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**E. H. TAYLOR SMALL BATCH RECEIVES “CHAIRMAN’S TROPHY”  
AT ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE,  
THREE OTHER BUFFALO TRACE WHISKIES NAMED FINALISTS**

*Fourteen spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery receive top honors*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (April 19, 2017)** Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey received a Chairman’s Trophy at the 2017 Ultimate Spirits Challenge, where a total of 14 spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery were awarded top honors. Three whiskies from Buffalo Trace were also named Chairman’s Trophy Finalists; Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey and Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Bottled in Bond Straight Rye Whiskey.

**Those awarded as “Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation” include:**

- Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Sazerac Rye Straight Rye Whiskey
- Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Stag Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Bottled in Bond Straight Rye Whiskey

**Those awarded the distinction of “Excellent, Highly Recommended” were:**

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Benchmark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Barrel Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Blanton’s Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream

**Awarded the distinction of “Very Good, Strong Recommendation” were:**

- Benchmark Peach Flavored Whiskey
- Benchmark Brown Sugar Flavored Whiskey

**Awarded the distinction of “Good, Recommended” was:**

- Benchmark Apple Flavored Whiskey

E. H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch, Buffalo Trace, Eagle Rare, Sazerac Rye, Benchmark, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream, Benchmark Peach Flavored Whiskey, and Benchmark Brown Sugar Flavored Whiskey were deemed to be “Great Values.” Receiving a designation as “Tried & True” were E. H. Taylor Jr. Single Barrel, Blanton’s, Sazerac Rye and Stag Jr.

This competition, in its seventh year, is judged by a panel of the spirit industry’s most renowned judges including award-winning authors, buyers, journalists, educators and bar owners, who rate each spirit on a 100-point scale.

Complete results for the 2017 Ultimate Spirits Challenge can be found at [www.ultimate-beverage.com/usc2017results](http://www.ultimate-beverage.com/usc2017results).

### **About Buffalo Trace Distillery**

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1773 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is a National Historic Landmark as well as is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won 17 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as *Whisky Magazine*, *Whisky Advocate Magazine* and *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. It was named “Brand Innovator of the Year” by *Whisky Magazine* at its Icons of Whisky America Awards 2015. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 300 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracedistillery.com](http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com). To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracedistillery.com](http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com).