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Sons of Vancouver leads the way as B.C. distilleries make their mark at Canadian Whisky Awards

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British Columbia distillers continue to do themselves proud, with innovators Sons of Vancouver, Macaloney's, and Bearface all scoring big at the 2026 Canadian Whisky Awards in Victoria.

Sons of Vancouver continues to cement itself as an industry leader. The North Vancouver distillery took home the award for Canadian Whisky Producer of the Year, as well as the Best Cask Strength Whisky nod for its The First Crack of a Crème Brûlée' wheated rye. SOV's Wheated Rye was celebrated as Best New Whisky, while the crew behind the scenes won Blending Team of the Year.

Macaloney's Distillery received the Award of Excellence in Product Innovation for its The Peat Project, while Bearface's Triple Oak was named Corn Whisky of the Year.

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Traditionally held during Victoria Whisky Festival, the Canadian Whisky Awards sees an independent panel of experts do blind tastings. Over two dozen awards were handed out at the 16th annual edition of the awards.

For the full list of winners, go [here](#).

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