



KOMBUCHA

Well - this was a tough one for me as “Dave the Beer Guy” isn’t much of a ‘Bucha guy. Maybe I was being as close-minded as the average person about this because of its strange introduction to existence is spawned of a symbiotic culture called a scoby. This category really surprised all the judges, turns out Alberta isn’t half bad at making this weird beverage taste great! Here are the ones we thought were the best. *Dave Gingrich*

BEST IN CLASS



DISTRICT SUBURBIA HARD KOMBUCHA LEMON + GINGER

Alberta, Canada
\$4-5 CSPC 889797



JUDGES SELECTION



District Suburbia Hard Kombucha Exotic Berry + Gin
Alberta, Canada
\$4-5 CSPC 889798



Pivot Blueberry Haskap Hard Kombucha
Alberta, Canada
\$22 (4-pack cans)
CSPC 883912

Meet the Judges



Margaux Burgess

With over 20 years in the wine biz in just about every aspect of the industry, from hotels to government relations and with a particular focus in Spanish and Australian wine, Margaux looks forward to the homegrown Alberta Beverage Awards every year. There is no better way to keep a wine professional honest than a few days of blind tasting! Even better is judging with a room full of the province’s best tasters and discussing many of the great wines available here in Alberta.

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SAKE

The days of low-quality, warm sake with sushi are bygone as our pallets discover what the Japanese have known for centuries. We are discovering the exquisite, refined taste of this ancient and well-crafted beverage, made simply from fermented rice, water, koji mold and yeast. Finer sakes use very traditional methods and absolutely no additives. Sake breweries are now popping up throughout North America, and while alcohol consumption in Japan falls, sake grows in popularity around the world. Consumption has nowhere to go but up as we all discover its desirability and its versatility. *Dean Norris*

JUDGES SELECTION



Chiyomusubi Junmai Daiginjo Goriki 30
Japan
\$77-83
CSPC 855746



Gokyo Daiginjo Saito No Shizuki
Japan
\$58-64
CSPC 877423



Chiyomusubi Junmai Daiginjo Goriki 40
Japan
\$40-44
CSPC 877417

BEST IN CLASS



TATENOKAWA SEIRYU JUNMAI DAIGINJO

Japan
\$24-27 CSPC 852165



Akaiwa Omachi Junmai Daiginjo
Japan
\$29-31
CSPC 896721