

2021 International Whisky Competition®

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Awards, Scores and Winners



INTERNATIONAL WHISKY COMPETITION COMMITTEE

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"The Olympics of whisky competitions." - Jim McEwan, Master Distiller.

Highlights of 2021

FOREWORD

The Competition took place from May 12-16th in the beautiful town of Estes Park, Colorado. A professional tasting panel made of whisky, spirit, beer, and wine experts blind tasted each whisky individually. We scored each whisky using a comprehensive 100-point scale system. This unique process makes the International Whisky Competition one of the most professional competitions of its kind and the most followed whisky competition in the world.

Understanding the Scoring System

Judges were blind tasting, judging and scoring each whisky individually for 8 minutes based on the following four main segments and eleven sub sections:

- Sight: Color (0 points), Visual Appeal (5 points)
- Nose: Intensity and Complexity (15 points), Distinctiveness of Aromas (10 points), Balance of Aromas (10 points)
- Taste/Mouth Feel: Palate and Balance (10 points), Alcohol, Body and Complexity (10 points), Distinctiveness of Flavours (10 points), Balance Between Flavours (10 points)
- Finish: Length and Finish (10 points), Quality of Finish (10 points)

Unique Medals

We're one of the very few spirit competitions providing three medals for each category. Thus, each win is unique and not duplicated with generic awards of lesser value.

Note: We do not list whiskies that scored under 85 points unless requested by the competing distillery.

2021 Whisky of the Year
Ardbeg Uigeadail
(95.9 Points)



Master Distiller
of the Year
Dr. Bill Lumsden

Winner of the Golden
Barrel Trophy
Ardbeg Distillery



Dr. Bill Lumsden becomes Master Distiller of the Year, and Ardbeg wins Whisky of the Year with the highest-scoring whisky of the International Whisky Competition®. The outstanding Ardbeg Uigeadail, which scored 95.9 Points, truly highlights Dr. Lumsden's vast experience, consistency, and mastery in the art of distilling and creating remarkable whiskies.

TOP SCORING WHISKIES

TOP 15 Whiskies of 2021

- 1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 95.9 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
2nd Place: Glenmorangie Vintage 1997 – 95.1 Pts (Highland, Scotland)
3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old – 95 Pts (Scotland)
4th Place: Kavalan Artist Series: Paul Chiang Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 94.6 Pts (Taiwan)
5th Place: King Car 40th Anniversary Selected Wine Cask Matured Single Malt Whisky – 94 Pts (Taiwan)
6th Place: Black Bourbon Society's Maker's Mark Private Selection: Recipe 2. – 93.8 Pts (Kentucky, USA)
7th Place: Kavalan Solist Vinho Barrique Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.7 Pts (Taiwan)
8th Place: Dewar's Double Double 21 Year Old – 93.6 Pts (Scotland)
9th Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 2) – 93.4 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
10th Place: Glenmorangie Signet – 93.1 Pts (Highland, Scotland)
11th Place: Kavalan Solist (Oloroso) Sherry Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93 Pts (Taiwan)
12th Place: Kilchoman Machir Bay – 92.97 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
13th Place: Ardbeg An Oa – 92.87 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
14th Place: Aberlour A'Bundah – 92.73 Pts (Speyside, Scotland)
15th Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old – 92.67 Pts (Highland, Scotland)

Best Single Malt (All Categories, All Countries)

- 1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 95.9 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
2nd Place: Glenmorangie Vintage 1997 – 95.1 Pts (Highland, Scotland)
3rd Place: Kavalan Artist Series: Paul Chiang Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 94.6 Pts (Taiwan)

Best Blended Whisky (All Categories, All Countries)

- 1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old – 95 Pts (Scotland)
2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double 21 Year Old – 93.6 Pts (Scotland)
3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old – 92.37 Pts (Scotland)

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Best Single Malt Scotch

1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 95.9 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Vintage 1997 – 95.1 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 2) – 93.4 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch NAS (No Age Statement)

1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 95.9 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Signet – 93.1 Pts

3rd Place: Kilchoman Machir Bay – 92.97 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 10 Year Old & Under

