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**BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY PRODUCES THREE “BEST OF CATEGORY” WINNERS AT THE 2011 LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRITS COMPETITION**

*Blanton’s, Pappy Van Winkle 15 and Sazerac Straight Rye Named “Bests”*

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (July 21, 2011)** – The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition announced the winners from its recent 2011 competition held in late May and Buffalo Trace Distillery received 10 accolades for its whiskeys produced at its Frankfort, KY distillery. The award-winning entries were selected out of 154 spirits from 47 producers.

Buffalo Trace Distillery’s top winners include:

- **Best of Category: Single Barrel American Whiskey 10 Years or Less**
  - Blanton’s Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- **Best of Category: Small Batch Bourbon 11 Years or Older**
  - Pappy Van Winkle 15 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- **Best of Category: American Straight Rye**
  - Sazerac Straight Kentucky Rye Whiskey

Buffalo Trace Distillery’s whiskeys also won numerous medals, including:

- **Gold Medal**
  - Blanton’s
  - Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 15 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 20 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
  - Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey
  - Eagle Rare Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- **Silver Medal**
  - Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
- **Bronze Medal**
  - Buffalo Trace Distillery White Dog Mash #1

“I’m very proud of our team here that consistently produces whiskeys that win such esteemed awards as these,” said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley.

Complete results of the 2011 LAIWSC are available at [www.fairplex.com/wos/spirits\\_competition](http://www.fairplex.com/wos/spirits_competition). The award-winning entries will be displayed during the Los Angeles County Fair, September 3 – October 2, 2011 in “The Wine & Spirits Marketplace.”

### **About Buffalo Trace Distillery**

Buffalo Trace Distillery is a family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The distillery's rich distilling tradition dates back to 1787 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 whiskey and vodka on site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won seven distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as *Whisky Magazine*, *Malt Advocate Magazine* and *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. It was named *Whisky Magazine* 2010 World Icons of Whisky "Whisky Visitor Attraction of the Year." Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 200 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotrace.com](http://www.buffalotrace.com). To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracediakit.com](http://www.buffalotracediakit.com).

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