



2025 Bartender of the Year

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

2PM POURHOUSE, STORIES, YAGAN SQUARE

\$1000 1st Prize Professional

\$500 1st Prize Next Generation

Plus heaps of other prizes for all finalists

ENTRIES CLOSE 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025





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THE COMPETITION

To be selected as a Finalist you will need to Create a Signature Cocktail using Dilmah Tea & incorporating sponsors products.

15 Finalists will be selected, 10 Professional Bartenders & 5 Next Generation Bartenders

ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH ALL FINALISTS WILL BE ASKED TO CREATE THEIR SIGNATURE COCKTAIL TO THE JUDGES & GO THROUGH A SERIES OF OTHER CHALLENGES TO SEE WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE TITLE OF BARTENDER OF THE YEAR PROFESSIONAL & NEXT GENERATION.

ENTER YOUR COCKTAIL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19TH 2025 VIA EMAIL:

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SPONSORS ARE:



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. ENTRY IS OPEN TO ALL HOSPITALITY EMPLOYEES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA CURRENTLY WORKING IN A HOSPITALITY BUSINESS.
2. TO QUALIFY AS A NEXT GENERATION FINALIST YOU MUST HAVE LESS THAN 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A BARTENDER.
3. ONLY ONE FINALIST PER VENUE WILL BE SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE FINAL TO ENSURE AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD OF FINALISTS.
4. ANY METHOD OF CREATING YOUR COCKTAIL CAN BE USED, HOMEMADE SYRUPS, FERMENTS, ETC.
5. ALL SIGNATURE COCKTAILS CAN ONLY CONTAIN A MAXIMUM OF 60ML OF TOTAL LIQUOR FROM THE SPONSORS LIST.
6. ALL SIGNATURE COCKTAILS MUST SPECIFY WHAT DILMAH TEA THEY ARE USING IN THEIR COCKTAIL.
7. ALL FINALIST MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SPECIFIC GLASSWARE FOR THEIR SIGNATURE COCKTAIL OR USE GLASSWARE AVAILABLE AT THE POURHOUSE AT STORIES.
8. ALL ALCOHOL & BASIC CITRUS JUICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FINAL BUT IF YOU HAVE CREATED YOUR OWN SYRUP YOU MUST BRING THIS TO THE FINAL.
9. EACH FINALIST WILL PREPARE 3 OF THEIR SIGNATURE COCKTAILS FOR THE JUDGES IN AN ALLOCATED TIME PERIOD.
10. EACH FINALIST WILL GO THROUGH A WRITTEN TEST, BLIND TASTING & CLASSIC COCKTAIL CHALLENGE & THE WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMBINED SCORES OF EVERY CHALLENGE.
11. JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL & NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO & ONLY TOP 3 PLACES WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE DAY.
12. 1ST PRIZE IN PROFESSIONAL WILL WIN \$1000 & 1ST PRIZE FOR NEXT GENERATION WILL RECEIVE \$500.
13. ALL 15 FINALISTS WILL RECEIVE A INDIVIDUAL GIFT BAG WITH A VARIETY OF SPONSOR INGREDIENTS & MERCHANDISE.
14. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE EMAILED TO ADAM KEANE ADAM@THEDRINKSEXPERIENCE.COM.AU BEFORE 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025.
15. A PANEL OF SPONSORS MAY REQUEST TO TASTE COCKTAILS FROM ENTRANTS IN THEIR VENUES TO ASSIST IN SELECTION PROCESS OF FINALISTS. IT MAY BE AN ADVANTAGE TO LIST THE COCKTAIL AS A SPECIAL FOR MONTHS LEADING INTO FINAL BUT IT IS NOT A PREREQUISITE TO GET ACCEPTED.
16. ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES PLEASE LIAISE WITH ADAM KEANE 0402092399 OR ADAM@THEDRINKSEXPERIENCE.COM.AU

FULL LIST OF SPONSOR PRODUCTS HERE:

DILMAH TEA RANGE
FEVER TREE RANGE
KETEL ONE VODKA
JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK LABEL
SAILOR JERRY SPICED RUM
MONKEY SHOULDER BLENDED WHISKEY
FOUR PILLARS RARE DRY GIN
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE GIN
BACARDI CARTA BLANCA RUM

JOSEPH CARTON LIQUEUR RANGE
HERRADURA PLATA TEQUILA
ALTOS PLATA TEQUILA
WOODFORD RESERVE BOURBON
COINTREAU
KOTA PANDAN LIQUEUR
THREE FOXES APERITIVO
THREE FOXES AMARO
THREE FOXES BITTER