

Spirit Works Distillery's Sloe Gin Wins at the Prestigious 2018 Good Food Awards

San Francisco, CA (January 20, 2018) – California grain-to-glass craft spirits pioneer Spirit Works Distillery announced today recognition as a national 2018 Good Food Award winner in the spirits category for their handcrafted Sloe Gin, the only traditional Sloe Gin produced in the US.

Now in its eighth year, the Good Food Awards recognizes American food and drink crafters who demonstrate a commitment to “creating tasty, authentic, and responsible products and in doing so, better the nation’s food system”. Winners were announced Friday, January 19, in front of an audience of over 1,000 farmers, chefs, artisan makers, activists and journalists at a gala event at the San Francisco War Memorial Herbst Theater. Sustainable food champions and luminaries Alice Waters and Nell Newman were on hand to present medals to this year’s winners, who were selected from among 2,057 entries from nearly 300 craft food and beverage makers around the country.

The Good Food Award submission, scoring and vetting process is a rigorous one – driven not only by creativity and taste, but also for the sustainable production methods that showcase the highest social and environmental standards. The winners “not only protect the land, perfect their craft, and respect their peers, but continue to redefine the American table.”

Spirit Works Distillery is an honored name in Northern California as one of the first grain-to- glass distilleries, handcrafting an array of high quality spirits in the heart of Sonoma wine country, including Vodka, Gin, Sloe Gin, Barrel Gin, Navy Strength Gin, Straight Wheat and Straight Rye Whiskey. As the only producers of traditional Sloe Gin in the U.S (a gin-based liqueur traditionally made in the UK using sloe berries, a tiny relative of the plum) this is a particularly meaningful award for the group, which has been producing the spirit to great acclaim since 2012.

‘We’re incredibly thrilled to receive this recognition for our traditionally

made Sloe Gin – the spirit and tradition which was the initial inspiration for our craft distillery”, stated Ashby Marshall, Spirit Works Co-Founder, Marketing Director and first distiller. “And we’re proud to be highlighted among such an amazing group of creative, artisan producers who also value the importance of mindful, sustainable, hands-on production – which has been at the heart of our grain-to-glass process since we began our distilling journey.”

Spirit Works creates an updated version of Sloe Gin based on distillery co-founder, Timo Marshall's secret family recipe from the UK, handed down through generations. To produce their award-winning Sloe Gin, Spirit Works uses whole, organic sloe berries, which are steeped in Spirit Works Gin and finished off with organic cane sugar. Two pounds of organic berries, imported from Europe, are used to make just one bottle of Spirit Works Sloe Gin. The result is a vibrantly-hued liqueur featuring both bright berry and citrus notes, combining ripe sweetness with fresh acidity.

For a complete list of 2018 Good Food Award winners, click [here](#).

ABOUT THE GOOD FOOD AWARDS

The Good Food Awards celebrates the kind of food we all want to eat: tasty, authentic and responsible. Now in its eighth year, awards will be given to winners in 15 categories: beer, charcuterie, cheese, chocolate, cider, coffee, confections, elixirs, fish, honey, oils, pantry, pickles, preserves and spirits. The Good Food Awards Seal, found on winning products, assures consumers they have found something exceptionally delicious that also supports sustainability and social good. For more information, click [here](#).

ABOUT SPIRIT WORKS

Founded in the heart of Sonoma County, California in 2012 by husband and wife team Timo and Ashby Marshall, Spirit Works Distillery is craft spirits producer which handcrafts artisan Vodka, Gin, Sloe Gin, Barrel Gin, Navy Strength Gin, Straight Wheat and Straight Rye Whiskey onsite using the grain-to-glass method of milling, mashing, fermenting and then distilling onsite, allowing the Distillery to create a truly premium product. Spirit Works is also one of the few all-female distilling teams in the US. For more information, [click here](#).

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