaça Sensata 3 Madeiras

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: CRM Distribuidora de Comércio de Bebidas Ltda  
[www.cachacasensata.com.br](http://www.cachacasensata.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear bright yellow

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with nice wood character adding spices and an interesting savory note. Nice aromatic complexity, retaining the cane aromas. Floral and fruity notes (exotic fruits), with a touch of honey.

**TASTE:** A smooth and complex mouthfeel, with well-integrated wood. Round and balanced with pleasing sugarcane notes on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful cachaça that is easy to enjoy. It is very well-balanced, perfectly clear and shows great harmony.

# Cachaça Sensata Prata

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: CRM Distribuidora de Comércio de Bebidas Ltda  
[www.cachacasensata.com.br](http://www.cachacasensata.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Very intense, fresh nose with very expressive sugarcane aromas and notes of tropical fruits, ripe/overripe pineapple and banana. Inviting.

**TASTE:** Great mouthfeel, with well-balanced sweetness and drier notes. Great persistence. Clear sugarcane flavours with many spices and lingering fruit. A touch of mint.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** How can cane juice be enhanced in a bottle? This is the answer. Lively and fresh, well-balanced and harmonious, this is a superb cachaça.

# Cachaça Spézia Premium - 35 Anos

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 0 %        |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Spezia ind. e com. de Aguardente Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Plenty of vanilla and caramel on the nose with sugar cane in the backdrop. Fruity but chiefly spicy with some dried fruit characters as well.

**TASTE:** Refreshing, orange with tropical fruits. Sugar cane presence is followed by nutmeg, cinnamon and plenty of sweet spice followed by black pepper and nutmeg. Really complex and layered, like a never-ending experience.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Graceful and fresh with perfect balance. Serious, rich and complex with a long lingering finish. Refined with great balance and attention to detail.

# Cachaca Vanderley Azevedo Prata

Cachaça

Brazil

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Vanderey Azevedo

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright, clear colour.

**AROMA:** Clean and typical aromas with an intense fruity sugar cane, pear and banana-led profile. White flowers and a dried fruit sensation in the background.

**TASTE:** Elegant mouthfeel as well, with a lovely full-flavoured, clean bright taste and just the right amount of sweet tones to carry the spirit. A bold, lingering finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Mellow mid-palate showing expression and great balance. Elegant, very typical and harmonious at the same time. Very good expression of the category.



# Calvados Rollon Hors d'Age

Calvados

France Normandie

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 41 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** La Maison du Père Tranquille

[www.peretranquille.com](http://www.peretranquille.com); [www.maisonduperetranquille.com](http://www.maisonduperetranquille.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and clean amber with pronounced legs.

**AROMA:** A pleasing nose, packed with cooked apples, ripe pears and hints of plums wrapped in sweet spices and leather.

**TASTE:** While the calvados is strongly wooded, this doesn't distract from the rest of the aromas and flavours. It is filled with sweet syrup, prunes, butter, baked apricots and apples with some hints of nuts and walnuts.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-balanced calvados with plenty of power and elegance, all wrapped in honey and fruits. A superb example.

# Chinese Jin Jiu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 35 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 70 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jing Brand Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Beautiful, clean and polished dark amber with pleasing legs.

**AROMA:** Full-on herbal and into amaro territory: mint, fresh pine and gentian roots, reminiscent of a light negroni.

**TASTE:** Very well-balanced palate! The trinity of bitter, sweet and herbal are in perfect harmony and compliment each other incredibly well, yielding an incredibly harmonious palate with a silky finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** From amaro to sweet vermouth to Baijiu? Difficult to asses as a light aroma baijiu, because it is everything but light in aroma! It is sweet without being cloying and packed with herbal character. Very nice!!!

# Cierto Tequila Private Collection - Extra Anejo

Tequila

Mexico

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Yes        |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Ciertto Spirits Inc.  
[www.ciertotequila.com](http://www.ciertotequila.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright light gold

**AROMA:** Smooth American oak sweetness with notes of agave syrup and hints of tamarind, dried fruits and flowers. Some intense underlying caramel and vanilla notes.

**TASTE:** Round and sweet palate showing more honey and lime. Notes of vanilla and spices leading to a pleasant mild dry sensation on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very complex nose and palate, with no burning sensations and a short aftertaste showing floral and coffee hints.

# Cierto Tequila Private Collection - Reposado

Tequila

Mexico

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Ciertotequila Inc.  
[www.ciertotequila.com](http://www.ciertotequila.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Fresh agave and a very expressive, pronounced nose full of herbs, with a hint of smoke, grassy with an anise-like quality. Very delicate and multi-layered with a seductive, fragrant touch.

**TASTE:** Elegant, refined and round as well as refreshing in style. The palate follows the nose with the agave, herbal note and a hint of sweetness. Long finish with finesse and lots of herbaceous, pine-needle characters in the flavour profile.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Long finish, complex for the category. Well-balanced with a touch of sweet spice and plenty of herbs.

# Cognac XO N° 25 Ragnaud Sabourin

Cognac

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 11,5 g/l   |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** SARL Ragnaud Sabourin  
[www.cognacragnaudsabourin.fr](http://www.cognacragnaudsabourin.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep gold

**AROMA:** Intense and very promising nose, with nice complexity instilled by layered aromatics. Notes of spices, herbs, dried fruits, crumble, and pastry. The caramel aroma adds a nice sweetness.

**TASTE:** Round and longlasting mouthfeel that delivers on the promise of the nose. Fine flavours of honey, peach jam, fig, caramel, with a touch of orange and sweet spices. Very smooth.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** An elegant and very well-balanced cognac. Although the sweetness can be considered a little too high, the flavours and aromas of sweet spices, jam and candied fruits make it a perfect sip for a cold Sunday afternoon beside the fire wrapped in a warm blanket.

# Confucius Mansion Liquor Xue-er

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Qufu Confucius Family Liquor Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Great fruity nose, with nice aromatic development. Notes of ripe pineapple, cream, ferment and fresh goat cheese. Well-balanced and intense.

**TASTE:** Complex and expressive mouthfeel, herbal and floral. Neat opening, slightly too pungent, leading into fresh and fermented pineapple, anise, herbs and citrus fruit flavours.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A well-balanced, appealing baijiu, with great aromatic development all along. A benchmark for the style.

# Curu Rio Grande

Pisco

Chile Valle de Limari

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| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Sland Spa**  
[www.curu.cl](http://www.curu.cl)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear water like colour with quite an oily movement in the glass.

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with wonderful aromas of rose petals, flowers, seductive perfume elderflower, fruity scent grapefruit, plum underlined by peach, apricot. With a hint of earthy personality.

**TASTE:** Very fruity from the start with an almost sweet like tone and an intriguing spicy finish. Smooth texture, soft freshness with lots of wild flowers and fruity personality, long lingering perfume, seductive finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very pleasant and round style with a fruity, floral mode, characterful and a truly subtle blossom, flower petal like finish.

# Dendrobe Black Liquor - Tian Yun

Baijiu

China

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|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 12 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: HuNan Black Liquor Industry CO.,LTD

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and polished amber. No noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Slightly different character than expected, the traditional pineapple esters are underlined by persistent warm spices (nutmeg/vanilla) with a hint of smoke and leather.

**TASTE:** A very powerful and complex palate with the obligatory overripe pineapple ester. The overall sensation is a little bitter and astringent at first, with a dry and lingering finish. There are a lot of sweet spices on the palate (cacao, anise, nutmeg) with some overripe pineapple.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very complex baijiu, with an incredibly elegant nose. The palate needs a little taming, as it is a bit unruly! But an impeccable baijiu. Nonetheless.



# Divin Noroc Colectia de Aur 20 years XXO

Cognac

Moldova Codru

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|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 7 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Calarasi Divin SRL

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright amber with a dark gold appearance

**AROMA:** Very elegant and delicate on the nose with some candy and pastry notes. Wood and fruity aromas resonate with coffee and chocolate aromas.

**TASTE:** Strong and potent in the mouth. Complex and elegant with passionfruit and white fruits on the aftertaste along with some smoky, woody notes.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Some alcoholic notes that overwhelm the Cognac character. Well-balanced with a long aftertaste. Good complexity.

# Diyue Grape Spirits 42% vol

Brandy

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Chongqing Dingshengtianxia Science and Technology Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Dark amber with a copper hue.

**AROMA:** Pronounced nose with plenty of vanilla, raisins, figs - a broad, full spectrum, very attractive and seductive scent. An avalanche of dried fruit and sweet spice.

**TASTE:** Light body with lush nougat followed by a soft sweetness and dry finish. There is plenty to discover, complex and very layered with perfect balance between the alcohol and body.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Stays fresh and focused, great finesse with a long finish. Truly remarkable. A product with class.

# Dongming

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52,6 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guangdong Dongming Wine Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Aromatic, yet fine and multi-layered with many different impressions: dark chocolate, ried fruit, apple vinegar and mashed apples. Spicy cheese, roasted onions and nutty soy sauce with hints of almonds, and in the background some ethanolic solvent.

**TASTE:** The layering also continues on the palate. Chocolate and cheese, esters, spicy and peppery aromas, grilled mushrooms and other roasted notes. Hot, yet harmonious and with lots of finesse. Finally, a long salty and umami finish with lots of soy sauce.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A fine and complex baijiu, interesting and well-suited for a European palate.

# Dynastie - L'Origine

Rum

France

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 13 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Famille Ricci**  
[www.famillericci.com](http://www.famillericci.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright, polished and brilliant golden colour. Pleasing and devoid of any faults.

**AROMA:** Perfectly balanced nose filled with fruity esters, enveloped in baking spices and sweet syrup (Bourbon vanilla, over-ripe tropical fruits...) the entire nose experience is moreish and addictive.

**TASTE:** Completely in line with the advertised aromas, the palate is however a bit sweeter than expected. Nevertheless, all the fruity esters (Kiwi in syrup, with ripe mangoes and coconut) and woody spices are perfectly executed all the way to a silky, lingering finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Balanced and without any faults, it delivers a well-crafted aroma and flavour experience freighted with complexities.

# El Tequileño Platinum

Tequila

Mexico Jalisco

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Paradise Spirits Inc  
[www.tequileno.com](http://www.tequileno.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, water-like colour.

**AROMA:** Pronounced herbs with a spicy, smooth, refreshing nose of agave underlined by an earthy tone.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity, refreshing tone with agave, herbs, spice and some fine sweetness along the mid-palate adding texture and dimension. Long, lingering finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very coherent in style with great balance, fruity underneath some herbs. Keeps the promise and delivers.

# El Tequileño Reposado Rare

Tequila

Mexico Jalisco

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Paradise Spirits Inc  
[www.tequileño.com](http://www.tequileño.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and brilliant pale gold, very attractive.

**AROMA:** Balanced and well-structured, with slight touches of esters. Strong impressions of oak wood and vanilla, together with baking spices, pepper and honey. A herbal aspect combines nicely with hints of fruit.

**TASTE:** Intense and elegant, dominated by lots of aromatic herbs, spices, dried mango and wood, without becoming overpowering. Good, long finish with a lingering aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Typical and with a wide, complex bouquet!

# Enigma Gin

Gin

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Organic Spirits Srl  
[www.enigmagin.be](http://www.enigmagin.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** The nose is very expressive and pleasant. It is fresh and clear with well-controlled alcohol. The botanical aromatics are clearly focused on citrus with a touch of chamomile. The juniper berry takes a bit of a back seat.

**TASTE:** The palate is soft and textured with a pleasant sweetness. A soft and elegant finish highlights how well-integrated the alcohol is. The botanical identity revolves around citrus with enticing spices (anise and pepper!).

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made, contemporary gin. While the juniper berries are not the star player of this gin, it features plenty of botanical richness and citrus. This gin is gentle and sweet with lots of character and charming oiliness.

## Fir Bolg

Spiced Rum

Belgium

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 42 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 35 g/l     |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: New Yellow Poppy SPRL  
[www.newyellowpoppy.be](http://www.newyellowpoppy.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright and strong gold colour

**AROMA:** Nice, elegant spicy aromas. Intense caramel notes with hints of pepper, ginger and vanilla.

**TASTE:** Elegant and harmonious. Notes of pepper, cinnamon and caramel. Very well-balanced with a nice finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Good complexity and length of flavour.



