



Old World Spirits Distillery receives two Gold medals for Blade Gin and Rusty Blade Gin at the 2019 World Gin Awards Competition held on January 10, 2019 in London.



Belmont, CA, January 16, 2019 - Accolades from the prestigious worldwide tasting competition, presented by Gin Magazine, include a Gold medal for the California distillery's Blade Gin™ in the Contemporary Gin category and a Gold medal for Rusty Blade™ Gin, in the Matured Gin Category. Judging panel at the World Gin Awards panel included leading international journalists, industry experts and top beverage retailers.

"It is thrilling to represent United States and California and be recognized at such an esteemed international gin competition while celebrating 10 year anniversary of Blade Gin and Rusty Blade Gin releases," Croatian-born founder and master distiller Davorin Kuchan said. "When we first started, market had very little idea about what California hand-crafted distilled spirits from locally sourced botanicals tasted like, let alone what a barrel-aged gin was."

Originally born on the sun-drenched shores of Santa Cruz, California, **Blade Gin™** is an intensely aromatic, fruit-forward gin with a fine tuned blend of fresh California citrus, fresh ginger, cilantro and a proprietary blend of world's finest botanicals and spices. Using custom 3-stage flavor extraction to balance intensity, Blade Gin is distilled on a custom copper still, designed by Kuchan. The name "Blade" is a slang term for a surfboard.

"Blade is a gin for people who don't like gin," Kuchan playfully explained. "Instead of a flabby, outdated industrial mass-produced gin with an overreaching piney juniper flavor, Blade Gin renders a rich, balanced harmony of deep California aromas, amazing straight in a Martini or mixed in any classic gin cocktail like an Aviation, Basil Gimlet or G&T."

Rusty Blade™ Gin pioneered barrel-aged gins in the United States. "My Croatian roots brought rich history of barrel ageing, partly as we did not have the money for expensive stainless steel tanks," Kuchan explains. "Four years in French oak barrels transform

Rusty Blade™ Gin into a luxury brown spirit, evocative of finest Scotch whiskeys and French brandies with a unique holiday baking spices floral gin twist.”

Both Blade Gin™ and Rusty Blade Gin™ won numerous gold medals and recognitions from other leading industry institutions such as San Francisco International Spirits Competition and Beverage Tasting Institute. Old World Spirits was also named Best San Francisco Bay Area distillery by San Francisco Magazine in 2015.

“As a family-owned craft distillery, we are honored by the recognition of the spirits industry and fans for our hard work and innovation,” Lucy Kuchan, Co-founder and a 'Voice of Reason' added.” “We are actively seeking new US and international distribution partners and look forward to sharing our California spirits craft with a broader audience”.

About Old World Spirits : Old World Spirits. LLC, 121 Industrial Road #3-4, Belmont, California, is one of the original California craft distilleries. Founded in 2005 by Lucy and Davorin Kuchan, Old World Spirits is home to award winning hand-crafted spirits such as Blade Gin, Rusty Blade Gin, St. Blaise Vodka, Goldrun Straight 100% Rye Whiskey, La Sorcière Absinthe, Kuchan Black Walnut Nocino and Pelinkovac Amaro Torino. Old World Spirits prides itself on hand-crafting internationally acclaimed innovative distilled spirits from the finest locally sourced ingredients. For more information, call (650) 485 1009 or visit <http://www.oldworldspirits.com> . Follow Old World Spirits on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook