



# INTERNATIONAL WHISKIES

This year we received enough entries to have an International Malt Whisky category – all on its own! While first thoughts of malt whisky often turn to Scotland or perhaps Ireland, it can be produced anywhere in the world and most countries do make some version. The whisky must contain only malted barley and can vary greatly in levels of peatiness, richness and strength. Our winners exhibit varying levels of these characteristics but all are complex and well made. This was an exciting flight to taste through with many high quality options, any one of these winners is a real gem and worth seeking out.

*Margaux Burgess*

## INTERNATIONAL WHISKIES



**BEST IN CLASS**



**WRITERS' TEARS  
COPPER POT  
STILL IRISH  
WHISKEY**

Ireland

\$65-70 CSPC 742019

*Meet the Judges*



**Dhira Roy Chowdhury**

Dhira's journey in wines and spirits started at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in India, but continued in Canada organizing the wine cellar and purchasing wines at The St. Regis, Toronto as Assistant Manager, 6 years ago. Later Dhira opened *Vino Volo* at Toronto Pearson as the General Manager. In 2023, Dhira moved to Alberta to work as the Director of Food & Beverage at *Sky Bistro*, Banff, and from the summit of Sulphur Mountain, she shares her passion.

**Sky Bistro**

## JUDGES SELECTION



**Hinch 5yo  
Double Wood  
Irish Whiskey**  
Ireland  
\$62-65  
CSPC 826653



**Kujira Ryukyu  
Whisky Inari**  
Japan  
\$70-80  
CSPC 885622



**Kanekou  
Okinawa  
Whisky**  
Japan  
\$68-73  
CSPC 858040



**Hwayo X.  
Premium Rice  
Whisky**  
South Korea  
\$130-140  
CSPC 859987



**Powers Gold  
Label Irish  
Whiskey**  
Ireland  
\$50-55  
CSPC 784365



**Kaiyo Mizunara  
Oak Whisky**  
Japan  
\$145-155  
CSPC 820852



**Nomad  
Outland  
Whisky**  
Spain  
\$75-80  
CSPC 778451



# INTERNATIONAL SINGLE MALT WHISKY

## BEST IN CLASS



### MILLSTONE SINGLE MALT PX PEATED CANADIAN CASK

Netherlands

\$100-110 CSPC 882133



## Meet the Judges



### Rachel Drinkle

Owner of Calgary's Caesar Shop and YYCaesarfest, B.Ed., B.L.A, Certified Beer Server, Rachel is passionate about turning tourists into locals and locals into tourists. Working hard on a line of savoury vodka, and vegan-friendly Caesar mix. Storyteller of Alberta and Canadian beverage artisans. Strangely her happy place is the one bar in town that doesn't do Caesars. Firm believer in "caes-ing" the day!

**Caesar Shop/YYCaesarfest**

## JUDGES SELECTION



**Bragg Creek Hut Special Edition Single Malt Whisky**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$100-110 CSPC 889407



**Burwood "The Scientist" Single Malt Whisky**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$100-115 CSPC 855090



**The Lakes Single Malt "The Whiskymaker's Reserve No.6"**  
United Kingdom  
\$125-130



**M&H Classic Single Malt Whisky**  
Israel  
\$85-90  
CSPC 832018



**Millstone Oloroso Sherry Cask Single Malt Whisky**  
Netherlands  
\$85-90 CSPC 795962



# FLAVOURED WHISKIES

## BEST IN CLASS TIE



### SHIN WHISKY UMESHU

Japan  
\$28-34  
CSPC 824566



### WILLIAM WOLF PECAN BOURBON

United States  
\$46-50  
CSPC 821622



## JUDGES SELECTION



**Bragg Creek Hut Canadian Maple Whisky**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$75-80 CSPC 892822



**Two Rivers Sinnamon Rye**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$60