# Fupingchun Gui3

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiahu Distillery Group Co.Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Absolutely awesome! The nose is perfectly balanced and packed with good things! Floral and fruity aromas underlined with spices and honey! Pineapple roasted in butter, while taking a bite into fresh green apple, and eating oatmeal pudding, seasoned with a touch of sesame oil...

**TASTE:** The palate just does it again! Sweet soy with apple freshness and green jasmine tea mid-zone. The pear drop esters underline everything with harmony and the typical baijiu astringency adds a bit of "pep"...

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Perfectly balanced, without any noticeable faults. The alcohol is balanced and the astringency adds some freshness before the long and slightly dry finish packed with sesame and second crack coffee... Do they sell it by the litre bottle?!

## Ge Shao

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiangsu geshao Brand Management LTD

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and brilliantly bright, without any faults.

**AROMA:** The nose is very strong but with no sting. Hints of very complex and expressive fermentation aromas. Soy sauce, yeast and cooked rice, roasted cereals, and butter. A whiff of glue.

**TASTE:** The nose and palate feel very harmonious and balanced. Strong intensity and richness are present in the mouthfeel. Lemon and aniseed add some freshness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very accessible and gentle, yet expressive – a nice discovery!

# Genepy Zerbion

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Italy Valle d'Aosta

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 150 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Vertosan Commerciale Srl  
[www.vertosan.com](http://www.vertosan.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished herbal green colour, with pleasing legs. No noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Fresh herbal bouquet filled with notes of genepi, oregano and pine. It is slightly mentholated and very inviting.

**TASTE:** Completely harmonious. The herbal character is very pronounced and supported by delicate sweetness. There is a pleasing mild bitterness in the end.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** All the component parts are in harmony with one another. The sugar is very well-integrated and not at all cloying. Very well-made!

# Gin Giusto

Gin

Italy Toscana

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distilleria Deta Srl  
[www.detadistilleria.it](http://www.detadistilleria.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Good aromatic power, balanced and harmonious with fresh, floral notes.  
Distinguished juniper notes.

**TASTE:** Powerful with good aromatic harmony, spiced notes and good persistence. Nice attack on the palate with soft sweetness. Intense, long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced with good juniper presence and the other aromatics well-integrated.

# Gin Marco

Gin

Italy Lombardia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Peroni Maddalena  
[www.distillerieperoni.it](http://www.distillerieperoni.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and brilliant in colour.

**AROMA:** Fairly complex nose recalling grapefruit, basil and pink pepper. A sweet-sour frame lifts it into an exciting aroma profile. Refreshing, vivid nose with elegance and very good intensity.

**TASTE:** Refreshing and vivid on the palate as well, continuing the sweet-fresh taste mix. Pronounced and mouth-coating recalling the aromas from the nose. Long and layered finish with an exciting flavour profile.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A complex and lifted flavour makes this a great example of the category, well-balanced and harmonious.

# Glen Turner 12 Years Old

Scotch Whisky

United Kingdom

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Medium deep amber colour.

**AROMA:** Clean spicy notes with orange zest and sweet spice in the mix. Malted barley in the back, dried orange peel. Medium intense with an intriguing sweetness.

**TASTE:** Full-bodied, complex and layered. First the sweetness, then a vinous character followed by a spicy, almost peppery tone. Fragrant and fruity with dried fruit on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Sweet personality with a round, rich smoky character, smoky malt. A true all-rounder when it comes to the style.

## Golden Recipe

Anise-flavoured

Greece Thessaly

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Kardasi Distillery  
[www.tsipourokardasi.gr](http://www.tsipourokardasi.gr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear colourless.

**AROMA:** Pronounced nose showing a balsamic sensation with liquorice and a sweet anise tone followed by lots of spice, botanical and even floral attributes.

**TASTE:** Sweet aromatic mouthfeel with a long lingering aftertaste. Full of anise, pepper and spice. Full-bodied yet refreshing as well. Complex and elegant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Pronounced nose and palate, in perfect balance. Very harmonious with a long lingering aftertaste. Sublime.

# Gouden Carolus Blaasveld Broek

## Worldwide Whisky

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Brouwerij Het Anker - Stokerij De Molenberg  
[www.hetanker.be](http://www.hetanker.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Vivid gold in colour.

**AROMA:** Refined smoky nose with the typical notes of vanilla, cinnamon, gingerbread, custard and a distinctive peaty note. Very rich and bold scent. Pretty fine with the smoky style adding some personality overall.

**TASTE:** The palate continues where the nose left off, with smoky, rich bold fruit flavours and plenty of sweet spice flavours. Peated barley is evident on the palate too, followed by a sweet, honey-like note. A hint of roughness in textural quality, but nevertheless a fine product with a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Quite round and certainly not shy when it comes to the smoky character, with good balance and a fine finish.



# Gran Espiritu Agave Lineño

Mezcal

Mexico Jalisco

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|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 2,5 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Mujeres del Mezcal

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright, without any faults.

**AROMA:** Intense herbal nose with expressive aromas of roasted espadín agave, palm fronds. Hints of citrus and smoke provide additional complexity.

**TASTE:** Nice, supple and sweet mouthfeel with taste of honey that quickly develops a nice level of smokiness. Rich and yet elegant aromatic length, leading to a short but very expressive finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-made and very enjoyable, enticing and easy to drink!

# Grappa Amarone Barricata 4 anni Riserva

Grappa

Italy Lombardia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 19 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Peroni Maddalena  
[www.distillerieperoni.it](http://www.distillerieperoni.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear without any faults, with a lively copper brightness.

**AROMA:** Rich and spicy nose of summer fruits, apricots, and grapes, with an additional floral touch. Pure and elegant!

**TASTE:** A full, rounded mouthfeel where lots of aromas of vanilla, caramel, grapes and other fruits are present followed by a slightly woody aftertaste. Powerful and strong, a feature that lasts through to the long finish. In the end this becomes quite spicy. Excellent balance between the nose and the palate.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very typical, intense and yet beautifully balanced with lots of complexity.

# Grappa Di Chianti Classico Riserva

Grappa

Italy Toscana

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 2 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distilleria Deta Srl  
[www.detadistilleria.it](http://www.detadistilleria.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear bright gold

**AROMA:** Complex, elegant nose showing medium to high intensity. A pleasant combination of floral and fruity notes along with aromas of wood, nuts, wine, leather and honey.

**TASTE:** Sweet, soft, round and full-bodied mouthfeel with a nice dryness on the finish. Long aftertaste. Well-integrated wood notes with good tannins, along with pleasing floral and fruity flavours.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A fine, complex, full-bodied grappa showing elegance and balance. The journey is intense and complex, but pleasing from start to finish.

# Grappa Extrafina Selezione Bortolo Nardini

Grappa

Italy

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 17,5 g/l   |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distilleria Nardini S.p.a.  
[www.nardini.it](http://www.nardini.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** A lovely - if a little shy - nose with flowers followed by ripe pears and peaches. There is a slightly noticeable methyl/ethyl acetate edge.

**TASTE:** An intense, slightly off-dry palate (camphor) opens the mouthfeel followed by ripe fruits, peaches and finally green grapes and a touch of candy.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Overall, the spirit displays very good aromatic intensity, but everything is just a little too short to be perfect! The aromas fall off quickly, the flavours give way to alcohol too quickly and the finish is a bit too short!

# Grappa Pinot Unicovitigno

Grappa

Italy Lombardia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 19 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Peroni Maddalena  
[www.distillerieperoni.it](http://www.distillerieperoni.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Intense nose of Muscat grapes and rose petal followed by figs, dried apricot and sultanas. The nose is moreish and complex.

**TASTE:** The mouthfeel is intense and warm, spiced and floral! All the advertised aromas are present and persistent with a mid-palate that leans towards caramelized ginger and barley sugar.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very long, pleasant finish with just a hint of complimentary bitterness. The spirit is well-made and showcases all the characteristics of the grape.

# GuanQunfang Roujiu Master 52% vol

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: HuaguanGroupBrewingCo.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Intense, elegant nose opening up to earthy notes that flow into pineapple, green apple and pear. Persistent.

**TASTE:** Round mouthfeel with a soft attack then more acidity on the mid-palate. Notes of dark chocolate developing into deeper, fine and fresh fruity notes. Long-lasting, clean finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Not overly complex but a very well-balanced and aromatic baijiu. It is driven by fruit aromas and flavour, with well-integrated alcohol.

# Guizhou Shaojiu 12987 Technology

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shaojiu Produce Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean.

**AROMA:** Delicate nose with soy sauce and a salty touch with medium intensity followed by tropical fruit, pineapple. Showing umami, parmesan cheese, mushrooms, balsamic vinegar, cereals and sorghum underlined by a dash of mint.

**TASTE:** Good grip on the palate, anise and sweet spice. The palate packs quite a punch with a lot of fruit from the nose including pear and pineapple. Very long finish. Multi-layered, rich style.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very high quality with a pronounced finish and plenty of aromas. Well-made with perfect balance. A real beauty!

# Guojixiang

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Maotai Qianguo Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Good typicity, showing soy sauce, sesame and coffee with some dark chocolate. Intense and pronounced on the nose with lots of layers, which are exciting and fun to discover.

**TASTE:** Dry style, with some crushed oyster shell, soy sauce and a faint balsamic tone. Very long and complex with rich dark chocolate on the finish. A real beauty.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complex, harmonious, bold flavours with richness. Incredibly three dimensional, fruity and savoury. Simply a lot going on.



# Goose Fen-Flavor Master

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Baofeng liquor., ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** The nose is quite focused on alcohol. Some floral, soy sauce and herbal notes breakthrough. Ethyl acetate undertones throughout.

**TASTE:** A pungent and assertive mouthfeel, with all the fruit esters present and delicate. Some fermented peas and ethyl acetate also feature.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very typical baijiu, with a lively and pleasant palate and well-controlled astringency.

# Guotai Standard Baijiu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Guotai Liquor Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Delicate pineapple with hints of raspberry and soy sauce. Typical pineapple and cheese notes.

**TASTE:** Slightly astringent, subtle sweetness with mushroom and peanut notes. Good persistence and typicity.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Typical and balanced with a good aromatic spectrum.

# Guzhenjiu-yuanxi

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guang Dong Gu Zhen Jiu Ye You Xian Gong Si

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear gold colour

**AROMA:** Pleasant nose showing medium intensity. Notes of sesame, celery, ginseng, peanuts, nuts and almonds (marzipan).

**TASTE:** Intense, sweet mouthfeel with a salty touch. Notes of honey with sesame and marzipan. Well-balanced and full-bodied. Long spicy finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A rounded, smooth and quite complex baijiu, it would most certainly please Western palates.

# Huaide Cave Aged fragrant Sesame Aroma Baijiu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jilin Xinhuaide Distillery Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Very complex and typical nose, rich and fruity. Layered notes of pineapple, banana, citrus and green apple, followed by spices (coriander).

**TASTE:** Intense fruity flavours carrying over from the nose, with nice freshness. Medium to long finish. Well-balanced and rich.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** An easy to drink pour that expresses the fullness and richness of the body, complexity and typicality of baijiu.

# Huaraches de Oro

Raicilla

Mexico Jalisco

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 42 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Yes        |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Lesaac mis Raices S. de R.L. de C.V.  
[www.huarachesdeoro.com](http://www.huarachesdeoro.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Very intense with pronounced agave notes, bell pepper and some pineapple aromas. Pleasant lightly smoked notes with an earthy touch.

**TASTE:** Intense with very well-integrated alcohol. Smooth mouthfeel with agave, bell peppers and citrus notes and a pleasant soft, dry finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Excellent balance and precise typicity with a nice array of aromas.

# Huiyanfeng 1960

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Hunan Yangfeng Wine Co. ,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Very elegant nose, subtle and delicate with lots of terroir character. Soy sauce and sesame aromas, with a touch of pineapple and mushroom.

**TASTE:** Rounder and sweeter mouthfeel than expected, but very pleasant. Cream cheese and earthy notes, with hints of sesame, soy sauce, pineapple and mint. Long, fat finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very pleasant example of baijiu, which shows personality and a measure of terroir. Very good.

# Hutujiangjiu Te 1 Hao

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guangdong Hutu Spirit Industry Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colourless.

**AROMA:** Refreshing and pronounced nose showing complexity with soy sauce, dark chocolate and cheese underlined by lots of tropical fruits.

