



# The Washington Cup Spirits Competition

The Only Spirits Competition for  
American-Made Spiritous Liqueurs

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## FINAL COMPETITION RESULTS

The Washington Cup Competition has released its final results and out of a field of nearly 150 American made spirits, the Washington Cup judges have bestowed Washington Cups upon six spirits. Moreover, they have chosen to recognize just over one hundred spirits as deserving of medals. While this might be a lower percentage of awards than any other competition provides, the judges of the Washington Cup strongly believe that these results are based upon merit and not upon preconceived minimums (as so often happens with competitions). Instead, we hold that these awards reflect the state of distilling in America – with so many new distillers and distilleries, there is still much to be learned.

Nonetheless, the Washington Cup is delighted to bring the public and trade's attention to a number of spirits, both new and well established, that we believe are excellent and genuinely American made. A scant decade ago, there were only a handful of small craft distilleries; today there are more than one thousand found in all fifty states. Some of the newest among these are first-rate, and they have received their appropriate praise in these early results of the Washington Cup.

The Washington Cup is the first competition of its kind – a competition exclusively for American made spirits and liqueurs. We seek to provide an opportunity for the best of these new distilleries to demonstrate their skills and the excellence of their products on a level playing field. By creating the Washington Cup, our goal is to bring attention to new and established high quality American spirits and liqueurs.

We believe that the Washington Cup's focus upon a democratic approach towards spirits tasting and assessment reflects our nation's founding father's own steadfast belief in a new political system that allowed the people to speak as loudly as the powerful. George Washington, along with his other brothers in freedom, saw the merit of a democracy in which a meritocracy (the Executive branch) shared power alongside the people's direct representatives (Congress), with an impartial and experienced group providing oversight (the Judiciary). With the Washington Cup, we have tried to create a series of tastings that mirror our remarkable system of government.

As an unprecedented service to each of the brands involved, the ten spirits that competed for a Washington Cup Award in the final round will receive the top recipe developed by the bartenders. The Washington Cup does not levy an additional charge for this service. We hope that these events reflect well upon the tremendous heritage of George Washington, and speak to the great spirits now marking the diverse American landscape.

Questions concerning the Washington Cup may be addressed to Doug Frost at 816-916-1095 or go to [www.washingtoncup.com](http://www.washingtoncup.com) or email us at [washingtoncup@gmail.com](mailto:washingtoncup@gmail.com).

Best Regards,

Doug Frost MS, MW  
Founder, The Washington Cup

# THE WASHINGTON CUP WINNERS

Alltech Lexington Brewing and Distilling Co. – Town Branch Rye

Alltech Lexington Brewing and Distilling Co. – Pearse Lyons Reserve

Buffalo Trace Distillery – Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

Buffalo Trace Distillery – Wheatley Vodka

One Eight Distilling – Untitled Whiskey No. 6

S.D. Strong Distilling – Pillar 136 Gin

## ALL AWARD WINNERS

Alltech Lexington Brewing and Distilling Company – Town Branch Rye (WASHINGTON CUP), Pearse Lyons Reserve (WASHINGTON CUP), Town Branch Bourbon (GOLD Medal)

Anchorage Distillery – Blueberry Vodka (Bronze Medal), Glacier Melt Vodka (Bronze Medal), Benefactor Pink Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Black Dog Distillery – Black Dog 100 (Bronze Medal), Black Dog Lavender Vodka (Silver Medal)

Blackbird Distillery – Blackbird’s Straight Shine (Bronze Medal), Hot Cinnamon Corn Shine (Bronze Medal)

Buffalo Trace Distillery – Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (WASHINGTON CUP), Sazerac Rye Straight Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Wheatley Vodka (WASHINGTON CUP)

Coastal Beverages - Taste of Florida Spicy Bloody Mary (Silver Medal), Taste of Florida Medium Bloody Mary (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Piña Colada (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Mango Puree (Bronze Medal), Taste of Florida Peach (Bronze Medal)

E&J Distillers – E&J XO Brandy (Bronze Medal)

Elgin Distillery – Regalo de Vida Rum (Bronze Medal)

Fire Oak Distillery – FVO Texas Premium Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Florida Farm Distillers – Palm Ridge Reserve (Bronze Medal), Palm Ridge Rye (Bronze Medal), Palm Ridge Virgin (Bronze Medal)

Four Leaf Spirits – Sásta Herbal Tea Liqueur (Bronze Medal)

