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MESSAGE FROM QUEENSLAND DISTILLERS' ASSOCIATION

The Queensland Distillers Association is thrilled to once again support the Royal Queensland Distilled Spirits Awards in 2025. Elevating the profile and quality of spirits crafted in Queensland is essential for increasing awareness of our exceptional products both across Australia and on the global stage

David Ridden
President
Queensland Distillers' Association Inc.

2025 ROYAL QUEENSLAND AWARDS DISTILLED SPIRIT COMPETITION

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DAVE WITHERS

Originally born into a family of winemakers Dave joined Archie Rose in 2015 as one of the company's first three employees, taking on the role of master distiller in 2016. Dave now leads a 58-person production and operations team who collectively have won more than 100 global awards, and established Archie Rose as Australia's Most Highly Awarded Distillery.

Dave has personally been awarded Gin Distiller of the Year at the Icons of Gin Awards and Master distiller of the year twice at the Spirits Business Awards. He has a passion for the technical aspects of distilling, topping his global class when undertaking a Diploma at the Institute of Brewing and Distilling, receiving the Worshipful company of Distillers Scholarship. Dave was also awarded the top student for Level 3 in spirits with the Wine and Spirits Education Trust, receiving the Worshipful company of Distillers Travelling scholarship. Dave is currently studying his Master distiller qualification with the IBD and is a qualified WSET trainer.



2025 JUDGES



JUDGES

ADAM CHAPMAN

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TROPHIES AND PRIZES

GRAND CHAMPION DISTILLED SPIRIT

CHAMPION RUM / CANE SPIRIT

THE STAR BRISBANE BEST QUEENSLAND DISTILLED SPIRIT

Nil Desperandum Rum -
The Vintner's Barrel

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CHAMPION VODKA

Twelve and a half acres -
Lemon Myrtle & Kaffir Lime Vodka

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CHAMPION GIN

Sip and Banter Distillery -
The Navy Gin

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CHAMPION WHISKY

Fleurieu Distillery -
Country to Coast #6

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CHAMPION ALTERNATIVE SPIRIT

Schnapps Idea Distillery -
Pear Packham

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KING ST BEST QUEENSLAND DISTILLERY

Nil Desperandum Rum

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HONOUR LIST

The Royal Queensland Awards congratulates previous winners.

WINNERS OF THE CHAMPION SPIRIT OF SHOW

2024

Falls Creek Distillery
Falls Creek Original Gin

AWARD	CAT. NO.	EXHIBITOR	COMMERCIAL NAME	VINTAGE	SCORE
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VODKA

CLASS 1 - PURE

Gold	9	Fable Distilling	Fable Vodka	QLD	92.0
Silver	1	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC VODKA	QLD	85.0
Bronze	4	White Light Beverages Pty. Ltd.	White Light Vodka Original	VIC	76.0
Bronze	5	Noosa Heads Distillery	Noosa Vodka	QLD	74.5
Bronze	2	SKNYB vodka	SKNYB vodka	QLD	74.0
	6	Milton Distillery Pty Ltd	A'peel	QLD	
	7	Stanton, Viki	Viki's Vodka	NSW	
	8	Pearl Terraces Pty Ltd T/a Mother of Pearl Vodka	Mother of Pearl Vodka of the Sea	NSW	
	10	Falls Creek Distillery	Original Vodka	VIC	
	11	Millsheds Distillery	Highlands Vodka	NSW	

CLASS 2 - FLAVOUR DISTILLED

Gold	14	Twelve and a half acres	Lemon Myrtle & Kaffir Lime Vodka	QLD	91.0
Silver	13	Sunshine & Sons Premium Spirits	Original Vodka	QLD	85.0
Bronze	15	Peninsula Distilling Pty Ltd	Hornibrook Vodka	QLD	81.0
	16	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	The Cat's Tail Citrus Vodka	SA	

CLASS 3 - FLAVOUR INFUSED

Silver	17	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Citrus Fusion Vodka	QLD	84.0
Silver	18	Saor Pty Ltd - t/as Panezski Artsian Distillery	Krupnik	QLD	84.0

CLASS 4 - OTHER (LIQUEUR)

Gold	20	Long Way round Distilling Co	Single Origin Coffee Liqueur	SA	91.0
Gold	26	Millsheds Distillery	Elderflower Liqueur	NSW	91.0
Gold	25	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC COLD BREW COFFEE LIQUEUR	QLD	90.0
Silver	23	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Cafe Freddo Della Montagna	QLD	88.0
Silver	28	Millsheds Distillery	Salted Caramel Liqueur	NSW	86.0
Silver	19	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	AristoCat Coffee Liqueur	SA	85.0
Silver	22	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	The Sour Cat Limoncello	SA	85.0
Bronze	21	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Sambuca Della Montagna	QLD	80.0
Bronze	27	Long Way round Distilling Co	Limoncello	SA	77.0
Bronze	24	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Limoncello Della Montagna	QLD	76.0

