



# HARD TEA

## READY TO DRINK

Having a Hard Tea category was a pleasant surprise in the Ready to Drink flights at this year's Alberta Beverage Awards. The top picks are flavourful, refreshing, and not too sweet, with well-integrated alcohol levels. This year's Best in Class was from the Troubled Monk Brewery with their Hard Iced Tea. A great choice post hike or after a round of golf... *Bruce Soley*



## BEST IN CLASS

### TROUBLED MONK TROUBLED TEA HARD ICED TEA

Alberta, Canada

\$25-26 (12-PACK CANS)  
CSPC 836807

## JUDGES SELECTION



**White Peaks  
Hard Steeped  
Tea - Cold Brew  
Tea & Lemonade**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$28-32  
(12-pack cans  
variety pack)  
CSPC 845038



**White Peaks  
Hard Steeped  
Tea - Wild  
Saskatoon  
Blueberry**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$14-15  
(6-pack cans)  
CSPC 844842



**Kikawinaw  
Sparkling  
Gin Tea - Rig  
Hand**  
Alberta,  
Canada  
\$15-16  
(4-pack cans)  
CSPC 839156



**White Peaks  
Hard Steeped  
Tea - Original  
with Meyer  
Lemon**  
Alberta, Canada  
\$14-15  
(6-pack cans)  
CSPC 844838



# BORDEAUX BLEND/ MERITAGE

The red grapes in this style are blends of some or all of: cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot, malbec and petit verdot. I think of these wines as a consistent and confident choice because of these grape varieties, some are going to have a great growing vintage while others might not in any given year. It may be a slightly different blend each year, but you can create consistency through blending. This year's entries were star-studded and jam-packed, with flavour, concentration and structure, worthy of laying down in the cellar for many years. *Cam Pinkney*

## BEST IN CLASS

### BENCH 1775 2015 CABERNET MERLOT

Okanagan Valley  
British Columbia  
\$28-30  
CSPC 483529



## TOP VALUE

### PELLER FAMILY VINEYARDS 2018 CABERNET MERLOT

Okanagan Valley,  
British Columbia  
\$17-20  
CSPC 56564



## JUDGES SELECTION

### Sandhill 2018 Cabernet Merlot Terroir Driven Wine

Okanagan Valley,  
British Columbia  
\$25-27 CSPC 541144



### Chateau Courteillac 2018 Les Grands Chais France

Bordeaux, France  
\$18-20 CSPC 360552

