

This category could have been notable for what it wasn't. It wasn't Single Malt Scotch. It wasn't Bourbon. In the end, it was a highlight category for what it was, a diverse array of spicy and lively whiskies from Europe and North America. Some had peat, others the smooth richness that comes from corn. But they all stood on their own. In the end the winners were the whiskies that showed the best balance between spice, richness and smoothness without over-the-top alcohol fire. *Darren Oleksyn*

BEST IN CLASS (TIE)

EAU CLAIRE DISTILLERY RUPERT'S EXCEPTIONAL CANADIAN WHISKY Alberta, Canada \$35-46 CSPC 832043



JUDGES SELECTION



Wayne Gretzky No.99 Red Cask Whisky Canada \$44-48 CSPC 796995





Hinch 5yo Double Wood Irish Whiskey Ireland \$61-65 CSPC 826653



Black Velvet Original Canada \$25-30 CSPC 539

YNDICATE 5

Syndicate 58/6

12 Year Old

Blended Whisky

United Kingdom

\$75-80

CSPC 792743



Signal Hill Whisky Canada \$40-43 CSPC 800776





Coopers Classic American Whiskey United States \$89-95 CSPC 788774





Pivot Spirits Young Guns Triticale Alberta, Canada \$42-46 CSPC 837847

WHISKEY United States \$105-115 CSPC 809793

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