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**BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY'S WHEATLEY VODKA WINS GOLD AT 2017
INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION**
Eleven Buffalo Trace whiskies also honored

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Aug. 22, 2017) – Twelve Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits were awarded medals at the 2017 International Wine & Spirits Competition, including Wheatley Vodka which received a Gold medal.

Eight of the 12 Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits recognized received “Silver Outstanding” medals which are awarded based upon the highest scores within each category.

Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits awarded “Silver Outstanding” include:

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Barrel Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
- Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey

Those awarded Silver include:

- Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Benchmark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Awarded Bronze:

- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream

“We are delighted by our placements at the IWSC,” said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley. “The judging for this competition is very rigorous, but so are we when it comes to creating quality spirits so we feel very proud of these results.”

The International Wine and Spirit Competition was founded in 1969 and is the premier competition of its kind in the world. Its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs.

All entries are first blind tasted in groups divided by variety, region and vintage as necessary, by professional expert judges (by glass, not bottle) and then the top products are sent for detailed chemical and microbiological analysis. This analysis is crucial as in some instances the results of this analysis may lead to marks being deducted or even outright rejection.

Learn more at www.iwsc.net.

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. To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit www.buffalotracedistillery.com.