

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival
Cupping Competition 2018
Judges Panel

Pete Licata

2013 World Barista Champion and 2011 United States Barista Champion (using 100% Hawaii coffee!)

Licata Coffee Consultants - Kansas City, Missouri

Mika Saito

Licensed Q Grader; Latte Art Champion and trainer (more details soon) Independent

Kawaguchi, Japan

Brandon Thiessen

Licensed Q Grader; Coffee Trader, Olam Specialty Coffee

Healdsburg, California

Jacqueline Suiter

Licensed Q Grader and Level 1 Sommelier; Owner and Green Coffee Buyer, Kona Coffee Purveyors

Honolulu, Hawai`i

Madeleine Longoria Garcia

Licensed Q Grader; Barista Trainer and Equipment Service Technician, Four Seasons Hualalai

Kailua Kona, Hawai`i

Hideki Miki

UCC Ueshima Coffee Company

Kailua Kona, Hawai`i

Max Maemori

Licensed Q Grader; Director, M15 Company Ltd.

Na`alehu, Hawai`i

Aaron Schank

Licensed Q Grader, Systems Administrator Hawaii Coffee Company

Honolulu, Hawai`i