

Stillmaster Competition

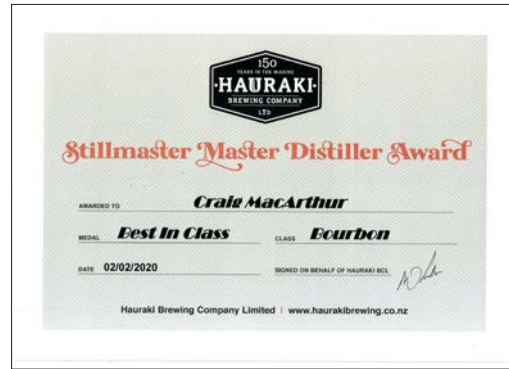
Best in Class and Medal Winners

Entry numbers increased in 2019 but results were delayed because of judge's illness.

The overall standard was high and showed the increasing quality of craft distilling in New Zealand, with almost 25% receiving medal awards.

The title of New Zealand Stillmaster has been awarded to Craig MacArthur of Raumati who achieved medal status in a number of classes but his bourbon was outstanding.

Congratulations Craig.



2019 Stillmaster of the Year Overall Winner : Craig Mac Arthur

Medals	Bourbon
Best in Class + Gold	Craig Mac Arthur
Gold	Dave Petty (Boomer Bourbon) Dave Brierley (Bourbon A) Elliot Frame Ian Taylor K Larin Mark Shaw (Rye Bourbon) Tony Harvie
Silver	Dave Brierley (Bourbon B) Debra Nicolson Ian Franklin & Piers Greenaway Jamie Petty Tony Marinkovic Tom Humphries
Bronze	Alan Chaffee Clive Morgan Dave Petty (Gobbler Bourbon) Mark Shaw (Honey Bourbon) Stu Kaska (Bourbon Sour Mash & Bourbon Kentucky) Stu Goodrick Tony Thompson (Jack Daniels Bourbon)

Medals	Whiskey
Best in Class + Gold	Alan Chaffee
Gold	Darren Long (Whiskey 1) Frans Aarts Mark Shaw (Manuka smoked Single malt whiskey) Tony Marinkovic (Peated Whiskey & Whiskey)
Silver	Ian Franklin & Piers Greenaway Tony Thompson (Malt Whiskey)
Bronze	Craig Mac Arthur (Whiskey) Mark Shaw (Single malt Whiskey)
Medals	Vodka
Best in Class + Gold	Tony Thompson
Gold	Daniel Fisher Frans Aarts Roy Bowden/ Wellington Distilling Club
Silver	Craig Mac Arthur (Vodka) Stu Kaska (Vodka 1 & 2) Tony Harvie
Bronze	Craig Mac Arthur (Aged Vodka) Colin Debra Nicolson Ian Taylor

	Fruit Vodka
Best in Class + Gold	Ian Franklin & Piers Greenaway
Gold	N/A
Silver	Dave Petty (Peach Vodka) Stu Kaska (Fejoia Vodka)
Bronze	Debra Nicolson (Raspberry Vodka) Roy Bowden/ Wellington Distilling Club (Blueberry Vodka) Stu Kaska (Citrus Vodka)
Medals	Gin
Best in Class + Gold	Debra Nicolson (Elderflower Gin)
Gold	Mark Shaw (Grapefruit Gin)
Silver	Alan Chaffee Clive Morgan (Blue Jewel) Craig Mac Arthur Dave Petty (Violet & London Dry Gin) Frans Aarts Mark Shaw
Bronze	Clive Morgan Dave Petty (Grapefruit Gin) Debra Nicolson (Fancy Gin) Tony Harvie
Medals	Rum Dark/Gold
Best in Class + Gold	Elliot Frame (GOLD Rum)
Best in Class + Gold	Tony Thompson (DARK Rum)
Gold	Jim Hall (Gold Rum) Stu Kaska (Dark Rum) Tony Harvey (Dark Rum)
Silver	Craig Mac Arthur (Dark Rum) Dave Petty (Red Rum)
Bronze	Clive Morgan (Dark Rum) Dave Petty (Dark Rum B) Debra Nicolson (Gold Rum)

Medals	Liquer
Best in Class + Gold	Debra Nicolson (Triple Sec)
Gold	Frans Aarts (Liquer GM) Ian Talyor (Banana Toffee)
	Roy Bowden/ Wellington Distilling Club (Black Sambucca Liquer)
Silver	Craig Mac Arthur (Lemoncello Liquer) Dave Petty (Amaretto liquer) Elliot Frame (Butterscotch Liquer) Ian Franklin & Piers Greenaway (Aztec Cherry Liquer) Kim Tote (Butterscotch Liquer) Tom Marinovic (Choc Almond Liquer)
Bronze	Frans Aarts (Coffee Liquer) George Rolls (Boysenberry Liquer) Ian Taylor (Pineapple Lump Liquer) Ian Franklin & Piers Greenaway (Cafelua Liquer) Tony Harvie (Coffee Liquer) Tom Marinovic (Feijoa)

Judges Comments

Gin – flavoured gins have been very popular for the past two summer's, but by definition, gin must contain juniper otherwise it's vodka.

Vodka and Fruit Vodkas – great to see some fruit extract vodkas being produced. A reminder that without perfectly clean spirit, any fruit flavour will struggle to appeal

Bourbon – an excellent class with eight gold medals, Craig MacArthur's entry being the best bourbon judged in recent years.

Malt Whiskey – entries often lacking that typical phenolic reek, but this year many achieved it. Now the challenge is to work on aging.

Rum – this category has always been strong with the heavier dark runs achieving many medals. The introduction of spiced rums has created some challenges especially with sweetness levels being too high.

Liqueurs – we reintroduced this class for 2019. There were few traditional styles but a large range of original blends and excellent variations. High sweetness levels spoil some entries.

Thank you for all the entries and again our congratulations to Craig MacArthur.

Prize packs to all Best In Class Winners will be couriered this month while all certificates and judges score sheets will be posted.