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**Buffalo Trace named Distillery of the Year by  
Tasting Panel Magazine at 2020 San Francisco World Spirits Competition**

*The Spirits Produced at the Distillery Received 19 Awards*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (May 28, 2020)** – With expansions underway everywhere you look at Buffalo Trace Distillery, the whiskey maker is expanding its status as World’s Most Award Winning Distillery. The Distillery was just named Tasting Panel Magazine’s Distillery of the Year at the 2020 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. This prestigious award recognizes the single distiller earning the most points, measured by the number and level of awards won in a given year. That honor is bestowed to Buffalo Trace Distillery in 2020 after its spirits garnered a total of 18 medals and a Best in Class designation. This includes five Double Gold medals, four Gold medals, six Silver medals and three Bronze medals and the title of Best Small Batch Bourbon 11 Years and Older for its Eagle Rare 17 Year Old.

“Our focus has always been on making quality spirits, so this honor motivates us to continue the hard work and maintain the high standards we’ve set for ourselves,” Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley said. “This is an ongoing team effort. We’re very proud and thankful for the work every one of our team members puts forth for our whiskies to reach this level of recognition.”

Garnering more than 1,000 awards over the years, this Distillery of the Year title further underscores Buffalo Trace’s commitment to produce excellent spirits. As its collection of honors continues to grow, so too is the popularity of Buffalo Trace’s whiskies and spirits. With the second phase of its Distillery expansion underway, Buffalo Trace is making significant progress on its \$1.2 billion investment to expand its distilling capabilities and make more award-winning whiskey.

**Double Gold medals went to**

- Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Straight American Rye Whiskey
- Stag Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon

**Gold medals were awarded to**

- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Small Batch Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Weller Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon

**Silver medal recipients were**

- Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Eagle Rare 10 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- George T. Stag Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Bottled-in-Bond Straight American Rye Whiskey
- Weller CYPB (Craft Your Perfect Bourbon) Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Weller 12 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon

**Bronze medals went to**

- Weller Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon
- Wheatley Vodka
- Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream Liqueur

Spirits entered into the San Francisco World Spirits Competition are judged over four days of highly controlled blind tastings by a panel of more than 40 judges made up of respected, experienced industry experts. Complete results for the 2020 San Francisco World Spirits Competition can be found at <http://www.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 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 by “Jim Murray’s Whiskey Bible 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, respectively, in the “Jim Murray Whiskey Bible 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>.