1st Place: Ardbeg Wee Beastie – 91.67 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Ten – 91.17 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie The Original – 89.93 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 12 Year Old

1st Place: Glenlivet 12 Year Old – 90.93 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or 12 Year Old – 90.53 Pts

3rd Place: Aberlour 12 Year Old – 89.47 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 13-14 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old – 92.67 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie The Elementa 14 Year Old – 89.77 Pts

3rd Place: The Glenlivet 14 Year Old – 89.07 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 15 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Cadboll Estate Batch No. 2 – 89.67 Pts

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 15 Year Old – 89.5 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 16-17 Year Old

1st Place: Aberlour 16 Year Old – 92.33 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie The Tribute 16 Year Old – 92.23 Pts



Best Single Malt Scotch 18 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie 18 Year Old – 92.37 Pts

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 18 Year Old – 92 Pts

3rd Place: Aberlour 18 Year Old – 87.53 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 19-25 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1997 – 95.1 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 2) – 93.4 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie 19 Year Old– 90.97 Pts

Best Islay Single Malt

1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail - 95.9 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 2) – 93.4 Pts

3rd Place: Kilchoman Machir Bay – 92.97 Pts

Best Highland Single Malt

1st Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1997 – 95.1 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Signet – 93.1 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old – 92.67 Pts

Best Speyside Single Malt

1st Place: Aberlour A'Bunadh – 92.73 Pts

2nd Place: Aberlour 16 Year Old – 92.33 Pts

3rd Place: The Glenlivet 18 Year Old – 92 Pts

Best Lowland Single Malt

1st Place: Glasgow 1770 Single Malt Scotch Whisky – Peated – 88.67 Pts

Best Cask Strength Scotch

1st Place: Ardbeg An Oa – 92.87 Pts

2nd Place: Aberlour A'Bunadh – 92.73 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan - 89.67 Pts



Best Peated Scotch

1st Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 95.9 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 2) – 93.4 Pts

3rd Place: Kilchoman Machir Bay – 92.97 Pts

Best Blended Scotch

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old – 95 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double 21 Year Old – 93.6 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old – 92.37 Pts

Best New Scotch Release 2021

1st Place: Ardbeg Scorch 2021 Committee Release – 91.63 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Portuguese Smooth - 8 Year Old – 90.23 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Scorch 2021 Limited Edition – 90.13 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 10 Year and Under

1st Place: Dewar's Portuguese Smooth - 8 Year Old – 90.23 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Japanese Smooth - 8 Year Old – 87.97 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's Illegal Smooth - 8 Year Old – 87.6 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 12-15 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's 12 Year Old The Ancestor – 89.6 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's 15 Year Old The Monarch – 88.2 Pts

3rd Place: Imperial 12 Year Old Blended Scotch – 86.2 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 16-20 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's 18 Year Old The Vintage – 90.4 Pts

2nd Place: Chivas 18 Year Old – 88.3 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 21-24 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 21 Year Old – 93.6 Pts



Best Blended Scotch 25 Year Old And Over

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old – 95 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old – 92.37 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's 25 Year Old The Signature – 90.03 Pts



Best American Whiskey

1st Place: Black Bourbon Society's Maker's Mark Private Selection: Recipe 2.
– 93.8 Pts

2nd Place: Weldon Mills Reserve – 92.1 Pts

3rd Place: Thomas S. Moore Cabernet Sauvignon Finished Kentucky Straight
Bourbon – 92.03 Pts

Best Bourbon Whiskey

1st Place: Black Bourbon Society's Maker's Mark Private Selection: Recipe 2.
– 93.8 Pts

2nd Place: Weldon Mills Reserve – 92.1 Pts

3rd Place: Thomas S. Moore Cabernet Sauvignon Finished Kentucky Straight
Bourbon – 92.03 Pts

Best Cask Strength Bourbon Whiskey (Full Proof)

1st Place: Weldon Mills Reserve – 92.1 Pts

2nd Place: Old Hamer Cask Strength Bourbon – 92 Pts

3rd Place: 1792 Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 90.63 Pts

Best Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey

1st Place: Old Weller Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
– 91.17 Pts

2nd Place: John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey
– 91.07 Pts