Grand River Spirits – True Kinship Young Bourbon (Bronze Medal), True Kinship Young Whiskey (Bronze Medal), True Kinship Original Corn Whiskey (Silver Medal)

Gray Skies Distillery – Barrel Finished Hopped Gin (Silver Medal)

Great Notch Distillery – Garden State Dry Gin (Bronze Medal), Devil’s Legend Corn Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Devil’s Legend Apple Pie Moonshine (Bronze Medal)

Hartford Flavor Company - Wild Moon Liqueurs Chai Spice (Bronze Medal)

Jackson Hole Still Works – Highwater Vodka (Bronze Medal)

J.K. Williams Distilling – J.K.’s Muddy Waters (Silver Medal), J.K.’s High Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal), J.K.’s Straight Bourbon (Bronze Medal), J.K.’s Bourbon Select (Bronze Medal)

Lazy Guy Distillery – 5<sup>th</sup> Article 1887 Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Side Track Bourbon Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Lucidi Distilling Co. - Forcible Entry Arizona Vodka (Bronze Medal)

Marauda Rum – Steelpan Rum (Bronze Medal)

Missouri State University – Appleshine (GOLD Medal), Raspberry Schnaps (GOLD Medal)

New Amsterdam Spirits – New Amsterdam Gin (Bronze Medal), New Amsterdam Vodka (Silver Medal)

NJoy Spirits Distillery– Florida Mermaid Rum (Bronze Medal)

Old Forge Distillery – Tennessee Bourbon (8yr) Single Barrel Release (GOLD Medal), Unaged Corn, Recipe #001 (Silver Medal), Old Forge Distillery Rum (Bronze Medal), Miller’s Blend, Recipe #008 (Bronze Medal), Distiller’s Blend, Recipe #007 (Bronze Medal)

One Eight Distilling – Ivy City Gin (Silver Medal), Untitled Gin No. 1 (Silver Medal), Untitled Whiskey No. 6 (WASHINGTON CUP), Rock Creek White Whiskey (Bronze Medal), District Made Vodka (Bronze Medal), Untitled Whiskey No. 7 (Bronze Medal)

Painted Stave Distilling – Double Troubled Malt Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Diamond State Rye Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Pinckney Bend – Pinckney Bend Cask Finished Gin (Bronze Medal)

Puget Sound Rum Company– Comb and Cane Honey Rum (Bronze Medal), Rum 47 White Rum (Bronze Medal)

Ransom Spirits – Ransom Dry Vermouth (Bronze Medal)

Redmont Distilling Company – Redmont Vodka (Silver Medal)

Rocheport Distilling – White Rum (Bronze Medal), Rum (Bronze Medal), Rocheport Dark Rum (Bronze Medal)

S.D. Strong Distilling – Pillar 136 Gin (WASHINGTON CUP), S.D. Strong Vodka (Silver Medal)

Social Still – Rye Whiskey (Silver Medal), Spiced Rum (Bronze Medal), Gin (Bronze Medal), Barrel Gin (Bronze Medal), The Vault Bourbon (Bronze Medal)

Sons of Liberty Spirits Company– True Born Gin – The Belgian Wheat Act (Bronze Medal), Battle Cry Single Malt Whiskey (Bronze Medal) Uprising Single Malt Whiskey (Bronze Medal), Grapefruit Hop Flavored Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Square One Brewing & Distilling – MO Gin (Bronze Medal), J.J. Neukomm Missouri Malt Whiskey (Bronze Medal)

Three Wells Distillery – Sonora Copper - Aged Prickly Pear Fruit Spirit (Bronze Medal)

Tombstone Distillery – Tombstone Arizona Bourbon (Bronze Medal)

Vitae Spirits Distillery – Platinum Rum (Bronze Medal)

White River Distillery – Friday Night Red Eye (Bronze Medal), Friday Night Red Eye- Dark (Bronze Medal)

Widow Jane Distillery – Widow Jane 10yr Straight Bourbon Whiskey (Silver Medal), Whiskey Distilled from Rye Mash – American Oak Aged (Bronze Medal), Whiskey Distilled from Rye Mash–Oak and Applewood Aged (Bronze Medal), Bloody Butcher High Rye Bourbon (Bronze Medal), Bloody Butcher Single Expression Bourbon (Bronze Medal), Wapsie Valley Single Expression Bourbon (Bronze Medal)

Wollersheim Distillery – Dancehall Absinthe Blanche (Silver Medal), Garden State Gin (Bronze Medal), Coquard Brandy Batch No. 3 (Bronze Medal)