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** San Diego Spirits Festival International Bottle Competition **

The annual **San Diego Spirits Festival International Bottle Competition**, the esteemed spirits judging held in conjunction with the acclaimed San Diego Spirits Festival, is back to provide brands of all sizes the opportunity to go for the "Double Gold." On August 11, a carefully curated panel of expert judges will convene to swirl, sip, and score a wide range of spirits spread across a diverse number of categories.

The brands participating in the San Diego Spirits Festival International Spirits Competition range from craft distilleries, American merchant bottlers, and large familiar labels. Brands will be divided into respective categories as determined by spirit type or style, including whiskey, bourbon, rum, gin, vodka, and flavored vodka. Judges will be divided into panels and participate in blind tastings of the spirits, using their knowledge and expertise to analyze and scrutinize the participants' aromas and flavors. The best of the respective categories may be awarded bronze, silver, gold, or double gold medals for their level of overall quality.

Meet the esteemed **Judges** lending their expertise to the San Diego Spirits Festival International Bottle Competition



Philip Dobard – Museum of the American Cocktail
Andrew Faulkner – American Distilling Institute
Brian Christensen – Artisan Spirits Magazine
David Rippentrop – Americas Executive Beverage Consultancy
Rich Manning – Writer, Blogger, all round expert
Forrest Cokley – Writer, Blogger, all round expert
Greg Nagel – Writer, Blogger, all round expert
Alfredo Gama - Spirits Manager Wine Warehouse
Billy Nordmeier - Certified Sommelier, WSET Advanced, CSW
John Fluke - Placed4Success LLC (P4STV)
Jeff Apodaca – Director F&B University Club San Diego
Jeremiah White – American Beverage Brokers
Dennis Morales - American Beverage Brokers
Eric Stand - The Whiskey Scout
Jordan Catapano - This Girl Walks into a Bar
Cristie Norman - Certified Sommelier, WSET Advanced, CSW

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entry fee is \$250 plus 2 bottles

The results of the San Diego International Spirits Bottle Competition will be announced at the **** 10th Annual San Diego Spirits Festival **** held **August 25 – 26, 2018** at the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, 92101. Once again, the **NEAT** glass has been selected as the competition's official judging glass because of its unmatched ability to deliver competition-level performance.



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