**TASTE:** The palate recalls the nose with an ever-present and powerful flavour profile. Mouth-filling with a rich yet smooth texture. Well-balanced and harmonious showing notes of cereals and roasted coffee.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Long finish with a sublime expression of flavours, texture and intensity. Well-made and an excellent example of the category.

# Intipalka Pisco Mosto Verde Acholado

Pisco

Peru Ica

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Santiago Queirolo SAC  
[www.santiagoqueirolo.com](http://www.santiagoqueirolo.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Colorless, clear and polished, without any faults.

**AROMA:** The nose starts off a little shy, but is still very floral with lots of elderflower aromas – a very elegant smell. Hints of Muscat grapes, raisins, banana and sweet dough add to the complex sweet aspect.

**TASTE:** Sweet and crisp, even peppery with a taste of rose petals and grapes. Caramel adds to the sweet side that opens up into a very beautiful texture and well-rounded, harmonious body. The finish is still floral, even slightly soapy, with touches of citrus and ripe fruit.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Delicate and floral – a very charming yet expressive Pisco!



# Intipalka Pisco Puro Italia

Pisco

Peru Ica

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Santiago Queirolo SAC**  
[www.santiagoqueirolo.com](http://www.santiagoqueirolo.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright, with some legs forming on the glass.

**AROMA:** Deep and profound nose. Clean, fine aromas of Muscat and other grapes. Elegant touches of flowers appear after a while. Overall, very attractive!

**TASTE:** Round body and mouthfeel which is expressively fruity with lots of grape presence. Very balanced and smooth. Dry and slightly bitter finish, where the floral aromas reappear. High typicity in harmony with the nose.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Solid and pleasantly fruity, yet at the same time complex and harmonious!

# Invermallie Premium Portuguese Recharred Red Wine Barrique

Worldwide Whisky

Canada British Columbia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Macaloney's Caledonian Distillery Ltd  
[www.mcaledonian.com](http://www.mcaledonian.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Copper, bright colour.

**AROMA:** Woody and fruity nose followed by distinctive coffee, toffee and tropical fruits like banana. Vibrant and vivid with plenty of sweet spice, and a measure of red berry with a wild berry tone as well. Multi-layered, complex, rich and lifted nose with plenty of aromas.

**TASTE:** Pronounced on the palate following through from the nose with plenty of sweet spice and fruity, berry flavours underscored by a smoky, sweet finish. Creamy mid-palate, seductive long finish, complex and well-integrated.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Pure enjoyment. Sensational, with the right concentration and depth, and lingering length. A lot to discover, from sweet vanilla spice to delicate butterscotch and raisin. Mellow texture.

# Jiahu Zhongyuanweidao

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiahu Distillery Group Co.Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** A very pleasant estery nose displays full and rich aromas of pineapple, passionfruit, mango and ripe kiwi fruit, supported by touches of rose petals.

**TASTE:** The palate picks up the pineapple and fruity sweetness recalling candy and adds a whiff of smoke and soy sauce. Optimally balanced, a very harmonious mouthfeel with great intensity: powerful and strong, but still well-integrated and complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Extremely balanced and very enjoyable in every aspect!

# Jiang Hua Yuan A20

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Benkemaoyi

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Aromas of soy sauce, melon and a light earthy note. Fruity with red and tropical fruit notes. Light cheese aromas. Very fine, gentle nose.

**TASTE:** Slightly astringent and laden with pineapple, pear drops and some nuttiness. Very oily with a light, sweet finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Intense and complex with good persistence.

# Jinglufu 53.5° Chunliang Xianshao Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53,5 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Zhejiangshenglongquanshixianpintongyuanjiufang

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear colour.

**AROMA:** Delicate but very well-expressed nose showing sesame, pineapple, mango, passion fruit and smoky spicy notes as well. Very complex and subtle.

**TASTE:** The flavour frenzy continues on the palate, which is perfectly organized, harmonious and in complete balance. Refreshing, bright, lots of tropical fruits and spiciness. Very long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Outstanding, an excellent product ticking all the boxes along the line, well-made and very pleasant indeed.

# Jinliufu Yitanhaojiu Red Porcelain Jar 40.8°

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,1 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: SiChuan QiongLai JinLiuFu cliff valley ecological distillery co. LTD

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, colourless and bright.

**AROMA:** Intense and persistent, yet elegant with fruity aromas of fermented pineapple and grapes. Savory notes of cheese, Roquefort and potato chips. Finally, a whiff of nail polish.

**TASTE:** The palate starts softly with a savory sweetness of malt sugar and tropical fruit. Roasted cereals and sesame add body and complexity. Short, warm and almost woody finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Solid, harmonious and delicious! A very special baijiu!

# Jinyuan Chun Treasures No.1

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shandong Jinyuanchun Wine Co. Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Pronounced nose with a seductive sweet aroma recalling pineapple. Mango fruitiness followed by cheesy aromas and green herbs.

**TASTE:** Quite a mouthfeel, full-bodied with a lot of alcohol yet with impeccable balance and lovely sweetness full of sesame, grain and apple skin. Finishes hot.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** An intriguing drink. Despite the high alcohol it shows perfect balance and a sweet, long, lingering finish with bold flavours and power all the way till the end.

## Jluzu Dukang 15 cellar

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: LuoyangDukongHoldingsLimited

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright colour.

**AROMA:** Clean and bright nose, plenty of cereals, greenish herbs and some pungent tones underlined by a sweet mint and pineapple aroma.

**TASTE:** Warm and rich mouthfeel with full body and some development, spicy, tropical fruits. Refreshing on the palate, adding vitality. Well-balanced with a lot to discover.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complex fruity, earthy, savoury and spicy. A lot to discover with a very long lingering finish. Fantastic mouthfeel with plenty of umami as well.



# Jundao Guiniang Shanhe

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Guizhou Gui Winery Industry Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Dynamic, complex and awesome! Plenty of fruity esters (pineapple, mango, pear) with a touch of pomegranate and citrus. The fruit medley is backed by roasted chicory and chocolate, followed by spices on the finish, such as ginger and black pepper.

**TASTE:** The palate is rich and spicy! It features plenty of herbal character. The texture is round and slightly moreish, with a very interesting finish leaning towards second crack coffee and slightly burnt almonds and bread. The finish heads back to more familiar umami territory.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A particularly harmonious and balanced baijiu! The fruit/chocolate notes really play out well with one another. The alcohol is well-integrated and the baijiu is full of personality.

# Kaihuan Baijiu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42,5 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Zhi Cheng Technology (Shanghai) Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright colour.

**AROMA:** Very intense nose laden with sorghum, green pepper, soya, rye, sesame, cheese and pear drop. Pungent-like aromas.

**TASTE:** The flavour profile recalls the nose with intense, bold aromas. Elegant with strong persistence and a rich personality. Quite mouth-filling, very long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made spirit with lots to discover. A long finish with complexity, showing perfect harmony and grace with the necessary punch as well.

# Koya Brandy VSOP 6 Years Old

Brandy

China Shandong

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Changyu Pioneer Wine Co., Ltd. Yantai, China  
[www.changyu.com.cn](http://www.changyu.com.cn)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep gold with an amber touch.

**AROMA:** Very elegant nose with a lot of stone fruit, quince, pear and apricot followed by refined raisin and grapey perfume and vanilla in the background. Subtle and refined with a very expressive aroma.

**TASTE:** Pronounced flavour profile, full-bodied with some sweetness and a smooth texture. Complex flavour profile, silky with remarkable flavours of dried apricot, nougat, tropical fruit and plenty of sweet spice.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very well-balanced with a long, lingering finish. Remarkable and refined with gorgeous harmony and seductive quality.

# Kranebet Botanic Juniper Liqueur

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Italy

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 10 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Antiche Distillerie Riunite Srl  
[www.rossidasiago.com](http://www.rossidasiago.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright, clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Fine, subtle nose with both herbal and floral aspects. Juniper and jasmine, accompanied by bright orange and tangerine zest. Later on, there are hints of aniseed and almost menthol freshness. Quite some complexity!

**TASTE:** Beautiful, floral aromas of cassia, cloves, pine bark and fresh juniper. Full and round with an almost soapy component. Harmonious and subtle together with remarkable complexity, and finally also a long and elegant finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very attractive, complex and still easy and nice to drink!

# La Tour de L'Or Récolte

## Agricultural Rum

France

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 62 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: L'Atelier du Rhum Chantal Comte - Sceam  
[www.chantalcomte.com](http://www.chantalcomte.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Pale amber, clean

**AROMA:** Intense, aromatic nose with sugarcane leaping out of the glass. Fine woody aromas with notes of vanilla, baking spices, chocolate cream, caramel, butterscotch and baked fruits. Powerful but enjoyable alcohol.

**TASTE:** Very warm and comfortable mouthfeel. An alcoholic bite at point of entry leaves early enough to be pleasant, driven by a touch of ripe pineapple. The dried fruits and baking spice notes recur. Vanilla and warm cooked sugar are nicely balanced with the wood which shows no bitterness. Long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A silky rollercoaster of comforting and warm aromas and flavours, with perfectly integrated wood and alcohol. A beautiful and really well matured rum.

# Laishijia 30

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Kweichow Maotai Laishijia Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Intense classic nose, enjoyable with no excessiveness. Aromas of soy-coated salted peanuts and coffee beans, cashews, cacao and bread crust. A touch of cereals. Delicate and elegant.

**TASTE:** Good texture in the mouth and nicely harmonious. Good balance between the alcohol and flavours, mirroring the nose. Slightly overpowering alcohol but not uncomfortable.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful baijiu, well-balanced and clean. A great spirit with intense, typical aromas and flavours delivered by a nice structure.

# Lassaleti London Dry Gin

Gin

Brazil Serra da Mantiqueira

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 44 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Destilaria Lassaleti BR  
[www.lassaleti.com.br](http://www.lassaleti.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear colour.

**AROMA:** An explosion of aromas on the nose, showing notes of citrus, lemon, flowers and spice. Notes of juniper, ginger, nuttiness and allspice.

**TASTE:** Refreshing and bright with an array of flavours from citrus to spice. Dry in style with a lovely juniper tone. Well-balanced, smooth texture with an oily touch, perfect harmony, long length.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Perfect combination of aromas with beautiful balance, a smooth texture and an incredible long finish.

# Le Rhum vieux par Neisson 5 Years

Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Distillerie Neisson**  
[www.neisson.fr](http://www.neisson.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright intense gold

**AROMA:** Beautiful nose, very well-balanced with light fruity notes. Well-structured wood aromas. Notes of vanilla, flambeed banana, toffee, Werthers Original, butterscotch and chocolate. A drop of apple and pear. Very inviting.

**TASTE:** An intense liquid gold mouthfeel! Very well-balanced and long. Notes of fruits, dried fruits, grass, honey, apple and chocolate. A delicate feeling is instilled by the light vanilla and toffee notes.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** What a great rum! It is perfectly balanced and harmonious, with a beautiful medley of fruits and wood and comforting dessert notes. All the aromas and flavours are very well-defined and integrated, creating an easy drink but also such an interesting product. Very well-made.



# Limoncello Rossi d'Asiago

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Italy

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 32 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 30 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Antiche Distillerie Riunite Srl  
[www.rossidasiago.com](http://www.rossidasiago.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Classic deep and milky yellow colour. Attractive and pleasing.

**AROMA:** A surprisingly shy citrus nose with a pleasing herbal finish. Liquorice and menthol provide some added freshness with some delightful floral notes of rose and jasmine.

**TASTE:** Fresh, silky lemon followed by superb candied pineapple and pleasing sourness. The sugar is well-integrated and delivers a long and textured finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** What it lacks on the nose, it makes up for on the palate. It is faultless! Alcohol, sugar and sourness are perfectly integrated and provide a solid foundation for an expressive citrus drink.

# Lingjiang Longteng Sihai

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Lingjiang Liquor Co.Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** On the nose, there is an intense solvent and nail varnish smell, very estery with impressions of baked apple and pineapple, liquorice, nuances of soy sauce, mustard and rice vinegar.

**TASTE:** On the palate, we find a balanced yet strong and complex mouthfeel, at the same time nice and bold, together with a fat, creamy texture. Aromas of burnt caramel and chocolate. Spicy, peppery and salty, with a very long finish. The spirit improves very much with some airing.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** This baijiu has a gastronomic profile, is nice to drink, yet still has intensity and typicity.

