

With honey being one of Alberta's superfoods it is not surprising that the mead samples submitted were exceptional. I highly recommend taking a trip to one of our many Alberta Meaderies to hear the story of this historical beverage that is making a modern-day comeback. Or take a trip in your backyard by picking up the winners in this category. I assure you, you will find something you enjoy. Rachel Drinkle

CARBONATED MEAD

JUDGES SELECTION



XhAle Brew Co. Queen **Bee Honey Blond** (Braggot)

Alberta, Canada \$18-20 (4-pack cans) CSPC 866597



Tamarack Jack's **Meadery Surveyor** Alberta, Canada \$5-6 (355mL can)





Tamarack Jack's Meadery Hell on the Hillside Alberta, Canada \$5-6 (355mL can)



Tamarack Jack's **Meadery Meadmosa** Alberta, Canada \$5-6 (355mL can)

TAMARACK

JACK'S MEADERY

MEAD-A-COLADA Alberta, Canada

\$5-6 (355mL can)



BEST IN CLASS TIP



FALLENTIMBER MEADJITO SPARKLING MEAD

Alberta, Canada \$16-18 (4-pack cans) CSPC 858778



Tamarack Jack's Meadery Buzzsaw

Alberta, Canada \$5-6 (355mL can) CSPC 824041

MELOMEL

JUDGES SELECTION



Birds & Bees Tease Me Honey Organic Raspberry Mead

Alberta, Canada \$35 CSPC 853253





Stolen Harvest Rhubarb Melomel Alberta, Canada

\$36-38 CSPC 162299



Stolen Harvest Saskatoon Syrah Alberta, Canada \$36-38 CSPC 162183





TRADITIONAL STYLES



JUDGES SELECTION



Spirit Hills Flower Winery Wild Rosy

Alberta, Canada **\$26-27 CSPC 756235**





Fuhr Estate Winery and Craft Distillery

Honey Mead Alberta, Canada

\$20





Spirit Hills Flower Winery Dande Alberta, Canada

\$26-27 CSPC 756234





Meet the Judge



Mary Bailey

The editor of Edmonton's The Tomato food & drink, Mary is a certified sommelier, WSET Diploma holder, and Canadian **Culinary Competition** judge. She loves judging at the Alberta Beverage Awards as the products are top notch, the competition stiff, and the judging lively. Tasting wines, spirits, and related products blind is the true, unbiased measure of a palate for Mary, as is judging with fellow wine and spirit professionals.

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