



Okanagan Spirits wins Gold at the World Spirits Awards



Okanagan Spirits is proud to announce that we have just been recognized as a **Master Class Distillery** and finished in **Sixth Place** at last weekend's World Spirit Competition, Klagenfurt, Austria. We medaled with all eleven products entered in the competition with **5 Gold and 6 Silver**.

This is a fantastic honour to be ranked so high among sixty-five of the world's best Distilleries / Distillers and a great reward for all the hard work put in by our staff at the Distillery.

The below press release, issued by the World Spirits Organization, indicates our full medal list, along with tasting notes. The highlights from the show are our new line of fruit liqueurs that we released last Winter.

Gold for both the Cherry (94p) and the Wild Huckleberry (92p) while the Raspberry (89.3p) and Seabuckthorn (88p) debuted with Silver. These complimentary liqueurs are a strong edition to the Okanagan Spirits portfolio.

In the five short years since Okanagan Spirits began distilling, we have been awarded over 40 medals at repeated entries in annual World Spirits tasting. These results truly reflect the quality of local fruit grown in our Province married with the skills and patience of Master Distiller Frank Deiter and the team at Okanagan Spirits.

Look out for another email from us very soon, with more news and details on exciting new projects such as our Whiskey, Vodka, Organic Certification, International Markets and a Okanagan Spirits Promotional Video.

Okanagan Spirits – Creativity and competence

“We have been consistently improving since 2004, especially when it comes to our fruit distillates and pomace brandies. At the end of 2008, a series of fruit liqueurs were launched with the wild huckleberry from the Monashee Mountains being particularly special. The high level of antioxidants makes the drinks very healthy, something the Japanese customers appreciate in particular. Absinthe has developed into our main product over the last three years. Its “cosmopolitan” character has enabled the product to be sold in Canada, something we have not yet succeeded in doing with our region-specific fruit brandies. We distilled barley for the first time in 2007 and are excited about the sampling”.

Before starting out on a career in distilling, Frank Deiter was successful in the wood and forestry industry for many years. His distinctive products have now made a name for themselves across Europe, winning numerous awards. He is currently working on gaining recognition for the distillery as “Certified Organic”. Some of the products, primarily for the Asian market, are already in the test phase. Over the last few years, the assortment has been tested several times and deemed to be excellent at “Cornucopia”, one of the largest culinary exhibitions in the province. With 800+ products submitted, Frank Deiter has managed to make it into the top 25 on two occasions.

At the World-Spirits Award, the Canadian distillery achieved yet more success with two gold’s and two silvers for the liqueurs, silver for the absinthe and silver for the gin. There were also three gold and two silvers in the fruit distillates category – securing the company sixth place and classification as a Master-Class Distillery.

86 WOB-Punkte – Williams Gelb 2008 L: PW0832 - Silver

Fragrance: Intense candy note, freshly grated apple and pear puree, banana, slightly peely and apple notes, green-grassy, menthol, green olives. Taste: Juicy on the palate, citrus, peely and robust spiciness, stalky tartness, lengthy finish, somewhat bitter and engaging.

88 WOB-Punkte – Sanddorn Seabuckthorn 2009 L: M37 - Silver

Fragrance: Discreet buckthorn aroma, exotic fruit notes, mango, passion fruit, cassis, green, grassy and wood-like, mint, honey, vegetable appeals. Taste: Fruity, acidulous and refreshing, grapefruit, herbal notes, menthol-like coolness, honey and caramel sweetness, white chocolate, delicate tartness, somewhat edgy and short.

92 WOB-Punkte – Huckleberry Wild Crafted 2009 L: H51-09 - Gold

Fragrance: Classic wild fruit character, candy aroma, currant notes, honeydew honey, cinnamon, fir top, delicately resinous, hay-like and spicy. Taste: Intense, jammy, drop-like, nice interplay of sugar and acid, malty and creamy, somewhat resinous and engaging in the finish.

94 WOB-Punkte – Sauerkirsch (Cherry) 2009 L: BB-09-23 - Gold

Fragrance: Typical variety of sour cherry fruit, fresh, juicy, very delicate kernel note, cocoa, cinnamon, honey, almonds, plum-like accents, slightly straw-like notes. Taste: Intense, very fresh, sour cherry juice, citrus, red currants, harmonious fruit sweetness, full-bodied, somewhat acidulous finish.

89,3 WOB-Punkte – Raspberry 2009 L: BB-09-15 - Silver

Fragrance: Very ripe characteristic, citrus, some cherry, almost blackberry reminiscences, nutty and spicy, herbal and minty, green and leafy. Taste: Freshly pressed raspberry juice, some candy note, a lot of freshness, citrus, pip- and marzipan-like, slightly resinous accents, delicate bitter aroma, somewhat astringent finish, rather short.

86 WOB-Punkte – Peach 2005 L: G3-05 - Silver

Fragrance: Candy note, a lot of fruit ester, intense aroma, clear peach fruit, exotic touch, citrus, grapefruit, apple and pear notes, delicate kernel note, minty spiciness. Taste: Rather typical, apricot reminiscences, sour cherry notes, acidulous and lemon-like, subtle chocolatey, floral aspects, nougat and candy sweetness, slight bitter taste, somewhat youthful.

93 WOB-Punkte – Okanagan Plum - Wild Crafted 2008 L: OBM/42 - Gold

Fragrance: Very plum-like fruit, masterful fruit and kernel aromas, candy note, apricot, yellow plum, cinnamon, vanilla, herbal aspects. Taste: Very multifarious aroma image, roasty plums, citrus, raspberry, tangerine, orange, sour cherry, apricot, a lot of roasty aromas, dark chocolate, waxy, full of pressure, good balance, long finish.

92,3 WOB-Punkte – Felsenbirne/Saskatoon 2008 L: SBB/12 - Gold

Fragrance: Intense, slender, floral, violet, citrus, candy note, marzipan, grain notes, delicately resinous and spicy, subtly green and leafy. Taste: Blueberry and blackberry aromas, citrus, nougat, caramel, honeydew honey, plums, somewhat peely and skin-like, slightly bitter and resinous, marc accents, balanced, long finish.

93 WOB-Punkte – Italian Prune 2008 L: IPBB/14 - Gold

Fragrance: Very fruity, fresh, juicy, a lot of fruit ester, candy note, plums, plums, cherries, roasty aromas, dark chocolate, almonds, marzipan, slightly peely and waxy. Taste: Typical, slightly jammy, subtle kernel aromas, sloe, dried fruit, raisins, caramel, honey, candy sweetness, cinnamon spiciness, lengthy finish.

89 WOB-Punkte – Taboo-Absinthe 2009 L: AT-09-10 - Silver

Fragrance: Strong aniseed dominance, restrained vermouth notes, fennel, citrus, balm, mint, eucalyptus, delicate spiciness, dried herbs (associations of cough drops). Taste: Intense star anise notes, strong vermouth note, caraway, ethereal oils, cool menthol notes, herbal spiciness, resinous, vivid, tart and engaging finish.

88 WOB-Punkte – G 20 - Gin 2009 L: GT28/29 - Silver

Fragrance: Juniper berry in the background, elegant freshness, citrus-orange mixture, coriander, discreet meadow herbs, some mineral and dusty accents. Taste: Very slender style, subtle spiciness, juniper berry, caraway, ginger, resinous aspects, grainy touch, delicately tart and bitter finish, finishes quickly.