



RIESLING

Riesling can be the most exquisite of all white varietals; famously known for being sweet along the Mosel and Rhine rivers of Germany, while equally famous for being dry and lush in the Alsace region of France. Our riesling entries showed the wonderful characteristics of both regions, but are mostly produced by our neighbours in the Okanagan Valley. These well-crafted wines are multi-dimensional, balanced with bright acidity, minerality and lush fruit, whether sweet, off dry, or dry. *Dean Norris*

BEST IN CLASS

SYNCHROMESH 2019 RIESLING
Okanagan Valley
British Columbia
\$29-32 CSPC 774930



JUDGES SELECTION



Upper Bench 2020 Riesling
Naramata Bench
British Columbia
\$29-32 CSPC 598805



Moraine 2019 Riesling
Naramata Bench
British Columbia
\$22-24 CSPC 782571



Chateau Ste Michelle 2019 Columbia Valley Riesling
Columbia Valley, United States
\$16-19 CSPC 232512



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SPICED RUM

Rum may be clear, amber, or dark, depending on the style being produced. Another style that has increased in popularity over recent years is the spiced rum category. Spiced rums obtain their flavour profile from the addition of caramel, and a collection of spices such as cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, rosemary, pepper and vanilla. They can be enjoyed neat or as a great addition to cocktails, the key to a good spiced rum is not having a singular flavour dominate. It's easy to enjoy spiced rum with iced or hot coffee (hint hint). *Andrew Paulsen*

BEST IN CLASS

RUMSONS SPICED RUM
United States
\$40-44
CSPC 803407



JUDGES SELECTION

Dead Man's Fingers Spiced Rum
United Kingdom
\$33-35
CSPC 836218



Romero Distilling Spiced Sugarcane Spirit
Alberta
Canada
\$55-59
CSPC 830115



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