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Distillery to Watch

Trail Distilling

► OREGON CITY, OR

This veteran- and female-run distillery takes its "firsts" seriously. Billed as the first legal distillery since Prohibition in the first incorporated city west of the Mississippi, Trail Distilling opened in late 2016 with a focused spirits selection. Made in its dual-column reflux German still, each bottling is named with some connection to Oregon City's heritage. The distillery's family farm is also growing the low-protein rye grain 30 miles northwest in Helvetia. Don't miss an opportunity to savor the Trillium barrel-aged gin and stay on the lookout for the grain-to-glass rye whiskey. » traildistilling.com



BOURBON WHISKEY

DOUBLE GOLD

Chambers Bay Distillery Straight

» University Place, WA

Aged in charred new American oak barrels on a boathouse, the distillery credits the bourbon's three years at sea for having the maturity of a spirit aged much longer. Whatever the reason, the spirit has a light and lovely nose with caramel notes, a tropical bright spice and a long, savory finish.

» \$40/375ml
» chambersbaydistillery.com

GOLD

3 Howls Distillery
Backbeat » \$40

SILVER

Distillers Way Doc Swinson's
Madeira Cask Finished » \$65

BRONZE

Distillers Way Doc Swinson's Oloroso
Sherry Cask Finished » \$60

JUDGES' PICKS:

Blackfish Spirits Distillery » \$30
Koenig Distillery
Seven Devils » \$50
Batch 206 Distillery
Old Log Cabin » \$39



SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

DOUBLE GOLD

Central City Brewers + Distillers Lohin McKinnon Peated

» Surrey, BC

There's something so gentle and unexpected about this single malt whiskey — the mouthfeel is like warm tea with gold flecks of flavor, a relaxed peatiness, wood grain and honey forming the body of the bottle. The finish is reminiscent of toasted grains, licorice and perhaps a hint of banana on the end.

» \$70 CAD
» centralcitybrewing.com

GOLD

The Hardware Distillery
Small Batch » \$39

SILVER

Sound Spirits Madame
Damnable » \$28/375ml

BRONZE

Odd Society Spirits
» \$44 CAD/500ml

JUDGES' PICKS

Solar Spirits Distillery
Founder's Release » \$65
Copperworks Distilling Co.
American » \$60
Central City Brewers + Distillers
Lohin McKinnon
Chocolate Malt » \$70 CAD



Best Packaging

Sunshine Liqueur

► SHELTER POINT DISTILLERY

Who doesn't want to hold a mini glass barrel of sunshine in their hands? Inspired by the sunlight reflecting off the nearby ocean shores near this farm-based distillery, Shelter Point's Sunshine is a small-batch, barley-based spirit of orange, Chai spices and pure Canadian maple syrup. Distilled four times and filtered through charcoal, the smooth, copper-hued elixir shows zesty fresh orange peel and warm spices on a full-bodied palate — all wrapped up in a custom belted with a clean, amiable font type screaming "sunshine."

» shelterpoint.ca