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E. H. Taylor, Jr. Bourbon Named World Whisky of the Year
*Buffalo Trace Distillery's Whiskeys Sweep Whisky Awards with Wins in
5 of the 6 American Whisky Categories*

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Oct. 16, 2017) Buffalo Trace Distillery dominates the American Whisky Category, according to *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2018*, winning the top prize of World Whisky of the Year for its Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon, and also taking home Bourbon of the Year, Rye of the Year, Best American Whisky No Age Statement, Best American Whisky 9 Years and Under, Best American Whisky 10 Years and Over, Best Rye No Age Statement, and Best Rye 11 Years and Over.

The E. H. Taylor Four Grain scored a remarkable 97.5 out of 100 and is described by Jim Murray as “nothing could match the astonishing beauty of its surprisingly delicate weight and complexity combined. It was as if time stood still in the tasting room, I just knew...”

Buffalo Trace Distillery's complete list of winners from *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2018* are as follows:

- 2018 World Whisky of the Year – Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon
- Bourbon of the Year – Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon
- Rye of the Year – Thomas H. Handy Sazerac 126.2 Proof
- Best American Whisky No Age Statement (Multiple Barrels) – George T. Stagg 144.1 Proof
- Best American Whisky 9 Years and Under – Buffalo Trace Experimental Collection Organic 6 Grain Whisky
- Best American Whiskey 10 Years and Over (Multiple Barrels) – Colonel E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain
- Best Rye, No Age Statement – Thomas H. Handy Sazerac 126.2 Proof
- Best Rye, 11 Years and Over – Sazerac 18 Years Old

This is the first time so many top whisky winners have been made by the same distillery in the 15 years Jim Murray has been giving the awards in his *Whisky Bible*.

“To not only be named World Whisky of the Year, but also to win 5 of the 6 American Whisky categories and 2 of the 3 Rye Whisky categories is simply remarkable,” said Mark Brown, president and chief executive officer, Buffalo Trace Distillery. “It is truly a testament of the skill and dedication of not only our Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley, but to all of our team members at the Trace. We are simply thrilled.”

The E. H. Taylor, Jr. Four Grain Bourbon joins numerous other whiskies produced at Buffalo Trace Distillery that Jim Murray has also named the World Whiskey of the Year, including Thomas H. Handy Sazerac, 128.6 proof in 2013, the Sazerac 18 Year Old Rye Whiskey in 2010, The George T. Stagg Bourbon 129 proof in 2006, and the George T. Stagg Bourbon in both 2005 and 2004. In all, six whiskies produced by Buffalo Trace have been named to Jim’s top spot in the past 15 years, an astonishing accomplishment.

Jim Murray’s Whisky Bible 2018 can be pre-ordered at <http://whiskybible.com/>

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.

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