# Lingjiang Zhenhuai World Fuyun Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Lingjiang Liquor Co.ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Very classic nose, starting with clear sesame oil, followed by blue cheese and hints of fruity esters. The nose is quite intense and pleasing.

**TASTE:** The mouthfeel is pleasant and textured with a hot, dry and short finish. The palate reveals strong sesame flavours, with a cheese-led aftertaste. Some roasted flavours and coffee are also noticeable.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very classic sauce aroma baijiu showing average complexity. It is balanced and pleasant with a short finish.

# Linshui Yuquan 10 Years 42% vol

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Anhui Linshui Liquor Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and transparent colour.

**AROMA:** Pleasant nose full of sauce, grain and wild mushroom aromas followed by pineapple and fermented coconut milk. Truly exciting and a lot to discover with an earthy and rich aroma profile. Multi-layered personality.

**TASTE:** Beautiful flavour profile, showing lactic acidity with lots of roses and pomegranate seeds. Refreshing and vivid all the way to the finish. Well-balanced with a pungent feelin. Great effect, elegant in style.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complex and harmonious with a lot of flavours to discover. Certainly a very intense and long finish with plenty of detail.

# Liqueur à la Poire et au Cognac

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Luxembourg

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 35 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 5 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Difrulux Sarl  
[www.difrulux.lu](http://www.difrulux.lu)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright amber colour

**AROMA:** Pear candy and red apple aromas with nice, fine intensity.

**TASTE:** Many layers of flavours with powerful alcoholic presence but a long persistent finish. Well-judged, pleasant sweetness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Good balance between the nose and the palate.

# Liqueur de Poire Williams

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Belgium

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 35 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 218 g/l    |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Brasserie des Légendes  
[www.distilleriedebiercee.be](http://www.distilleriedebiercee.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright pale yellow

**AROMA:** Distinguished fruity and pear notes. Medium intensity and delicate aromas with hints of almonds.

**TASTE:** Fruity with notes of apples and bright, fresh pear notes. Shows a long finish and warming alcohol with faint underlying graininess and hints of sweet spices and honey.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very good balance. The flavours are consistent with the sugar and alcohol levels. Persistent and pleasant.

# Liu Lin Zui Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shaanxi Liulin Liquor Industry Group Co. Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Ripe fruit, especially pineapple, mango and sour cherries, but also herbal notes of dried mushrooms and foliage. Freshness from hints of vinegar and lemon zest. Aromatically complex!

**TASTE:** Nice, powerful intensity and persistence. Darker aspects of fermented mushrooms, soy sauce, and boiled cabbage, together with a brighter side of ripe fruit. All adds up to a feeling of high baijiu typicity. The aftertaste is very lightly smoky.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmony and balance are present, but the very estery character makes this exciting!

# ManTing Fang

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Nanjing zuihuachi Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Impressive balance on the nose with different aromatic peaks: fresh pineapple, mushrooms, flowers, nail polish... Powerful and elegant.

**TASTE:** A great explosion of flavour on the palate, very fruity with notes of pineapple, rose jam, pineapple sweets, citrus fruits and pear drops. Quite drying. Some freshness imparted by the esters. Spicy finish lingering with a long aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A well-made, well-structured and well-balanced baijiu. It is finer on the nose than on the palate, but very enjoyable from start to finish. Nonetheless.



# Marc Carvalho Americano Blend 1,5 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: MARC Distillery**  
<https://destilariamarc.com.br>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright gold, clear

**AROMA:** Very elegant nose with intense aromas from wood. Notes of spices, sweet spices, herbs, anise and warm brown sugar. Nicely sweet.

**TASTE:** Sweet opening followed by spicier notes. Soft. Medium to long persistence, quite intense. Notes of cinnamon.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A typical and harmonious cachaça, elegant and well-balanced. It is fresh, with a very natural feeling. As a delicious drink, it must be enjoyed neat!

# Mezcal 33 MLC. Mezcal Artesanal Reposado 100% Agave A. Angustifolia

Mezcal

Mexico

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Casa Mezcal Oaxaca 1934 Sapi de CV  
[www.mezcal33.com](http://www.mezcal33.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Intense and savoury nose, with smoky and roasted nuances. Intense and elegant fruit notes with some fresh hazelnut hints. A more animal side seems to be hiding. Notes of gasoline, ashes and smoked meat. Intriguing.

**TASTE:** Soft and delicate on the palate, with a medium to long smoky finish. The animal side is revealed in the mouth, with herbal notes, cured meat, worm tar. A touch of sweetness contrasts with more saline notes.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well made product which balances sweet and saline, animal and fruity notes. It has very nice persistence both on the nose and the palate with a very well-integrated peat feeling. Expressive and powerful, with elegance and finesse. Well done!

# Mezcal Doña Vega

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 43 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Undefined  |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Doña Vega  
[www.mezcaldonavega.com](http://www.mezcaldonavega.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and flawless.

**AROMA:** Intense nose, a little herbal. Aromas of cooked agave are present but they just feel a little buried under the smoke. Touches of citrus appear and add some complexity.

**TASTE:** Very expressive and complex on the tongue. Supple mouthfeel with nice freshness coming up, expansive yet elegant finish that feels almost peaty in its smokiness. Very pleasant with hints of fruit!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very balanced. The taste especially is beautiful.

# Mezcal Júrame 42%

Mezcal

Mexico

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,5 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Mezcal Ipiña, S.a. de C.v.  
[www.jurame.mx](http://www.jurame.mx)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Colourless, clean, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Complex and intense aromatic experience filled with cooked agaves. The aromas start on a vegetal note (celery, mushrooms and green capsicum) and develop towards a spicier character, featuring Jalapeno, nutmeg and cinnamon.

**TASTE:** Superb mouthfeel and flavours! The green capsicum elegantly develops toward spicy paprika, wrapped in minerality and sweetness. It is perfectly balanced.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A wonderful product, it is both suave and powerful, sweet and spicy at the same time with a long, lingering finish featuring notes of bitter chocolate.

# Mezcal Poder 1

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|                |   |                                      |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %                                 |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l                                |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | In the process<br>of being converted |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal                           |



**Company:** Grupo Mezcalero CHR S.A. DE C.V.  
[www.mezcalpoder.com](http://www.mezcalpoder.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Very intense and complex nose, both herbal, vegetal and animal. A very light smoky note after airing.

**TASTE:** The mouth carries over from the nose. It is intense and complex with a beautiful, light note of smoke. Ample mouthfeel, fruity, with very long persistence. Delightful.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-balanced and harmonious spirit with a powerful delivery of flavours and aromas and great intensity. This is a mezcal to please both amateurs and connoisseurs. Very well made.

# Mianrou Jainxiang Ten

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiangsu Haizhou Bay Wine Group Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Limpid and clear in colour.

**AROMA:** Elegant and subtle nose with plenty of pungent aromas, slightly nutty, lactic, shitake mushroom, goat cheese and fresh hay. Very complex and multi-layered scent with a delicate, fruity style.

**TASTE:** The palate continues where the nose left off with a suave texture, fruity and tart combination in complete harmony and perfect balance. Long finish with a faint earthy tone.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Long finish, very complex, well-balanced and very intense style. A concentrated, serious drink. Beautiful!

# Mianrou Jianxiang 15

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiangsu Haizhou Bay Wine Group Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Intense and rich aromas of pineapple and some coconut cream and butter notes. Light hints of soy sauce but also a fruity character. Fresh.

**TASTE:** Medium-bodied and smooth. Very elegant with hints of menthol, butter and cream. Hints of fresh pear. Very light and easy on the palate.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Elegant and fine with an outstanding finish. Very pleasant. Well done!

# Mirabelle - Fine de Luxembourg

Fruit Brandy

Luxemburg

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Domaine Viticole Zenner - Distillerie Artisanale Zenner  
[www.distillerie-zenner.lu](http://www.distillerie-zenner.lu)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Intense nose of mirabelle and plum with notes of apricot, red fruits, peach, toffee and plum pie. Hints of flowers and fruit stones.

**TASTE:** Fresh and delicate on the palate with well-defined, neat fruit flavours. Medium to long persistence. Slight bitterness imparted by the stones, but nonetheless pleasant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-balanced and neat spirit with clear and well-defined notes of mirabelle plum. The ABV is very well-integrated which makes it a very enjoyable sip.



# Miracielo

Spiced Rum

Guatemala

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 20 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: CB Products Inc  
[www.botranrums.com](http://www.botranrums.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright gold colour

**AROMA:** Very gentle nose with vanilla, pepper and citrus peel notes. Intense and attractive aromas.

**TASTE:** Good mouthfeel with the spices, well-balanced alcoholic strength with honey and caramel notes and a pleasant aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very good and balanced. Typical and very well-delivered character.

# Monsieur Gin

Gin

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Arspirits  
[www.arspirits.fr](http://www.arspirits.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Very clean, precise nose with intense juniper aromas and a light citrus note. An enjoyable salty touch and a hint of white peach. Great persistence and balance.

**TASTE:** A slightly poorer but nonetheless pleasant mouthfeel. Clear juniper notes, with a nice floral sweetness. Long bitter finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** This is a very good example of gin, that ticks all the boxes. It is well-balanced and harmonious, not overly complex but fine. Could the mouth be as lively and rich as the nose?

# Muscat Hamburg

Grape Rakya

North Macedonia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 1 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Kamnik Distillery  
<https://chateaukamnik.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Aromatic and powerful with notes of grapes, roses, jasmine and elderflower. Very clean aromas and intensity with very well-integrated alcohol content.

**TASTE:** Very light and pleasant astringency. Good body, textured and elegant, delivering all the floral notes in a long aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and elegant on the finish, the roses and jasmine aromas continue to linger. Very accessible and typical.

## Noces Royales

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 30 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 150 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Spiritique  
[www.spiritique.fr](http://www.spiritique.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright deep gold colour

**AROMA:** Ripe apple and Williams pears. Fresh aromas with intense fruity and floral notes and hints of honey and perfume.

**TASTE:** Balanced with a lush mouthfeel showing salted caramel, apples and wine-baked pears in a long finish with well-integrated alcohol and sugar.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A well-balanced and very pleasant spirit.

# Pastis Ardent

Anise-flavoured

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 100 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Les Vintrepides  
[www.ardentspirits.be](http://www.ardentspirits.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Golden yellow like colour.

**AROMA:** Notes of liquorice, anise and flowers. Gentle and delicate in style yet fairly pronounced, followed by a suave tone and refined spiciness.

**TASTE:** Fresh and spicy with the right amount of sweetness. Well-balanced long, lingering finish with robust alcohol along the way.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmonious and well-balanced in style. Sweet, fresh and spicy, lovely layers of complexity. Well-made with excellent typicity.

# Pastis Henri BardYesn

Anise-flavoured

France Provence

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 50 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Distilleries et Domaines de Provence  
[www.distilleries-provence.com](http://www.distilleries-provence.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Light straw yellow, clear and bright, with a thick louche developing after adding water.

**AROMA:** The nose feels herbal and floral, with light aniseed and even liquorice aromas. A spicy touch appears at the very end.

**TASTE:** Herbal on the palate, with a well-structured mouthfeel even after dilution. Bold aniseed and liquorice dominate. A touch of spicy Chile heat on the finish is unexpected.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very herbal. Interesting because of its unique personality!

# Pastis Patinette

Anise-flavoured

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Gervin  
[www.gervin.be](http://www.gervin.be)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Light yellow straw colour, a thick louche develops after adding water.

**AROMA:** The very delicate nose shows big aniseed seed and fennel aromas together with lots of green spice.

**TASTE:** Good length with well-balanced dry and sweet aspects. Strong aniseed flavors dominate, but with water the other botanicals evolve and add complexity to the aftertaste. A little tongue-numbing on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A good, clean spirit with lots of aniseed flavours.

# Patte Blanche VSOP

Cognac

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 6,6 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** SARL Distillerie de Chez Sabourin  
<https://distilleriesabourin.com>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright golden amber colour, legs appear on the glass.

**AROMA:** Tropical fruit notes define the nose, for example lychee appears, and floral aspects add to this – in total this smells elegant and promising!

**TASTE:** The fruit from the nose is also carried over to the rounded, full palate. The spirit feels well-balanced with some light acidity and wood notes, it stays powerful through to the medium-length finish. Very harmonious and easy to drink!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Aromatic and full, but not overdone and interestingly different from the usual heavy-handed cognacs!



