



The 14th annual Victoria Whisky Festival will have many in “good spirits” this weekend. (Nina Grossman/Black Press)

Victoria Whisky Festival kicks off this weekend

Whisky-lovers flock to Hotel Grand Pacific for weekend events and tastings

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When Davin de Kergommeaux does a whisky tasting session, he doesn't bother telling the audience the “proper” way to taste.

“If you taste whisky you're going to do it your own way, with your own smell and your own palette,” says the Canadian Whisky Awards founder.

De Kergommeaux is a long-time whisky enthusiast and author of *Canadian Whisky: The New Portable Expert*. He founded the annual awards ceremony to celebrate Canadian whisky, which he says is some of the best in the world.

NEWS Whisky tastes different every year says Davin, based on the conditions of the crops that produce grain.

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Enjoyed some lovely spirits at a kick off tasting before [#VictoriaWhiskyFestival](#) starts this weekend. Of course the \$300 41-year Canadian Club was my fav, but the Saanichton Ancient Grains was a close second!

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The awards presentation kicked off the 14th annual Victoria Whisky Festival running from Jan. 17-20 at Hotel Grand Pacific. Whisky-lovers experienced alcohol from around the

world, enjoying tastings of whisky delicacies, new wave malts and old classics.

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