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GEORGE T. STAGG NAMED BEST BOURBON WHISKEY IN THE WORLD

20 Buffalo Trace Distillery spirits recognized at Ultimate Spirits Challenge

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (JUNE 11, 2019) The 2019 Ultimate Spirits Challenge honored 20 spirits from Buffalo Trace Distillery with awards, including a Chairman's Trophy. George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon received this prestigious award and the acclaim of best bourbon whiskey in the world. Additionally, seven of Buffalo Trace Distillery's whiskies were named finalists for the Chairman's Trophy, nine spirits were named a "Great Value" and six received the "Tried and True" award.

"It is a tremendous honor and a testament to the passion of our hard-working team to receive the Chairman's Trophy for George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon," said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley. "The Ultimate Spirits Challenge is a universally recognized indicator of exceptional quality and craftsmanship, and we are thrilled that so many of our spirits were recognized this year."

Those awarded the distinction of "Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation" were:

- George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman's Trophy
- Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman's Trophy
- Blanton's Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman's Trophy
 - Named a "Great Value"
 - "Tried & True" Award

“Excellent, Highly Recommended” honors went to:

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Named a “Great Value”
 - “Tried & True” Award
- Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
 - Named a “Great Value”
 - “Tried & True” Award
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
 - “Tried & True” Award
- Colonel E.H. Taylor Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
 - “Tried & True” Award
- Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Elmer T. Lee Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- W. L. Weller 12 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
 - Named a “Great Value”
- W. L. Weller Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Finalist for Chairman’s Trophy
 - Named a “Great Value”
- W.L. Weller CYPB Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- Wheatley Vodka
 - Named a “Great Value”
 - “Tried & True” Award

Awarded “Very Good, Strong Recommendation” were:

- Sazerac Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey
 - Named a “Great Value”

- W.L. Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Named a “Great Value”
- Benchmark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
 - Named a “Great Value”

“Good, Recommended” distinction was given to:

- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream

The ninth annual competition is decided by a judging panel of the spirit industry’s most renowned experts including award-winning authors, buyers, journalists, educators and bar owners, who rate each spirit on a 100-point scale.

Complete results for the 2019 Ultimate Spirits Challenge can be found at <https://www.ultimate-beverage.com/ultimate-spirits-challenge-USC/2019-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 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>.