



# FLAVOURED VODKA (AND NEUTRAL BASE)

Ready to drink vodka cocktails continue to be a hot market trend. Why, I wonder isn't the same true for the flavoured vodkas that are the base of these canned cocktails? Two flavoured vodkas that really stood out this year are Van Gogh Double Espresso and the Taynton Bay Raspberry. The next time I host a dinner party, I plan to start with a Taynton Bay Raspberry Fizz cocktail (from their website). It combines raspberry vodka, soda water, and hibiscus bitters. I may garnish with a sprig of rosemary or mint. Quick, easy and a nice change of pace as an aperitif! *Laurie MacKay*

## BEST IN CLASS



### VAN GOGH ESPRESSO VODKA

Holland  
\$50-55 CSPC 721256



### Meet the Judges



#### Tom Firth

With over 25 years in the beverage world, Tom has been sharing, educating, and talking about wine, beer and spirits long enough to see a trend or two come and go. Having participated as a judge at over three dozen competitions domestically and internationally, plus management rolls in over 20 competitions, he knows his way around running a good, objective, blind competition. **Culinaire Magazine/ Alberta Beverage Awards**

## JUDGES SELECTION



**Taynton Bay Blueberry Bombshell Vodka**  
British Columbia  
Canada  
\$32-35  
CSPC 892423



**Taynton Bay Raspberry Vodka**  
British Columbia  
Canada  
\$45-47  
CSPC 818105



**Van Gogh Double Espresso Vodka**  
Holland  
\$50-55  
CSPC 725350



**Deep Eddy Ruby Red Grapefruit Vodka**  
United States  
\$29-32  
CSPC 467621



**White Claw Pineapple Flavoured Vodka**  
United States  
\$30-32  
CSPC 884741



**Few Distillery Apple Pie Shine**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$25-30



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#### Dave Gingrich

Dave Gingrich started his beverage career at Willow Park Wines and Spirits over 23 years ago. Through trips around the world and those 23+ years of experience, Dave has really built quite a name for himself and the Willow Park Beer section with his 'Dave The Beer Guy' persona. Over the years Dave has also embraced two other specialty categories, Sake and Mead, which add a fun dynamic to the sales floor. **Willow Park Wines and Spirits**