

# SPIRITS TASTING COMPETITION

## ENTRY FORM

WSWA 67TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXPOSITION | CAESARS PALACE, LAS VEGAS, NV

**Judging:** Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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### DIRECTIONS:

1. Please complete entry form.
2. Return form using the "SUBMIT FORM" button located on the top right hand corner of this page.  
OR return by email to Hanna Empen [Hanna@wswa.org](mailto:Hanna@wswa.org)  
OR by Fax: Attn: Hanna Empen (202) 371-9136
3. You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your submission.

### DEADLINE: Friday, March 5, 2010

**There is NO ADDITIONAL FEE to enter.** Your company must be registered for a Lower Level Hospitality Suite, Traditional Hospitality Suite or as an Exhibitor for the **WSWA 67th Annual Convention & Exposition** to participate.

Alcohol beverage product for the Spirits Tasting Competition must be received at Caesars Palace with the appropriate labels through a licensed Nevada wholesaler and in accordance with the WSWA Convention & Exposition's Product Handling Guidelines.

**THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE PDF, YOU MAY TYPE DIRECTLY ON THIS FORM, RE-NAME IT AND EMAIL IT. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip / Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Position \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address *(Required)* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone *(Required, including area code)* \_\_\_\_\_

Fax *(Including area code)* \_\_\_\_\_

Distillery / Producer Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Importer *(If applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required. Information below must be complete.)*

CLASS CODE	NAME OF PRODUCT	AGE	REGION / STATE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	ALCOHOL %	RETAIL PRICE PER BOTTLE

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**SIGNATURE** *(Entrant, by signing this application, certifies that all regulations have been met.)*

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## RULES

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### **ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2010**

**SPIRITS MUST BE DELIVERED TO CAESARS PALACE BY A REGISTERED NEVADA WHOLESALER AND DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WSWA'S PRODUCT HANDLING GUIDELINES (attached).**

**Please read carefully. Violation of the rules may result in disqualification.**

(If you have any questions contact Kari Langerman, WSWA Meetings Manager at (202) 371-9792 ext. 316.)

#### 1. Eligibility Requirements

- a. Any commercial spirits produced by a professional producer who is registered for the WSWA 67th WSWA Annual Convention & Exposition as either a: Lower Level Hospitality Suite holder, Traditional Hospitality Suite holder or an Exhibitor.

#### 2. To Enter Your Spirits

- a. Complete the WSWA Wine & Spirits Tasting Competition entry form. All completed forms must be received by WSWA not later than March 5, 2010.
- b. Completed forms should be sent to WSWA per the instructions on the entry form. We recommend that you keep a copy of the completed entry form for your records.
- c. The WSWA Annual Convention & Exposition is not responsible for any fees, excise taxes or other charges which may be associated with bringing your spirits to the WSWA Convention & Exposition or to the Wine & Spirits Tasting Competition.

#### 3. Product Shipping

- a. All product must be shipped to and delivered to Caesars Palace by a registered Nevada wholesaler. See WSWA's Product Handling Guidelines. The competition will require (1) 750ml or (2) Liter bottles per entry.

#### 4. Basis of Judging

- a. The judging will be by a panel of impartial qualified professional tasters.
- b. Each spirits entry will, within reason and the discretion of the Judging Director, be evaluated within a peer group of similar spirits. WSWA reserves the right, to arrange categories as they see fit in light of the number of entries.
- c. Awards will be made on a merit basis. The judges will not grant awards when, in their opinion, no spirits are worthy of an award.

#### 5. Winners

- a. Each supplier winning a Sweepstakes, Gold or Double Gold, medal award agrees to provide WSWA two (2) bottles for display purposes.