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CLASS 5 - CLASSIC DRY

Silver	35	Sip and Banter Distillery	The Classic Gin	QLD	86.0
Silver	38	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	The Distiller's Cat Signature Gin	SA	82.0
Bronze	34	Noosa Heads Distillery	Noosa Gin	QLD	78.0
Bronze	39	Sunshine & Sons Premium Spirits	Original Dry Gin	QLD	78.0
Bronze	31	Twelve and a half acres	Montville Dry	QLD	75.0
Bronze	33	Millsheds Distillery	Southern Dry Gin	NSW	75.0
Bronze	30	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC NATIVE SKIPPY GIN	QLD	74.0
Bronze	32	Hold Fast distillery	Dogs watch gin	NSW	74.0
Bronze	41	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Mountain Gin	QLD	74.0
	29	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC KOALA NATIVE CITRUS GIN	QLD	
	36	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC QUOKKA NATIVE BERRY GIN	QLD	
	37	White Light Beverages Pty. Ltd.	Triple G Gin	VIC	
	40	By Artisans Pty Ltd	Signature Gin	QLD	
	42	Saor Pty Ltd - t/as Panezski Artsian Distillery	London Dry Gin	QLD	

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CLASS 6 - CONTEMPORARY					
Gold	46	Long Way round Distilling Co	Berry Dry Gin	SA	90.0
Gold	47	Twelve and a half acres	Liquorice Gin	QLD	90.0
Silver	48	Twelve and a half acres	Lily's Gin - Lemon Myrtle & Kaffir Lime	QLD	86.0
Silver	45	Long Way round Distilling Co	Australian Dry Gin	SA	82.0
Silver	55	Pearl Terraces Pty Ltd T/a Mother of Pearl Vodka	Mother of Pearl Gin of the Sea	NSW	82.0
Silver	56	Peninsula Distilling Pty Ltd	Humpybong Gin - Myrtle Cascara	QLD	82.0
Bronze	53	Beyond Distilling	Beyond Distilling x17 Gin	WA	80.0
Bronze	43	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	True Blue Gin	QLD	79.0
Bronze	54	Milton Distillery Pty Ltd	A'peel	QLD	78.0
Bronze	59	MALENY DISTILLING COMPANY PTY LTD	Maleny Distilling- Handcrafted Aromatic Gin	QLD	78.0
Bronze	49	Millsheds Distillery	Highlands Gin	NSW	77.0
Bronze	52	By Artisans Pty Ltd	Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary Gin	QLD	77.0
Bronze	44	Fable Distilling	Mandarin Gin	QLD	75.0
Bronze	51	Beyond Distilling	Beyond Distilling Super Tuscan	WA	75.0
Bronze	57	Hopscotch Distillers	Phat Chameleon	QLD	74.0
	50	Hopscotch Distillers	Ginspired Jasmine	QLD	
	58	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	Catnip Floral Aromatic Gin	SA	
CLASS 8 - NAVY					
Gold	66	Sip and Banter Distillery	The Navy Gin	QLD	91.0
Silver	64	Two Cats Distillery Pty Ltd	Cat O' Nine Tails Navy Strength Gin	SA	89.0
Silver	61	Twelve and a half acres	The Commodore	QLD	85.0
Silver	62	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Coastal Gin	QLD	83.0
Bronze	65	Common ground brewing	Navy Gin	QLD	80.0
Bronze	63	Fable Distilling	Cucumber Gin	QLD	74.0
CLASS 9 - BARREL AGED					
	67	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Barrel Aged Christmas Gin	QLD	
CLASS 10 - FRUIT					
Adam Chapman, Sarah Andrews, David Fisher					
Silver	73	Millsheds Distillery	Bramble Gin	NSW	84.0
Silver	76	Hold Fast distillery	Pear Diver Gin	NSW	82.0
Bronze	71	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC NATIVE PLUM & SLOE GIN	QLD	74.0
Bronze	72	Stanton, Viki	Viki's Gin	NSW	74.0
	68	Nosferatu Distillery Pty Ltd	Bunyip Sticky Gin	QLD	
	69	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Sunset Gin	QLD	
	70	JN DISTILLERS PTY LTD (Winston Quinn Gin)	Winston Quinn Tropical Trim Gin	QLD	
	75	Common ground brewing	Cherry Bounce	QLD	
	77	Nosferatu Distillery Pty Ltd	Nosferatu Fig Gin	QLD	
CLASS 11 - OTHER (LIQUEUR)					
Silver	79	Nosferatu Distillery Pty Ltd	Crema Coffee Liqueur	QLD	82.0
Bronze	78	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC TWILIGHT BLUE GIN LIQUEUR	QLD	77.0
RUM / CANE SPIRIT					
CLASS 12 - WHITE					
Silver	80	Lula Rum	Lula Rum	QLD	83.0
CLASS 13 - DARK (OVERPROOF) ABV 50% +					
Gold	83	Nil Desperandum Rum	The Vintner's Barrel	QLD	93.0
Silver	82	Nil Desperandum Rum	The Maroochy Cane	QLD	86.0
Silver	81	Nil Desperandum Rum	The Pombe Fission	QLD	82.0

