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**FOUR BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY SPIRITS NAMED “TROPHY FINALISTS”  
IN 2018 ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE**

*20 spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery awarded*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (May 15, 2018)** A total of 20 spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery were awarded at the 2018 Ultimate Spirits Challenge. Four of those were named “Trophy Finalists,” including, George T. Stagg, Stagg Jr , Sazerac Straight Rye and Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream Liqueur.

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

- George T. Stagg Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

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

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Eagle Rare 10 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- W. L. Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- W. L. Weller “Old Weller Antique” Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- W. L. Weller 12 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Sazerac Straight Rye
- Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Straight Rye Whiskey
- Blanton’s Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Pappy Van Winkle 20 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

- Wheatley Vodka
- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream
- Platinum 7X Vodka
- Benchmark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

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

- Rain Vodka

**Named “Good, Recommended” was:**

- Rain Cucumber Vodka

Sazerac Straight Rye, Eagle Rare 10 Year Old, W. L. Weller 12 Year Old, Wheatley Vodka, Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream, Platinum 7X Vodka and Rain Vodka were all deemed to be “Great Values.” Receiving a designation as “Tried & True” were Sazerac Rye, Eagle Rare, Blanton’s Single Barrel, E. H. Taylor Single Barrel and E. H. Taylor, Jr. Rye.

This competition, in its eighth 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 2018 Ultimate Spirits Challenge can be found at [www.ultimate-beverage.com/usc2018results](http://www.ultimate-beverage.com/usc2018results).

### **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 21 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as Whisky Magazine, Whisky Advocate Magazine and Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Its Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon was named World Whiskey of the Year by “Jim Murray’s Whiskey Bible 2018.” Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 500 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit

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