# Pineau des Charentes Blanc Deau

Liqueur Wine/Mistelle

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 17,5 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 142 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie des Moisans  
[www.distillerie-des-moisans.com](http://www.distillerie-des-moisans.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright, clear gold with a hint of pink and rust

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with notes of cooked fruits, red fruits and honey. Very delicate aromas of flowers and pepper.

**TASTE:** Good acidity and sweetness without being cloying. Mellow and smooth. Medium finish with notes of raisins and honey and a distinct hint of chamomile.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Balanced, complex, elegant and fine. Well done!

# Pisco Mosto Verde Italia Gran Paso

Pisco

Peru Ica

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Industrias Saviagro Sac  
[www.piscogranpaso.com](http://www.piscogranpaso.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Medium-intense, but very elegant nose, fruity and fresh. Fine spicy notes, hints of vegetables and dried flowers.

**TASTE:** Smooth, elegant and expressive mouthfeel. Well-structured with initial sweetness and a spicy finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and harmonious, this is a great example of pisco, showing complexity, finesse and elegance.

# Porto Morretes Premium 3 Years

Cachaça

Brazil

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 43 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Yes        |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Agroecologica Marumbi  
[www.portomorretes.com.br](http://www.portomorretes.com.br)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright golden colour

**AROMA:** Very sophisticated, elegant aromas with nice vanilla and caramel, faint volatile pineapple notes and good persistence.

**TASTE:** Nice intensity with vanilla notes well combined. Finishing with dark chocolate. Very delicate and complex. Long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very good balance and harmony. Very well made with a beautiful aromatic spectrum.

# Pracatu Branquinha

Cachaça

Brazil

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 39 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Pracatu Ltda

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Very intense on the nose. Herbaceous notes with clear freshly-cut cane and cane juice. Delicate and elegant, with notes of vegetables, bananas and candied fruits. Slightly minty.

**TASTE:** Bright and fresh on the palate with good acidity. Round and very persistent. Spicier on the palate with notes of liquorice and tropical fruits. Slightly dry and mineral on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A cachaça that takes us on a very delicate and elegant journey, with balance and harmony. Very successful!

## Proud Irish

Irish Whisky

Ireland

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: Polini Group**  
<https://www.polinigroup.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Nice amber colour with good viscosity dripping slowly down the glass

**AROMA:** Intriguing aromas of wheat, fresh grains and wood. Very well-balanced notes of honey and fresh fruits, mint and peanut butter.

**TASTE:** Mild and soft at point of entry, flowing into fruity, grainy and toasted aromas showing some nuttiness and expressing the oak with a pleasant mouthfeel and a spicy finish that sits perfectly.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Wonderful balanced harmony, full of character and very pleasant.

# Punch Mabi Gingembre

Flavoured Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 34 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 150 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: SAS Mabi  
[www.punchmabi.fr](http://www.punchmabi.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clean and bright color

**AROMA:** Unidimensional lemon and ginger notes. Plain.

**TASTE:** Sweet and strong spicy notes with dominant notes of ginger and a hint of lemon.  
Harsh.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A little too aggressive and unbalanced.

# Purificación Ginebra Bugambilia

Gin

Mexico

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Purificacion Laboratorio de Destilados

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Violet or mauve colour, bright and clear.

**AROMA:** On the nose, there is initial floral violet, backed up by herbal thyme and rosemary. Juniper and citrus add freshness, a spicy aspect of black pepper and cardamom is present but not aggressive at all.

**TASTE:** On the palate, there is an initial juniper kick, followed up by violet aromas. In general, very earthy, spicy and bitter, but not overpoweringly so, with some pine notes. Short and dry mouthfeel, but still balanced.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Delicate and still typical with a very interesting development of spiciness!

# QianJiuYuanZhuGuoYan

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: LiangCaoCangYouXianGongSi

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Perfectly clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Perfumed nose with yoghurt, raspberry, pineapple and almond notes. Very pleasant aromas.

**TASTE:** Peanuts, sesame and soy sauce. Hints of sauteed mushrooms. Good persistence. Rounded and balanced.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very complex and elegant. Typical and a good example of the category. Very well-integrated alcohol.



# Qingkun Chaxiang

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,2 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: HunanNinheLiquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Light nose with full-on presence of fresh fruit, especially pineapple, and touches of bamboo. Floral aspects of jasmine and fresh mountain herbs are also present. A whiff of mushrooms.

**TASTE:** Full and strong aromas, touches of mushrooms, soy and fish sauce, hints of grains and pineapple. Balanced aromas and alcohol, soft mouthfeel and well-integrated in all aspects.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very nice, complete package. Beautiful to drink and enjoy!

# Red Star Erguotou Baijiu Lanhua Shiwu 46%vol

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Beijing Red Star Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Strong, aromatic nose with clear notes of pear drops and pineapple, followed by a wine-like character. Further nosing reveals more savoury notes of over-ripe cheese and soy sauce and a pleasing hint of oxidation. There is a lot going on here!

**TASTE:** The palate is surprising. It shows fresh pineapple with light soy sauce, and a clear geosmin flavour throughout. The texture is full and fat, fruity and sweet, complex and balanced... Like the nose, the retro-nasal aromas are full of life.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Flavourful, complex and very interesting. Delicate at first with an absolutely endless finish!

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Soju

China, Taiwan

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Hengchi Distillery

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour.

**AROMA:** Pronounced nose with plenty of fruit aromas of grapefruit peel, spice and coriander in the background. Pristine, with appealing quintessential aromas.

**TASTE:** Medium plus flavour concentration with cereal, green apple, light minerality and a refined, sweet mid-palate adding dimension. Well-integrated alcohol and perfect balance. Long finish with intense quality and a subtle texture. Bright and well-crafted with great personality. Quite simply an amazing product.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Absolute harmony with a lively profile. Multi-layered as well as mouth-coating and showing great typicity too. Long finish.

# Rhum Agricole Extra Vieux HSE Small Cask 46°

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Valois cie  
[www.rhumhse.com](http://www.rhumhse.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bronze colour, clear.

**AROMA:** Soft, intense nose with precious wood overtones along with fruits and spices. Notes of dried fruits, cinnamon, cherries, baking spices, sawdust, orange peel, vanilla, toffee and coffee. Very inviting.

**TASTE:** Full-bodied and lively mouthfeel. Complex wood and sugarcane flavours, supported by warming alcohol. Notes of dried fruits, cedar, tobacco, toffee, butterscotch, coffee and vanilla. A long and pleasant drier finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A lively and comforting rum, with enjoyable complexity, perfect balance and harmony.

# Rhum Agricole HSE Elevé Sous Bois 42°

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Valois cie  
[www.rhumhse.com](http://www.rhumhse.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Amazing bright, clear amber

**AROMA:** Deep and complex aromas. Dry with notes of vanilla, sugarcane syrup, Brazil nuts and roasted coffee beans.

**TASTE:** Good balance between the nose and the palate. The flavours are consistent with the nose aromas, showing notes of vanilla and sugarcane syrup. Vegetal aromas and spices are present and finish with a long coffee aftertaste. Very complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very pleasant, complex and interesting development of flavours. Outstanding unfurling of aromas.

# Rhum Blanc LonguetEAU Le 40

Agricultural Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie LonguetEAU  
[www.rhumlonguetEAU.com](http://www.rhumlonguetEAU.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright colour

**AROMA:** Impressive richness of aroma, fruity with ripe bananas, apricot and some vanilla notes flowing into nuts and almonds. Vegetal, very fresh and open. Very complex.

**TASTE:** Very round and light, some flowers are noticeable and lemon notes at the end. Very fresh yet intense, shows a fruitiness that reflects the nose aromas with good persistence. Amazingly elegant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very interesting, gin-like notes. Intriguing and aromatic. Showing very good balance, it is harmonious and shows all the typicality of a good agricultural rum.

# Rhum Blanc LonguetEAU Le 50

Agricultural Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie LonguetEAU  
[www.rhumlonguetEAU.com](http://www.rhumlonguetEAU.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Nice clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Fine cereal, brown sugar and a fruity character on the nose. Intense but pleasant alcoholic strength. Complex and intriguing bouquet.

**TASTE:** Sweet and spicy with herbal notes. Intense and full-bodied with good fruit hints at the end. Good harmony and magnificently balanced flavours.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful aromatic spectrum with a full-bodied feel and complex character. Amazing harmony!

# Rhum Bologne 50°

Agricultural Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Société Agricole de Bologne  
[www.rhumbologne.fr](http://www.rhumbologne.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Crystal clear, brilliant and bright.

**AROMA:** An intriguing and attractive nose! Spicy aromas of fresh sugar cane, with hints of citrus fruit. This is supported by freshness from a lactic and even slightly mentholic aspect. Very clean and elegant!

**TASTE:** Initially very strong, the rum increases in weight ever more, into the long, fresh and powerful finish, all the while staying completely balanced and elegant. Spicy. Makes you salivate.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Highly expressive and excellent in all aspects! Exactly what you expect from an agricultural rum.



# Rhum JM Blanc Sérigraphié 50% 70cl

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Héritiers Crassous de Médeuil SAS  
[www.rhum-jm.com](http://www.rhum-jm.com); [www.rhum-clement.com](http://www.rhum-clement.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, clean and bright, just perfect.

**AROMA:** Fresh cane well expressed! The aromatic structure is great, the nose feels intense, with complex aspects of floral notes, touches of citric fruit, and balsamic honey. Highly typical and balanced!

**TASTE:** On the palate, the rum starts softly, growing over time. Sweet, but complex, with a discreet freshness that starts the very long and spicy finish with reminiscences of ginger.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Wonderfully balanced, very attractive! Excellent!

# Rhum JM Vieux Epices Créoles 46% 70cl

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Héritiers Crassous de Médeuil SAS  
[www.rhum-jm.com](http://www.rhum-jm.com); [www.rhum-clement.com](http://www.rhum-clement.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Dark gold, clean

**AROMA:** Very good complexity on the nose, with notes of coffee, cocoa, chocolate, vanilla, herbs and spices. A buttery feeling. Fine and elegant.

**TASTE:** Fatty mouthfeel, very intense and complex. Opens to woody notes of vanilla, cocoa and chocolate, then vegetal notes on the palate and sugarcane on the finish. Great persistence and harmony.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Excellent! This is an excellent rum, with excellent complexity, excellent harmony and excellent balance. Though it opens to very strong woody notes, it evolves perfectly into lovely sugarcane, just as you would expect of a mature agricultural rum!

# Rhum JM Vieux Terroir Volcanique 43% 70cl

Agricultural Rum

**Martinique**

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Héritiers Crassous de Médeuil SAS  
[www.rhum-jm.com](http://www.rhum-jm.com); [www.rhum-clement.com](http://www.rhum-clement.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright gold colour.

**AROMA:** Medium plus intensity on the nose, with characterful raw ingredients, juicy sugar cane followed by dried fruit, nuts, caramel and fig. A touch of coconut, vanilla, honey and lovely sweetness appear on the nose from the start.

**TASTE:** Medium full intensity on the palate with a balanced body and flavour profile, well-integrated as well. Smooth texture with a dash of sweet fruitiness underlined by plenty of sweet spice and tropical fruit. Complex and elegant with a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-made with great balance. An absolute recommendation with a rounded and fruity profile. Good typicity and personality.

# Rhum Très Vieux Clément

Rum

Martinique

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 42 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Undefined  |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Héritiers H.Clément

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright strong gold colour

**AROMA:** Delicate, elegant aromas with fudge notes, candied fruit and figs. Hints of almonds and cocoa. Impressive bouquet.

**TASTE:** Smooth and mild on the palate with more presence of the woody notes recalling caramel, but well integrated with the fruity nose suggestions.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Balanced with a pleasant aftertaste. Impressively wide range of aromas.

# Rhum vieux 7 ans Isautier

Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 136 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Rhums Punchs Isautier  
[www.isautier.com](http://www.isautier.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear and clean light golden hue with no noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Subtle, complex and interesting nose filled with the expected woody aromas and plenty of pleasing esters wrapped in toffee, caramel and milk chocolate.

**TASTE:** The palate doesn't disappoint! It is equally complex and beautifully textured! The usual flavours are here and underlined by a wonderful trace of salted caramel.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A sweet and moreish rum that manages to balance sweetness and complexity effortlessly!

