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W.L. WELLER 12 YEAR OLD WINS BEST IN SHOW AT 2018 LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

Fourteen spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery receive top honors

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (July 25, 2018) W.L. Weller 12 year old bourbon was awarded Best in Show, Best in Category (Straight Bourbon 6 years or older) and a Gold medal. A total of 14 spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery were awarded top honors at the 2018 Los Angeles International Spirits Competition. Two whiskies from Buffalo Trace were also named Best of Category. Staggs Jr. was named Best of Category and E.H. Taylor Rye was named Best of Category in American Straight Rye.

Those awarded Gold include:

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Eagle Rare 10 Year Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- W.L. Weller 12 Year Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Old Weller Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Sazerac Straight Rye
- George T. Staggs Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Staggs Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor Straight Rye
- Elmer T. Lee Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Blanton's Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon (no age)
- Benchmark Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Silver Medal was awarded to:

- Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon

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 2018 Los Angeles International Spirits Competition can be found at <https://fairplex.com/competitions/spirits-competition/awards-celebration>.

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