

**The Fifty Best · Best Mezcal 2026**

Gold Medal

Awarded to Mr. Mezcal Joven Tepeztate

Tasting	The Fifty Best — Best Mezcal 2026
Announced	September 25, 2026 · New York, NY
Mezcal	Mr. Mezcal Joven Tepeztate
Agave	Tepeztate (<i>Agave marmorata</i>), wild
Origin	Oaxaca, Mexico
Strength	42% ABV · 84 proof

How it was judged

The Fifty Best tasted eleven mezcals blind with eleven members of its spirits judging panel, scoring each on a five-point scale. Medals were awarded from the judges' final scores.

What the judges found

Maple and burnt pineapple on the nose, green olive and mesquite smoke on the palate, and a honeyed, peppery finish. In the panel's words: "*rustic style, very balanced.*"

Official results, with the judges' complete tasting notes:

www.thefiftybest.com/spirits/best_mezcal

The press release issued by The Fifty Best follows on page 2. This summary was prepared by Mr. Mezcal from the published results.



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-- The Fifty Best Holds a Mezcal Tasting --

New York, NY, (September 25, 2026) – *The Fifty Best* has once again shined its spotlight on mezcal by hosting a tasting where contenders were evaluated for the distinguished “Best Mezcal” awards of 2026.

The Fifty Best is very pleased to announce that **Mr. Mezcal Joven Tepeztate** was awarded a Gold medal.

Using professional criteria, the pre-qualified panel of judges blind-tasted the mezcals and rated them individually on a 1-5 point scoring system with 5 being the highest. After tallying the scores, medals were awarded based on the judges' impressions.

The complete results, along with tasting notes, can be viewed here:
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