# Rhum Vieux Agricole HSE Kilchoman 44°

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 44 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Valois cie  
[www.rhumhse.com](http://www.rhumhse.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Intense copper colour, clear

**AROMA:** Intense nose, though closed at first. Nicely soft and woody. Well-defined sugarcane aromas, along with notes of vanilla, dark chocolate, sweet spices, coconut and tobacco. Slightly smoky, with a touch of tannins.

**TASTE:** Good intensity in the mouth, with more of the nose aromas carrying over. Light and dry body, with a slight but not unpleasant astringency and warming alcohol. Spicier finish. Notes of dried fruits, sweet spices and candy cane. More subdued sugarcane flavours. Long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A quite atypical rum but nevertheless very enjoyable, showing the qualities expected for its style but with a bite! The slight astringency, smoky notes and higher ABV are a nice addition to a well-mastered and more traditional aromatic profile.

# Rhum Vieux Clément 10 ans

Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Héritiers H.Clément

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Brilliant and clear, amber colour, without any faults.

**AROMA:** Subtle honey and caramel notes are the first impressions on the nose. Vanilla, coconut and sugar cane provide aromatic touches, with some orange fruit, oak wood and tobacco adding a spicy component. Elegant and complex!

**TASTE:** Smooth onset, intense and deep flavors of sweet fruit and vanilla develop, but the mouthfeel stays dry. Bitter and hot finish, dominated by wood.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very elegant, balanced and yet characterful.

# Rhum Vieux Clément 15 ans

Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 42 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Héritiers H.Clément

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Rich, bright and clean golden amber.

**AROMA:** Very intense nose with a lot of cask influence, but the sugarcane manages to push through. The nose features everything that is good about wood, with a clear American oak/coconut aroma followed softer and pleasant vanilla and dried fruit. There is a lovely lingering rancio note throughout.

**TASTE:** Everything promised on the nose is perfectly delivered! The palate is bold - borderline aggressive! And points to a well-matured rum. Some sweetness is sustained, but overall, the finish is quite tannic and complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Definitely an assertive product. The wood is very present and adds a lot of complex tannins and a slight - but pleasing - bitterness. This is not for beginners, but people who can appreciate it, will!



# Rhum Vieux Clément Single Cask Moka Torréfié

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 41,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Héritiers H.Clément

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Intense gold colour

**AROMA:** A soft, fine nose that seems to lack intensity at first but opens up after a while. Light wood aromas with notes of herbs, angelica root, butterscotch, coffee, sweet spices and vanilla. A touch of sugarcane.

**TASTE:** The palate opens to spicy notes and tropical fruits flowing into a dryer earthy finish. Discreet sugarcane. Medium length.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made and typical example of its category. Well-balanced and harmonious. Charming and complex without showing off, it has everything to be expected of a mature agricultural rum.

# Rhum Vieux LonguetEAU Concerto

Agricultural Rum

Guadeloupe

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 48,5 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Distillerie LonguetEAU  
[www.rhumlonguetEAU.com](http://www.rhumlonguetEAU.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright golden amber

**AROMA:** Medium intensity but great structure on the nose. A fruity opening leads to more woody notes. Soft esters imparting apple notes, along with hazelnut and white chocolate. Good balance.

**TASTE:** Very intense mouthfeel with notes of spices, dried fruits and apple. Long aftertaste, slightly dry. Pleasantly fresh.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Clear, neat and right. A well-made, perfectly mastered mature rum, with great balance between all the aromas and flavours, and harmony between the nose and the palate. A beautiful product!

# Rivière du Mat

Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Gold colour with a brown tone.

**AROMA:** Dark molasses, elegant fruity, estery notes with refreshing banana, pineapple cigar box and caramel. Clear expression and a well-defined personality.

**TASTE:** Bold spice with medium sweetness, flashy oak spice followed by tobacco, caramel and molasses. Well delivered sweet spice like vanilla and gingerbread with a supple texture.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Creamy long finish with perfect balance between the alcohol and sweetness. Subtle yet delicate and well-made.

## Rivière du Mat 1886

Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Pleasing woody hue without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Really compelling nose packed with aroma and perfectly complimented by well-judged alcohol. The aromas are centred around wood and sweet spices; plums, honey, vanilla, nuts, chocolate and hints of roasted coffee.

**TASTE:** Complex, dry and tannic mouthfeel. The flavours are perfectly aligned with the aromas, with some sweet vanilla and waffles, underscored by nuts and dried fruits.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very complex and enjoyable rum showcasing all that is good when sugarcane meets wood! The pleasant rancio gives it personality and character. Perhaps, and only perhaps, the ethanol may be too assertive

# Rivière du Mat Spiced

Spiced Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 35 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clean amber colour

**AROMA:** Very well-balanced and intense with spiced and herbal aromas. Hints of chocolate, almonds and pepper.

**TASTE:** Smooth at the beginning, develops gently on the palate with spiced and vegetal notes. Elegant and persistent.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very well-balanced. Flavourful, rich and typical.

# Rivière du Mat Vieux Grande Réserve

Rum

Reunion

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright gold colour

**AROMA:** Distinctive note of vanilla at the beginning with a very elegant feeling of caramel, cherries and spices.

**TASTE:** Very pleasant and sweet in the mouth with good body and strong vanilla and spice notes. Long aftertaste with well-integrated alcohol.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Good complexity and balance of the aromas and flavours. Good typicity.

# Roland Bru Cognac Napoléon

Cognac

France Charentes

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 7,1 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie des Moisans  
[www.distillerie-des-moisans.com](http://www.distillerie-des-moisans.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clean, polished and pleasing amber hue.

**AROMA:** Rich and powerful nose filled with cooked and fresh apple aromas followed by dried fruits and candied orange wrapped in a pleasing and final vanilla tone.

**TASTE:** Raisin, figs and dried dates wrapped in leather with a slight hint of freshly-cut citrus peel.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made product with no noticeable faults. It is well-aged and retains very good balance of wood vs. freshness.

# Rompope Coronado Capuchino

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

Mexico San Luis Potosí

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 10 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 20 g/l     |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Rompope Coronado S.A. de C.V.  
<https://rompopecoronado.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Brilliant brown colour in an inviting café latte style.

**AROMA:** For the nose, this feels well-made both for intensity and complexity. Coffee with a shot of milk, roasted almonds or hazelnuts and a soft butterscotch aroma, with a surprising peppermint touch

**TASTE:** The palate starts with a very soft, creamy and accessible mouthfeel. The rich taste of milk coffee is complemented by a nice chocolatey and not too sweet finish. Very round and well-balanced!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful dessert!



# Ron Santiago de Cuba Añejo 8 Years

Rum

Cuba

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 5 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Katlist LTD  
[www.katlist.com](http://www.katlist.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright and polished yellow, pale amber hue.

**AROMA:** Very interesting, fruity nose with aromas of apples and pears followed by traces of molasses and buttered caramel. A pastry pantry in a glass!

**TASTE:** Soft and fruity on the palate as well with aromatic sweetness and elegant and soft buttery vanilla notes.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Wonderful balance and array of aromas. This rum is aromatic and well-balanced and offers flavours and aromas for everyone!

# Rosemont Orange Electrique

Bitter

Canada Québec

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 23,5 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 75 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie de Montréal  
[www.distilleriedemontreal.com](http://www.distilleriedemontreal.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clean, bright orange colour

**AROMA:** Sweet, floral aromas like roses and elderflower with a hint of orange at the end.

**TASTE:** Bitter with fruity notes and an orange aftertaste and good balance. Some herbal notes, thyme and a delicate hay tone.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Light and bittersweet. Typical. Very balanced and elegant.

# Rosemont Rhum Blanc

Rum

Canada Québec

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 21 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie de Montréal  
[www.distilleriedemontreal.com](http://www.distilleriedemontreal.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear.

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with very good raw material characters. An intriguing medley of cane and ester notes from fermentation. Very fruity and fresh, with great persistence. Notes of burnt sugar, molasses and plums. Very inviting.

**TASTE:** Rich mouthfeel with really interesting enzymatic notes. The initial alcohol goes away quickly and leaves room for a rich and full-bodied mouthful. Some still character, with pear esters, hints of honey and petrol and a touch of burnt sugar. Persistent.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A rum with a strong character, well-made, elegant and harmonious. Whilst very pleasant in itself, it would be perfectly suited to mixology. Yes to a daiquiri please!

# Rum Coloma 15 años

Rum

Colombia

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 13 g/l     |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Coloma Ltda  
[www.coloma.com.co](http://www.coloma.com.co)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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APPEARANCE: #N/A

AROMA: #N/A

TASTE: #N/A

OVERALL IMPRESSION: #N/A

# Saint James 12 Years Old

Agricultural Rum

Martinique

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|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 43 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** CEPP  
[www.la-martiniquaise.com](http://www.la-martiniquaise.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Medium, clear and polished orange amber with pleasing legs.

**AROMA:** Intense and persistent nose with plenty of cask character - vanilla, coconut and cookie dough - followed by more earthy liquorice and roots. Some orange peel and orchard fruits are clearly noticeable.

**TASTE:** The palate is a bit surprising but well executed. The orchard apples and pears have developed into candied apples followed by sultanas and more dried fruits. The oak brings a slightly resinous texture.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made, typical mature agricultural rum. The aroma and flavour profile is very typical and basic, but very well executed.

# Sambuca Extra Ambrata

Anise-flavoured

Italy Lazio

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 410 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: D.F.G. SRL  
[www.dfgocce.com](http://www.dfgocce.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear straw yellow colour.

**AROMA:** Fragrant on the nose with lively aromas of anise followed by coffee, caramel and sweet herbs. The smoky and spicy combo adds a lot of colour to the perfume.

**TASTE:** Anise and coffee notes with sweetness and balanced alcohol suggest a very interesting and perhaps even usual style within the category. Long finish, well-balanced, delicious and surprising at the same time.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A Sambuca with a twist and personality. Layered, complex and multi-dimensional.

# Señorío Mezcal Añejo

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: AGPCH  
[www.casaagp.com](http://www.casaagp.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean, polished and pleasing light gold.

**AROMA:** Slightly shy but complex nose which boasts aromas of citrus, apple and lemongrass with a touch of vanilla and some hints of umami.

**TASTE:** Well-structured mouthfeel. The alcohol is well-integrated and compliments the nose perfectly. The fruity aromas are delicately wrapped in pleasing smoke and flow into a soft agave earthiness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very balanced tequila, it delivers everything that is good about agaves with persistence and elegance.

# Shaokang Long

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 51 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shaokonglong Holding Group Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** Intense nose, earthy at first then developing more fruity notes. Clear pineapple notes. Good persistence.

**TASTE:** Gentle, rounded taste of fruits and anise with a long fruity aftertaste. A touch of dark chocolate on opening. Nice sweetness and well-integrated alcohol.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A typical but very well-made baijiu, with great harmony between the aromas and taste. It is easy to drink and well-balanced.



# Shi Rong Xiao 1915

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou National Liquor Group Sales Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Classic and elegant sauce aroma nose. It boasts plenty of fermented soy and mushrooms with toasted sesame. Further nosing dives into freshly muddled hummus with a touch of gentian and a lick of citrus zest.

**TASTE:** Textured and silky mouthfeel, the palate is very earthy, featuring plenty of salty mushrooms, soy sauce and roasted cacao nibs. The palate has a lovely intriguing development from sweet to sour with a flavourful aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Earthy, balanced and yet somehow very fresh. It is very well-made and bound to please fans of sauce aroma baijius.

# Shihu Jiangjiu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Jiangjiu Intelligentmaking Supply Chain Co.ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished, with just a pale hint of yellow; it is without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Very complex nose packed with a wide range of aromas (overripe pineapple, floral iris, musky seaweed, sweet bitter cacao nibs, roasted sesame) all blending into one another effortlessly.

**TASTE:** Sweet and sour initially, the palate continues to dwell on the diverse mix of flavours. The fruit esters are a little more present and balance out the earthier tones. The whole mouthfeel is full-bodied and has a lingering spicy finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** With such an eclectic array of aromas and flavours, this is without a doubt, the Salvador Dali of sauce aroma baijius.

# Sixteen Generations Zhenpin

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Gui Winery Industry Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** The nose is not very expressive and the aromas are quite subdued. Shows the usual light touch of fermented soy and sesame, but very shy!

