



FLAVOURED VODKAS

I'm old enough to remember when flavoured vodkas were all about what "could" be possible rather than what "should" be made, and I was rather happy to see marshmallow vodka or cotton candy vodka gradually slip out of the limelight. That said, I love these newer, cleaner flavours and a renewed focus on real flavours. We saw a wide range of these new, balanced bottles, but the Best in Class was a tie between an old favourite – Alize – and a local Bourbon vanilla spirit. *Tom Firth*



Taynton Bay Raspberry Vodka
Canada
\$42-46
CSPC 818105



Van Gogh Dutch Caramel Vodka
Holland
\$43-45
CSPC 736920



Country Stone Distillery Garlic Vodka
Alberta
Canada
\$34



Hansen Distillery Pink Josee
Alberta, Canada
\$35-40
CSPC 874066



District Distillery Maui Mango Vodka
Alberta, Canada
\$35-39
CSPC 858062



KOBRAND ALIZE MANGO
France
\$32-35
CSPC 862139



BLACK DIAMOND DISTILLERY BOURBON VANILLA VODKA
Alberta, Canada
\$32-48 CSPC 832737



ZINFANDEL

A deeply coloured wine that delivers loads of ripe, dark fruit flavours and soft tannins, zinfandel doesn't get the love it deserves. Known as primitivo in southern Italy and "Crljenak Kastelanski" in Croatia, zinfandel gives winemakers a challenge by ripening unevenly in the bunch. Some grapes will be super ripe, even raisining, while others are pink. Picking a harvest date can be tricky, but the people behind these wines did well. They showed the best of the grape. *Darren Oleksyn*



Michael David 2018 Lodi Zinfandel
Lodi, California
\$27-30 CSPC 853605



Seghesio 2020 Sonoma Zinfandel
Sonoma, California
\$32-35 CSPC 710681



Tenuta del Pajaru Picuraru 2019 Primitivo
Puglia, Italy
\$37-40 CSPC 860256

BEST IN CLASS

TRENTADUE LA STORIA 2020 ZINFANDEL

Alexander Valley, California
\$39-44 CSPC 734658

