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BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY STRIKES GOLD

Judges award Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits with five Double Gold, 21 total medals

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (June 13, 2018) W.L. Weller 12 year old Kentucky Straight Bourbon, Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon, William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon, George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon and Blanton's Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon struck double gold at this year's San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

The 18th annual competition had another record-breaking year that featured 2,469 spirits which means there was an 11 percent increase from last year. This year, 48 of the industry's finest spirits experts reviewed each entry with a blind taste test, ultimately awarding Buffalo Trace with five Double Gold medals. The celebrated Double Gold medal is awarded when all 48 judges assign Gold to a spirit.

Double Gold

- W.L. Weller 12 year old Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Blanton's Single Barrel of Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Gold

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon

- Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey
- W. L. Weller Antique Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Rain Vodka

Silver

- Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
- Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- W. L. Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
- Wheatley Vodka
- Benchmark Old No. 8 Brand Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Bronze

- Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 20 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream Liqueur

“We are honored to be recognized with these awards among the 2,469 entries in this competition,” Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley, said. “This is a great honor for us, and we could not be more thankful to receive each of these great awards.”

Complete results for the 2018 San Francisco World Spirits Competition can be found at <http://sfspiritscomp.com/results/>.

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 www.buffalotracedistillery.com. To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit <http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media>