**TASTE:** Much better on the palate. It is earthy with lovely sauce, darkly roasted coffee and sesame followed by some dark, bitter chocolate. Fruity esters are more prevalent on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The baijiu comes alive on the palate and delivers quite a bit more than expected, featuring a pleasing, sweet finish similar to French agricultural rum.

# Sotol Reposado La Promesa

Sotol

Mexico Chihuahua

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 38 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | Yes        |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Sotol La Promesa  
[www.lapromesa.mx](http://www.lapromesa.mx)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright white gold colour

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with bell pepper and lime juice notes, a hint of green herbs and honey and floral aromas. The smoked aromas are very elegant and nicely balanced with the other notes on the nose.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity and a smooth feel with well-integrated alcohol. Creamy green pepper notes with a pleasant hint of lime zest and roasted vegetables on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very typical and balanced, it offers an enjoyable flavour experience with a long and complex aftertaste.

# Tavria XO 9 Years

Cognac

Ucrania

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Undefined  |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Irina Lukasheva

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright dark amber colour

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with some harshness, but elegant. Pronounced aromas of wood, caramel, mint, raisins and exotic fruits.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity with a soft and rounded feel and good body. Fresh fruit notes and an elegant dry finish. Balanced and long aftertaste with well-integrated alcohol, mirroring the nose.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very interesting, well-balanced and quite typical. A very good example of the category.

# Tepoltzin Guerrerense

Mezcal

Mexico Guerrero

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 40 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 2,5 g/l    |
| Organic | : | Yes        |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Mujeres del Mezcal

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, without any faults.

**AROMA:** Botanical, both vegetal and floral with a light smokiness that doesn't prevail. Fine, clean and delicate nose! High agave typicity with a touch of citrus and butter.

**TASTE:** Persistent and typical, well-defined for both the agave fruit and smoke. Jasmine taste, light phenolic notes and hints of earthy mushroom all add up to beautiful complexity. Nice length with a slightly too dry, astringent aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Characterful with lots of agave shining through, yet elegant, very fine and balanced!

# Tequila Cosmos Extra Añejo Cristalino 5 years

Tequila

Mexico Jalisco

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 35 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Tequila Cosmos  
<https://www.tequilacosmos.com>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour

**AROMA:** Medium intensity with a wonderful nose showing herbal and floral notes. Impressive back aromas of essence of blue agave. Perfect nose.

**TASTE:** Light and floral with warming and smooth sensations in equal measures. Good body on the attack, falls away in the middle of the palate but returns with a long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complexity balanced between the nose and the palate. Very pleasant and flavourful. Deep in intensity with no faults.

# The Only Way Is Gin

Gin

United Kingdom

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company: The Only Way Is Gin**  
<https://www.theonlywayisgin.co.uk>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, transparent and brilliant.

**AROMA:** Fruity, orange, zest of citrus fruit, only very light juniper. Hints of butter, butterscotch and soft coriander, even a touch of liquorice.

**TASTE:** Initially very round and smooth, yet light in mouthfeel. Creamy impressions of biscuit and caramel. Finally, there is a short, mineral finish. In total, this gin feels very harmonious and complex.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** An excellent gin, fruity, complex and very enjoyable!



# Tianci Dituo-Jiaocang

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Heng Fu Distillery Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Crystal clear, clean and bright.

**AROMA:** The nose feels very soft, fresh and clean, alcohol is well-integrated. Full and creamy aromas of dark chocolate, soy sauce, almonds and sesame, and even a little pineapple fruitiness create a very pleasant impression.

**TASTE:** The palate is intense and persistent, yet still with finesse. Salty and mineral and sweet and creamy at the same time, with hints of sesame oil and peanuts. Long and full, still clean and fresh finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and harmonious. Complex and yet easy to drink!

# Tianyoude Export Gold Label

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Qinghai Huzhu Barley Wine Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, colourless and brilliant.

**AROMA:** The nose feels dry and dark, with herbal touches of sorghum and fruity grapes, and a final whiff of nail polish.

**TASTE:** Pleasant and smooth mouthfeel, yet still delicate and with spicy anise on the onset and mild fruit like pear and banana. A slightly metallic yet soft finish lingers nicely. Alcohol is well-integrated which allows the subtle flavours to work.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-made, smooth and beautiful!

# Tokaj gin

Gin

Hungary Tokajhegyalja

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 47 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Seven Hills Distillery Kft.  
sevenhillsdistillery.com

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, transparent and brilliant.

**AROMA:** Very expressive, lots of impressions of juniper. Despite the richness, the nose feels fine and elegant, as some floral aspects are also present.

**TASTE:** Herbal and fruity, round and long mouthfeel with lots of intensity and complexity. Slightly bitter, but with successful integration of juniper and other botanicals. Harmonious, long finish with a bit of spiciness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Persistent juniper, intensity and great balance make this a winner!

# Triple Sec Curaçao Blanc

Liqueur, "Crème de fruits" and Cream

France

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 155 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie de Grandmont  
[www.distillerie-de-grandmont.com](http://www.distillerie-de-grandmont.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Mostly clear with a slightly yellow hue. It is polished with pronounced and appetizing legs.

**AROMA:** Very clear and powerful lemon aromas! The nose is fresh, balanced and pleasing, with well-controlled alcohol presence leading to some hints of spices.

**TASTE:** The palate is textured, with a very good balance between flavours, alcohol and sugar. The three actors play very well together without overpowering one another. The citrus flavours oscillate between fresh lemons and citrus peel.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Elegant, delicate and balanced with a lasting mouthfeel. The sugar is perfectly well-integrated and absolutely not cloying! Well done.

# Valéo BIO Gin

Gin

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | Yes        |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie de Maredsous  
<https://www.maredsous-gin.com/>

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, transparent and brilliant.

**AROMA:** Fine, elegant, complex, almost Mediterranean nose. Juniper is present, but the floral aspects and citrus fruit are dominant, reminiscent of candies. Airing improves the nose even further.

**TASTE:** The palate starts off with a sharp and spicy edge, leading to a full and pleasant mouthfeel. Juniper and citrus fruit are also present in the taste, which is generally complex with nice length to the smooth finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Elegant and balanced, with the taste even better than the smell!

# Vecchia Romagna Riserva Tre Botti

Brandy

Italy

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Montenegro SRL

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, clean and polished amber with no noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Sweet, pleasant nose laden with aromas of grapes and evolving towards raisins wrapped in sweet wood spices such as vanilla and cinnamon.

**TASTE:** Completely aligning with the nose, the palate is packed with raisins, orange peel and dried apricots followed by everything good about wood - vanilla, cinnamon and sweet dessert spices.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The after taste is a little drier than expected and delivers warming alcohol. It remains balanced, smooth and pleasing through to the end. A good example of the category.

## Vermouth 69

### Vermouth & Aromatised Wine

Italy Lombardia

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 18 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 180 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Distillerie Peroni Maddalena  
[www.distillerieperoni.it](http://www.distillerieperoni.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and pleasant copper, red amber with no identifiable faults.

**AROMA:** An intense and alluring nose filled with oranges and ripe lemons underlined by clean, supple vanilla. Definitely moreish and fruity.

**TASTE:** Perfect balance between the sweet/sour/bitter elements. The mouthfeel is textured and complex, packed with botanical complexity and fruits.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very well-made product. The nose and the palate are in complete agreement with one another, and deliver a pleasing and lingering flavour profile all the way to the end.

# Vermouth di Torino Classico Del Professore

Vermouth & Aromatised Wine

Italy Piemonte

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 18 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 178 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Del Professore Ltd  
[www.delprofessore.it](http://www.delprofessore.it)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Golden, bright, fresh and appealing yellow, with no apparent faults.

**AROMA:** Fresh, intense and powerful nose! Packed with herbal character. Wormwood is immediately present followed by citrus and pronounced vanilla. Beautifully complex.

**TASTE:** Slightly sweet at first, but with a very pleasant acidity and bitterness, courtesy of the wormwood. The citrus and vanilla play second fiddle with more spices opening up on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Well-balanced and pleasing in all aspects. The spices and botanicals complement the wine perfectly and deliver a vermouth delicately aromatized with plenty of character.



# VOLUME 7 GIN

Gin

Belgium

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Woodfish Vof  
[www.volume7gin.com](http://www.volume7gin.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

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**APPEARANCE:** Clear, transparent and brilliant.

**AROMA:** Expressive and typical nose from the beginning. Intense juniper, supported by coriander seed and black pepper, later even menthol with a touch of eucalyptus. This is really inviting!

**TASTE:** Fresh citrus, fruity with a hint of peach skin, and herbal, accompanied by spicy effects. Rich and balanced mouthfeel, which leads to a long, well-structured finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very fine, elegant product with distinctive typicity!

# Wang Cai Jin Yuan Bao Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,3 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Samroo International Trading Pty Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** A delicate and pleasing nose, with appealing complexity. A touch of pineapple wrapped in intense soy sauce at first, followed by some enticing roasted peanuts and some clear cloves.

**TASTE:** It is quite brutal at first, but dissipates quickly to leave a textured mouthfeel, mirroring the nose perfectly. The roasted peanut aromas and flavours are really the star players of this baijiu.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A balanced product with good typicity. A benchmark for the category.

# Wang Defang Shaofang 1915

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Jinjiao liquor (Group) Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Medium intensity on the nose but very elegant. Typical notes of flowers, soy sauce and nuts. Quite creamy. Very pleasing.

**TASTE:** Very elegant mouthfeel, with layered delivery of flavours. Beautiful opening, length and persistence. Nutty and creamy, with all the expected flavours.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful product, highly representative of its category. It lives up to all the expectations, with balance and harmony.

# Wen Wang Sauce Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Beijing rongxiantang Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and bright

**AROMA:** Intense, neat nose with a broad aromatic profile. Clear notes of fresh mushrooms (black chanterelle), soy sauce, cheese and sesame. Great length.

**TASTE:** Great feeling on the palate, very round and balanced. Earthy, umami and complex with a touch of bitterness on opening. Notes of yoghurt, soy sauce, cereals and mushrooms. Drying but not acidic.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Great aromatic complexity, well-balanced and clean. A very well-made baijiu!

## West Region Brandy XO

Brandy

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0,4 g/l    |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Citic Guoan Wine

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear amber colour.

**AROMA:** Pronounced aroma pointing towards a vivid fruity, sweet spice and coffee, chocolate tone. In the background, black cherry is supplemented by vanilla. Complex and subtle with a seductive note.

**TASTE:** Charming on the palate with a smooth ripe flavour profile of sweet spice, tobacco and coffee with a rather elegant mouthfeel. Lots of dark chocolate and a long finish. Well-balanced and very harmonious.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A sophisticated, complex, long finish make this an outstanding example within the category. Truly enjoyable.

# Whisky Ninkasi

Worldwide Whisky

France Beaujolais

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 46 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Ninkasi Fabriques  
[www.ninkasi.fr](http://www.ninkasi.fr)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Deep gold in colour with an amber touch.

**AROMA:** Fantastic nose full of sweet spice, with a hint of malted barley and cereal tone, though the fruity tone dominates the nose. Plenty of berry fruit, mirabelle plum, a red berry tone, delicate vanilla and cinnamon in the back.

**TASTE:** After the very complex nose the palate continues, with multi-layered rich fruit, sweet spice and even some floral notes. Delicate with all the requisite richness, in perfect harmony and balance. Long lingering finish. A superb product.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Complex and carefully crafted, showing plenty of fruit, berries but even stone fruit characters followed by the sweet spice of the wood. Well done!

# Wine Zu Du Kang 12 cellar

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: LuoyangDukongHoldingsLimited

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and oily

**AROMA:** Powerful nose, fresh and fruity with a touch of not-unpleasant esters. An evident pineapple note with a sour undertone of cheese. Hints of iris, leather and copper. Neat and clean.

**TASTE:** A sweet, full-bodied mouthfeel with an enjoyable, restrained sourness. Soft and fruity on the palate with lingering tropical fruits (pineapple) on the finish. Silky structure, slightly pungent with a hint of fresh cheese.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful baijiu with very little missing. It is balanced and harmonious, very clean with nice development of aromas and flavours. Very fruity. Really delightful.

