

2026 Monterey International Spirits Competition Director's Awards

Award	Brand	Product Name	Designation	Country	Price
Spirit of the Year	Uncle Nearest	Cognac Cask Premium Whiskey	Barrel No. 06	USA	\$160.00
Distillery of the Year	Uncle Nearest			USA	
Best Vodka	Griffo Distillery	Vodka	Batch No. 37	USA	\$24.00
Best Gin	Griffo Distillery	Scott Street Gin	Batch No. 35	USA	\$32.00
Best Tequila	Laelia Tequila	Tequila Añejo	Batch LLA001	Mexico	\$79.99
Best Whiskey over 50% ABV	Uncle Nearest	Cognac Cask Premium Whiskey	Barrel No. 06	USA	\$160.00
Best Whiskey under 50% ABV	Larrikin Bourbon Co.	Rosewater	Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey	USA	\$70.00
Liqueurs and Others	Larrikin Bourbon Co.	Maple Bourbon Cream		USA	\$30.00

Award	Score	
Platinum	98	points
Gold	93	points
Platinum	94	points
Platinum	97	points
Platinum	98	points
Gold	93	points
Platinum	96	points