



SAKÉ AND SOJU

While these two categories share a page, they couldn't be more different from one another.

Saké is a familiar category and one that always excites us. Our judges taste them blind and it is always interesting for me to take a moment to see what they like and how they score the various entries (one of the perks of being the competition director). It's a wonderful class of beverage that is woefully overlooked by many Albertans – hindered in some ways by a lack of English on the labels, and concern by some that they aren't drinking them the "right" way. We also have a lovely yuzu citrus wine here that is as unique as it is tasty. Experiment and try something new! *Tom Firth*

SAKÉ JUDGES SELECTION

Gekkeikan Black & Gold Sake

Japan
\$25-27
CSPC 791645



Shin Premium Yuzu Wine

Japan
\$30-35
CSPC 801668



Masumi Shiro Junmai Ginjo

Japan
\$31-34
CSPC 835321



SAKÉ BEST IN CLASS

HIRO BY AIZU HOMARE

Japan
\$39-43
CSPC 851908

Soju - a neutral spirit from South Korea, Soju is typically distilled from rice, or cereal crops like wheat, and sometimes from starches, and often issued with an age statement. In many ways, they are similar to vodka, but with significant differences along the way.

SOJU JUDGES SELECTION

Hwayo 41 Premium Soju

South Korea
\$90-95
CSPC 835328



SOJU BEST IN CLASS

HWAYO 25 PREMIUM SOJU

South Korea
\$65-70
CSPC 835330



GOSE

Gose beers are wheat ales originating in northern Germany pre-Reinheitsgebot (1516), and are distinguished by their saltiness due to the natural brackish water in brewing. Imported German versions move in and out of our market, but craft breweries have taken to the style. Because authentic versions might be too much for local palates, they tone down the saltiness and often add fruit or other ingredients to create a tart, slightly sour tasting beer. Usually hazy, their colour is often dictated by the added ingredients. *Dave Nuttall*

JUDGES SELECTION

Trolley 5 Oh Yeah! Strawberry Kiwi Gose

Alberta, Canada
\$13-15
(4-PACK CANS)
CSPC 847798



BEST IN CLASS

VILLAGE AFTERGLOW MIMOSA GOSE

Alberta, Canada
\$13-15
(4-PACK CANS)
CSPC 847798