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SA craft distillery wins international awards



78 Degrees head distiller Sacha La Forgia.

South Australian craft distillery 78 Degrees has received further international recognition, winning prizes for its gin and whiskey at the American Distilling Institute (ADI) Craft Spirit Awards last week.

The distillery's 78 Degrees Australian Whiskey, which was launched earlier this year, was awarded Best of Category for an international whiskey, while its flagship 78 Degrees Classic Gin received a gold medal.

The producer was acquired by listed craft beverage company Might Craft in July and renamed from Adelaide Hills Distillery to 78 Degrees Distillery as part of an acquisition that also saw well-known SA brands Mismatch Brewing and Hills Cider join the Melbourne-based company's growing portfolio.

Distillery founder and Head Distiller Sacha La Forgia said the awards were testament to the work the brand has put into its whiskey production in the last few years.

“When we set out to create the Australian Whiskey, our drive was not to replicate but to innovate,” he said.

“I think we’ve achieved that and I hope this award puts Australian whiskey on a global stage, and gives it the recognition that it deserves.”

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