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**E.H. TAYLOR RYE, WELLER FULL PROOF NAMED CHAIRMAN’S TROPHY  
RECIPIENTS AT 2021 ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE**

*21 Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits recognized*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Aug. 3, 2021)** Two Buffalo Trace Distillery whiskies received prestigious Chairman’s Trophies at the 2021 Ultimate Spirits Challenge, and seven other spirits were named Chairman’s Trophy Finalists. Col. E.H. Taylor Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey, and Weller Full Proof claimed the Chairman’s Trophies. Additionally, six Buffalo Trace spirits were deemed a Great Value, nine received Tried & True designations, and two were included in the competition’s Top 100 Spirits.

**Those awarded the distinction of “Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation” were:**

- Col. E.H. Taylor Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
  - Chairman’s Trophy
  - Top 100 Spirits
- Weller Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Chairman’s Trophy
  - Top 100 Spirits
  - Named a “Great Value”
- Weller Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
- Wheatley Vodka
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - Named a “Great Value”
  - “Tried & True” Award

**“Excellent, Highly Recommended” honors went to:**

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Named a “Great Value”
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Barrel Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
- Stag Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - Named a “Great Value”
  - “Tried & True” Award
- George T. Stag Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - “Tried & True” Award
- Elmer T. Lee Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - Named a “Great Value”
- W.L. Weller CYPB Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - “Tried & True” Award
- W. L. Weller 12 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Named a “Great Value”
  - “Tried & True” Award

- W. L. Weller Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
  - “Tried & True” Award

**Awarded “Very Good, Strong Recommendation” was:**

- Old Charter Oak French Oak Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- W.L. Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream

This competition, in its 12th 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 2021 Ultimate Spirits Challenge can be found at <https://www.ultimate-beverage.com/usc-2021/2021-spirits-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 1775 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 35 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 for 2018 and its William Larue Weller and Thomas H. Handy Sazerac were named 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> finest whiskeys in the world for 2020. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 1,000 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 <http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media>.