

LIQUEURS

I love seeing how our liqueurs category will turn out. While we are always looking for clean, well-balanced representations of the various flavours, in the end, we are also seeing an expression of how tastes and needs change over time. This year, we saw a number of Alberta-made spirits – primarily coffee based – show well but the top spots were taken by a rather new and interesting Italian offering, and a European coffee expression. Tom Firth





Zuidam Cassis Liqueur Netherlands \$43-46 CSPC 795797



Distillery Two Bean Brew Liqueur Alberta, Canada

\$29-32

CSPC 861517



Zuidam **Framboise** Liqueur Netherlands \$43-46 CSPC 805412



Country Stone Distillery Top of the Morning Alberta, Canada \$32



Pivot Spirits Craft Distillery Haskap & **Honey Liqueur** Alberta, Canada \$47-50 CSPC 863514



Back 40 Distillery **Farmers Blend Coffee Liqueur** Alberta, Canada \$35-37 CSPC 799962

BEST IN CLASS TIE

CADELLO 88

Italy \$50-54 (500 mL) CSPC 857060



ZUIDAM CAFÉ LIQUEUR

Netherlands \$60 CSPC 810896



COGNAC AND BRANDY

Not all grapes are destined to become wine. Not all fruit is destined for your table. In the world of spirits and cocktails, brandy and cognac can get lost in the mix despite being incredibly diverse and one of the oldest distillations. Brandy can be distilled from just about anything (think pears, apricots... apples) and come from anywhere. But cognac must be from white grapes and come from... you guessed it, Cognac, France. As with other aged spirits, the more time it sits in barrel, the less "boozy", deeper, and more evolved it becomes. Darren Fabian





Bridgeland Distillery Moscato Brandy Alberta, Canada \$49-52 CSPC 823563



Tesseron **Composition Cognac** France \$90-100 CSPC 853954

BEST IN CLASS **DEAU COGNAC NAPOLEON CIGAR BLEND** France \$120-130 CSPC 820705