

Hahndorf distiller best in Oz

SPIRITS are high in Hahndorf after local distiller Ambleside was named the best in the country at the weekend's Tasting Australia Spirit Awards.

Ambleside Distillers took out the overall Best Distiller award for their Small Acre Gin and No. 8 Botanical Gin.

Other South Australian winners included Tin Shed Distilling, which won Best Rum for their The Ferret Requiem Rum, while Ochre Nation nabbed Best Liqueur for their Økar Amaro.

Best Alternate Spirit went to Adelaide Hills Distillery for their Apple Brandy.

Co-founder and distiller at Ambleside, Matt Dickson, said picking up the overall award was a "satisfying end to the year", having swept up a number of golds at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in March.

The full list of winners is at tastingaustralia.com.au