# Xiang Shan Liquor 1979

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Gui Lin Xiang Shan Distillery Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Light aromas of pineapple and pear, with some greenish aspects like foliage. Pickled mango and cider vinegar add to that impression. Delicate with high aromatic complexity.

**TASTE:** Fruity with lots of pineapple and a great floral-herbal mixture of green leaves, roses and dried flowers. Hazelnuts. We also find umami tones, touches of Bonito flakes and oyster sauce. Supple mouthfeel with very well-integrated alcohol, yet with a lightly spicy finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Harmonious and balanced, very complex and delicate that is faintly reminiscent of a fruit brandy!



# Xijing Guobin Taibai Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** ShaanXi Province Taibai Liguor Limited Liability Company

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Fresh herbs and fruity notes of pineapple, sweet candies and apples. Aromatically powerful yet complex with a touch of pickled fruit.

**TASTE:** The palate confirms the nose aromas down to the intensity and complexity. Fruity cherry drop, pineapple, apple and strawberry notes add brightness, with an almost floral, rose tone. An acidic, dry and tart aspect recalls vinegar, and leads to some rustic, earthy sauce impressions on the finish, a bit like salted peanuts.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very balanced and complex with stellar freshness!

## Xufu 20

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 52 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Sichuan Yibin Xufu Liquor Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Crystal clear, clean and bright, with no faults.

**AROMA:** Strong pineapple aromas backed up by an earthy mushroom smell. Intense and pungent, with hints of nail polish.

**TASTE:** A silky first impression with a little sweetness flows into intense and full-flavoured pineapple with some pear drop quality. This is brightened by the freshness of goat cheese and other mineral components. Beginning with a full and balanced body we are lead to a dry, astringent and long finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Perfect harmony and typicity, with great character and development during tasting!

# Yao Qing 50.8% vol

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Hunan Xiangjiao Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Nice fruity nose, well-expressed and balanced, with notes of lactic fermentation. Refined pineapple aromas, intense.

**TASTE:** Fruity, gentle and full-bodied mouthfeel, opening to earthy notes then flowing into more acidic lychee and pineapple flavours. Hints of butterscotch, oily texture.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A fairly complex and well-balanced baijiu, with a remarkably long aftertaste. Probably a perfect fit for cocktails!

# Yaohuachun-Mei Xiang 1973

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 45,8 %     |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Henan yaohuachun liquor co. ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright, oily legs

**AROMA:** Medium intensity, clean and fresh on the nose, in a classic style with no exaggeration. Notes of pineapple, rose, leather, copper and peach. Shows a fruity and almost floral sensation.

**TASTE:** Soft and sweet onset, a very fruity mouthfeel with lots of pineapple. Spicy herbal and dry finish with hints of rubber, leaving a long-lasting anise flavour.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A fresh and fruity baijiu, with no aggressiveness and great balance.

# Yidu Workshop - the Qian Long Seal

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Yidu Burning Square Wine Co. Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** A delicate and restrained nose, with some elegant aromas of soy sauce, followed by roasted nuts and overripe pineapple. The usual geosmin/earthy character is controlled and complimentary.

**TASTE:** A little saline at first, the palate showcases all the necessary flavours with elegance. Subdued soy sauce, 99% Lindt chocolate followed by fruity esters with a mushroom finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The palate is certainly more expressive than the nose. This is a good benchmark for the category and highlights all the typical aromas and flavours with elegance and style.

# Yifuchun · Mansion

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Sichuan Yifuchun Wine Spirits Group Co., Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Intense nose, clean. Pineapple leads the way with flower and anise, and more animal undertones like leather, a hint of tar and almost meaty components. A very complex but appealing medley.

**TASTE:** Very intense, rich flavours in the mouth, with an oily structure. Acetone and acidity upfront followed by ripe pineapple. Drying and astringent, full and strong yet not aggressive.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very good baijiu to pair with a rich meal, it shows the 'darker', more tarry side of its category. True to itself from start to finish, balanced and complex.

# Yunbianzangmi Xiangyun Pine Mushrooms Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Tibetan Yummyth Spirits Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear

**AROMA:** Pronounced nose. Suggestions of dark pit, grassy, liquorice and medicinal notes followed by a fruity pineapple and cocoa personality.

**TASTE:** Well-balanced with a refreshing, herbal character. Lively, full-bodied and rich mouthfeel. The medicinal tone dominates the palate. Cereal and green herbs with a sweet banana note on the finish.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Long finish with a lot of personality, while austere the sweet note puts it right back into balance. Shows finesse.

# Yuquan Sauce Art

Baijiu

China

|         |   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Alcohol | : | 53 %       |
| Sugar   | : | 0 g/l      |
| Organic | : | No         |
| Award   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Heilongjiang Yuquan Distillery CO.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Bright and clear

**AROMA:** A very inviting umami nose, intense. Clear soy sauce along with cheese, shitake and earthy notes with a touch of citrus fruits and a metallic hint.

**TASTE:** Beautiful sweet opening with pineapple and banana notes, followed by drying soy and mushroom notes. Expressive with remarkable handling all along. Great length.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A real mouth-watering baijiu, with great complexity. The aromas and flavours are well-balanced, from fruity to earthy notes. Very good.



## Yuxilie 26

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Lotus Liquor Group Co. Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean.

**AROMA:** Subtle nose with a lot of fruit, cereal, savoury notes like mushroom, earthy, smoky, gentle cheese showing together with sorghum and umami. It is worth re-visiting the nose as it is constantly changing.

**TASTE:** Dry spice with a strong grip, refreshing pineapple, mango and plenty of cereal notes. The aromas pop up on the palate as well as cheese and mushroom. Rich but also with finesse.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Brilliant and well-balanced, harmonious with constant development in the glass. Rich and bold with a long finish.

# Yuxilie 32

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Lotus Liquor Group Co. Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Intense and persistent nose that goes beyond the expected soy sauce/mushroom aromas. The umami esters flow into a more vegetal mood, followed by a welcome citrus freshness and some floral undertones. The tertiary aromas are elegant and well-developed with some French roasted coffee and a touch of tobacco.

**TASTE:** Big, bold and ethylic at point of entry. The heat dissipates elegantly to reveal a flavour spectrum that mirrors the nose faithfully. The leading flavours are definitely centred on the umami/soy/mushroom spectrum, but elegantly and complimentary so. The finish is rather long and drying.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very accomplished and balanced baijiu that is a good benchmark for the category. All the aromas and flavours work together to deliver an explosive but pleasant tipple.

# Yuzun

## Baijiu

### China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** Guizhou Jiuxian Liquor Co.,Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, brilliant and bright.

**AROMA:** Already the nose feels complex. First impressions recall dark chocolate, dried porcini mushrooms and oyster sauce with a light acidic component, and a fruity aspect of pear and pineapple.

**TASTE:** Supple and well-rounded mouthfeel, with well-integrated alcohol. Grassy, hints of underbrush are brightened up by yoghurt freshness. Attractive complexity with strong soy aromas and some appropriate saltiness.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A beautiful, typical baijiu that is intense and complex!

# Zhen Guan Jiu · Shi

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Zhenguan Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright colour. Perfect.

**AROMA:** Scents of mushrooms and earthy notes with some nailpolish in the background. Coffee, dark chocolate and soy sauce. Very complex with umami notes.

**TASTE:** Browned butter, dark chocolate and mushrooms. Very earthy with very well-integrated alcohol and a multi-layered aftertaste. Dry at the end.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A very nice bouquet with amazing balance. A very intriguing and interesting spirit. Rich, smooth and really typical.

# Zhen Guan Jiu· Shu

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Renhuai Zhenguan Liquor Co., Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, without any faults.

**AROMA:** Very fruity nose with hints of pineapple, accompanied by direct and intense soy sauce, sorghum, and some toasted impressions. A lactic component recalling cheese is also present, together with an almost herbal quality.

**TASTE:** The aggressive approach on the palate is pungent, almost burning. Aromas of very old Roquefort cheese, roasted grains and light chocolate notes. Sorghum also returns in the aftertaste. Maybe this spirit is lacking a bit in balance, yet this is made up for by exciting, bold richness!

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A baijiu with raw power, yet complex and exciting.

# Zhenjiu Zhen 15

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Zhenjiu Wine-making Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Discreet nose with lightly fermented soy sauce, overripe pineapple and unripe green apples. The nose is a little fruitier than expected, but elegant Noetheless.

**TASTE:** The palate opens with an explosion of overripe exotic fruits. The obligatory savoury flavours truly come alive on the finish, which is very long and persistent.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Slightly more on the fruit side than the savoury side, this is a wonderfully well-made baijiu showing elegance and character.

# Zhenjiu Zhen 15 - The Year of Ox

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Zhenjiu Wine-making Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Brackish and pungent -in a good way- with a touch of smoke. The classic aromas of roasted almonds and second crack coffee develop nicely towards the end of the nosing.

**TASTE:** Roasted sesame and fermented soy dominate. The finish is textured with a fresh character followed by grilled notes. The alcohol is well-balanced and complimentary rather than overwhelming. The salted notes are unique and pleasant.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** This is one of those baijiums that manages the acetones that plague the category, with very well-integrated alcohol and a unique and pleasing character. Well done.

# Zhenjiu Zhensanshi - Classic

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Guizhou Zhenjiu Wine-making Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Crystal clear, clean and bright.

**AROMA:** An earthy, warm and intense nose consisting of aromas of dark chocolate, mushrooms and almonds. After the first impressions, a little fruit and mineral freshness also appears.

**TASTE:** A lively impact on the palate leads to an oily, full and long mouthfeel. Sweet chocolate and fruit continue from the nose in a balanced way. Earthy and toasted notes of salted almonds, peanuts and mushrooms support that.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Powerful, yet still harmonious and very pleasant!



# Zhoufuji Laojiao Liquor

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 50 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: BeijingZhoufujijiuye Co.,Ltd

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear, bright and polished without any noticeable faults.

**AROMA:** Discreet nose filled with fruits and a pleasing sourness - faintly reminiscent of sour Haribo gum! Plenty of pineapple, melon and pear. Elegant and inviting.

**TASTE:** Well-rounded, the alcohol is well-integrated and the fruit flavour shines through with persistence. There is an elegant, sweet texture followed by some salty notes, such as cheese and oily nuts.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Balanced, expressive and elegant. This is a benchmark for the category.

# Zhu Ye Qing 10

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 38 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 65 g/l     |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Shanxi Xinghua Cun Fenjiu International Trade Limited Company

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** A light, clean and polished champagne hue, hinting at some aromatization.

**AROMA:** Intense, fruity nose showing pear drops followed by some liquorice and black pepper wrapped in a light but prevalent sherry aroma. The nose is certainly moreish!

**TASTE:** Bright and balanced, but unexpectedly sweet. The fruity aromas are present with melon and passion fruits followed by kitchen herbs.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Very moreish and drinkable, it feels slightly aromatized with bamboo leaves, but delivers a very peasant and harmonious drinking experience.

# Zignum Mezcal Añejo

Mezcal

Mexico Oaxaca

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 40 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



**Company:** AGPCH  
[www.casaagp.com](http://www.casaagp.com)

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clean and polished golden hue with hints of caramel.

**AROMA:** Powerful nose where the opening is packed with fruity esters (apple and pears) and agave notes wrapped in toasted and woody aromas followed by creamy vanilla.

**TASTE:** The palate is powerful and textured; it opens with soft wood and develops the expected earthy agave. The mid-palate delivers wood flavours (vanilla, butterscotch) and finishes with soft spices.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** The fusion of wood and agave is perfectly achieved and complimentary. Everything works well and is coherent.

# Zongshi

Baijiu

China

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| <b>Alcohol</b> | : | 53 %       |
| <b>Sugar</b>   | : | 0 g/l      |
| <b>Organic</b> | : | No         |
| <b>Award</b>   | : | Gold Medal |



Company: Forty-Nine Union (Tianjin) Electronic Commerce Co. Ltd.

## TASTING FEEDBACK

**APPEARANCE:** Clear and bright

**AROMA:** Nose showing medium intensity with notes of soy sauce, caramel, dark chocolate and roasted coffee beans. A fruity touch. Elegant and delicate.

**TASTE:** Medium intensity in the mouth, perfectly consistent with the nose. Notes of caramel, soy sauce, burnt nuts and some citrus on the finish. Umami and salty.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION:** A perfect example of its category, with great balance between the expected aromas and flavours. Great persistence of the aromatic profile.







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