Direct all questions to  
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America:

Cindy Nachman-Senders: [Cindy@wswa.org](mailto:Cindy@wswa.org)  
OR Kari Langerman: [Kari@wswa.org](mailto:Kari@wswa.org)

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## 2010 Spirits Classification Codes and Entry Guidelines

### White Spirits

- 100. Vodka (See Rule 1)
- 101. Flavored Vodka
- 102. Aquavit
- 110. Gin
- 111. Flavored Gin
- 112. Soju/Shochu
- 120. White Rum
- 121. Dark/Gold Rum
- 122. Flavored Rum
- 123. Extra-Aged Rum
- 124. Over-Proof Rum
- 125. Rhum Agricole
- 126. Guaro
- 127. Cachaça
- 130. Silver/Gold 100% Agave (Unaged) Tequila
- 131. Reposado 100% Agave Tequila
- 132. Añejo 100% Agave Tequila
- 133. Extra-Aged Añejo 100% Agave Tequila
- 134. Mixto Tequila
- 135. Flavored Tequila
- 136. Mescal, Sotol, Bacanora, Comiteca
- 137. Non-Mexican Agave Spirits

### Whiskies / Whiskeys

- 200. Straight Bourbon
- 201. Small Batch Bourbon 10 Yrs. & Younger
- 202. Small Batch Bourbon 11 Yrs. & Older
- 203. Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Yrs. & Younger
- 204. Single Barrel American Whiskey 11 Yrs. & Older
- 205. Tennessee Whiskey
- 206. American Straight Rye Whiskey
- 207. American Blended Whiskey
- 210. Canadian Whisky
- 215. Blended Irish Whiskey
- 216. Single Malt Irish Whiskey
- 217. Pure Pot Still Irish Whiskey
- 218. Other Whiskey
- 220. Blended Scotch (See Rule 2)
- 221. Distillers' Single Malt Scotch (See Rules 2 & 3)
- 223. Independent Merchant Single Malt (See Rules 2 & 3)
- 225. Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

### Brandies

- 300. Cognac VS/Three Star or Equivalent
- 301. Cognac VSOP or Equivalent
- 302. Cognac XO or Equivalent
- 303. Cognac Extra-Aged/Vintage
- 304. Flavored Cognac
- 305. Armagnac VS or Equivalent
- 306. Armagnac VSOP or Equivalent
- 307. Armagnac XO or Equivalent
- 308. Armagnac Vintage - Post 1985
- 309. Armagnac Vintage - Pre 1985
- 310. Calvados VS, VSOP, XO, Hors d'Age
- 311. Calvados Vintage
- 312. Apple Brandy
- 319. Alambic Brandy (small scale/pot still distillation)
- 320. French Grape Brandy (pot still and/or continuous still)
- 321. American Grape Brandy (large scale/continuous)
- 322. Spanish Grape Brandy & Brandy de Jerez
- 323. Italian Grape Brandy
- 324. Grappa
- 325. Marc
- 326. Pisco
- 327. Eau-de-Vie
- 328. Fruit Brandy Other Than Grape Brandy
- 329. Other Brandies
- 330. Brandy Based Products

### Liqueurs and Others

- 400. Fruit Liqueurs
- 401. Herbal/Botanicals Liqueurs
- 402. Coffee Liqueurs
- 403. Nut Liqueurs
- 404. Cream/Dairy Liqueurs
- 405. Other Liqueurs
- 407. Schnapps
- 408. Pastis
- 410. Apéritifs
- 419. Pre-Mixed Cocktails of a Maximum of 25% AbV
- 420. Pre-Mixed Cocktails of a Minimum of 25% AbV
- 425. Other Miscellaneous Spirits

### Classification Rules:

**1. For Vodka entries, please indicate:**

- a) Potato b) Wheat c) Rye d) Grape e) Sugar Cane f) Fruit g) Neutral Grain

**2. Whisky judged in the following age categories:**

- a) 10 Years & Younger b) 11-20 Years Old c) 21 Years & Older

**3. Whisky judged in the following region categories:**

- a) Highlands b) Lowlands c) Islay d) Islands e) Speyside