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Bronze	84	Nil Desperandum Rum	The Mezcal Barrel	QLD	74.0
CLASS 14 - DARK (UNDERPROOF) ABV UNDER 50%					
Gold	89	Nil Desperandum Rum	Botanical	QLD	90.0
Silver	88	Nil Desperandum Rum	The Famous Five	QLD	87.0
Silver	90	Nil Desperandum Rum	Premier	QLD	82.0
Bronze	92	Burdekin Rum Pty Ltd	Burdekin Rum Premium Aged Rum	VIC	81.0
Bronze	85	Nil Desperandum Rum	Special	QLD	80.0
Bronze	86	Nil Desperandum Rum	First	QLD	76.0
Bronze	93	Noosa Heads Distillery	Noosa Rum	QLD	76.0
Bronze	87	Burdekin Rum Pty Ltd	Burdekin Rum Distillers Edition - Premium VO Rum	VIC	75.0
	91	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC CASK AGED RUM	QLD	
CLASS 15 - SPICED/FLAVOURED					
Bronze	94	Nil Desperandum Rum	Artfully Corrupted Spiced	QLD	74.0
Bronze	120	Lula Rum	Lula Coco	QLD	74.0
CLASS 16 - CANE SPIRIT					
Gold	98	Burdekin Rum Pty Ltd	Burdekin Rum Distillers Edition - Coral Sea Strength	VIC	90.0
Silver	96	Canefields Distillery	Canefields Spirit	QLD	82.0
Bronze	100	Milton Distillery Pty Ltd	First Rain	QLD	75.0
Bronze	95	Burdekin Rum Pty Ltd	Burdekin Rum Virgin Cane Spirit	VIC	74.0
Bronze	97	Burdekin Rum Pty Ltd	Burdekin Rum Vintage Cane Spirit	VIC	74.0
	99	Milton Distillery Pty Ltd	Stormy Skies	QLD	
CLASS 17 - OTHER (LIQUEUR)					
Silver	101	Martin Distillation Company	Dark Coconut Rum	SA	82.0
WHISKY					
CLASS 18 - SINGLE MALT					
Gold	108	1838 Spirits Pty Ltd	Trees + Rain Single Malt Whisky	TAS	90.0
Silver	105	Fleurieu Distillery	Telemachus	SA	86.0
Silver	107	Fleurieu Distillery	The Palace Of Humbug	SA	82.0
Bronze	104	BEACHTREE DISTILLING CO.	BEACHTREE ORGANIC SINGLE MALT WHISKY	QLD	79.0
Bronze	103	Noosa Heads Distillery	Laguna Single Malt Whisky	QLD	78.0
Bronze	102	Hickinbotham Winemakers	Brown Ale Whisky	VIC	75.0
Bronze	106	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Queensland Single Malt Whisky	QLD	75.0
CLASS 19 - BLENDED					
Gold	109	Fleurieu Distillery	Country to Coast #6	SA	91.0
CLASS 20 - SINGLE CASK					
Gold	111	Fleurieu Distillery	Mary Ann	SA	90.0
Silver	110	Fleurieu Distillery	Here Comes The Flood	SA	89.0
CLASS 21 - GRAIN					
Gold	112	Nosferatu Distillery Pty Ltd	Rye + Corn Whiskey	QLD	90.0
CLASS 22 - OTHER					
	113	Common ground brewing	Grave Digger	QLD	
ALTERNATIVE SPIRIT					
CLASS 23 - ALTERNATIVE SPIRIT					
Gold	119	Schnapps Idea Distillery	Pear Packham	VIC	90.0
Bronze	116	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Piano Rock Rosato Vermouth	QLD	74.0
Bronze	117	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Piano Rock Bianco Vermouth	QLD	74.0
	114	Martin Distillation Company	VSOP Brandy	SA	
	115	Schnapps Idea Distillery	Red Root	VIC	
	118	Cauldron Distillery Pty Ltd	Piano Rock Rosso Vermouth	QLD	

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