3rd Place: Old Hamer Single Barrel Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 90.63 Pts



Best Bottled in Bond Bourbon

1st Place: 1792 Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 88.4 Pts

2nd Place: Early Times Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 88.2 Pts

3rd Place: TX Bottled in Bond Single Barrel Texas Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 85.43 Pts

Best American Rye Whiskey

1st Place: Old Overholt 114 Proof Straight Rye – 90 Pts

2nd Place: Old Overholt Straight Rye – 89.47 Pts

3rd Place: Colonel E.H. Taylor Rye Kentucky Straight Whiskey – 88.63 Pts

Best Micro Distillery Whiskey (Under 150,000 Bottles)

1st Place: Weldon Mills Reserve – 92.1 Pts

2nd Place: Old Hamer Cask Strength Bourbon – 92 Pts

3rd Place: Sisterdale Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 89.6 Pts

Best American Single Malt

1st Place: Rogue Single Malt Cabernet Finish - 85.1 Pts

***Awards By U.S. States (Only for Whiskeys Scoring Over 85 Points)**

Best Indiana Whiskey

1st Place: Old Hamer Cask Strength Bourbon – 92 Pts

2nd Place: Remus – 90.8 Pts

3rd Place: Hugh Hamer Double Oaked 103 – 90.07 Pts

Best Kentucky Whiskey

1st Place: Black Bourbon Society's Maker's Mark Private Selection: Recipe 2. – 93.8 Pts

2nd Place: Thomas S. Moore Cabernet Sauvignon Finished Kentucky Straight Bourbon – 92.03 Pts

3rd Place: Thomas S. Moore Chardonnay Finished Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 91.83 Pts



Best Tennessee Whiskey

- 1st Place: Uncle Nearest 1820 Premium Single Barrel Whiskey - US-21 – 91.07 Pts
- 2nd Place: Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition – 90.37 Pts
- 3rd Place: Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey – 90.33 Pts

Best Texas Whiskey

- 1st Place: TX Texas Straight Bourbon Whiskey Finished in Tawny Port Casks – 90.17 Pts
- 2nd Place: Sisterdale Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 89.6 Pts
- 3rd Place: TX Texas Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 88.37 Pts

Best Virginia Whiskey

- 1st Place: John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 91.07 Pts
- 2nd Place: Bowman Brothers Small Batch Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 89.2 Pts



Best Canadian Whisky

- 1st Place: Alberta Premium Cask Strength – 90.67 Pts
- 2nd Place: Alberta Premium 20 Year Old – 89.8 Pts
- 3rd Place: Canadian Club 43 Year Old – 89.03 Pts

Best Canadian Blend

- 1st Place: Canadian Club 43 Year Old – 89.03 Pts
- 2nd Place: High River Canadian Whisky – 87.7 Pts
- 3rd Place: Canadian Club Classic 12 Year Old – 87.43 Pts

Best Canadian Rye

- 1st Place: Alberta Premium Cask Strength – 90.67 Pts
- 2nd Place: Alberta Premium 20 Year Old – 89.8 Pts
- 3rd Place: Canadian Club 100% Rye – 87.83 Pts



Best Irish Whiskey

1st Place: Paddy Irish Whiskey – 88.53 Pts

2nd Place: Michael Collins Irish Whiskey – 88.27 Pts

3rd Place: Grace O'Malley Blended Irish Whiskey – 87.4 Pts



Best Japanese Whisky

1st Place: Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 18 Years – 91.77 Pts

2nd Place: Matsui Single Malt Whisky The Matsui Mizunara Cask – 91.17 Pts

3rd Place: The Kyoto Bourbon Barrel – 90.7 Pts

Best Japanese Whisky NAS (No Age Statement)

1st Place: Matsui Single Malt Whisky The Matsui Mizunara Cask – 91.17 Pts

2nd Place: The Kyoto Bourbon Barrel – 90.7 Pts

3rd Place: Matsui Blended Whisky The San-in Bourbon Barrel – 90.67 Pts

Best Blended Japanese Whisky

1st Place: The Kyoto Bourbon Barrel – 90.7 Pts

2nd Place: Matsui Blended Whisky The San-in Bourbon Barrel – 90.67 Pts

3rd Place: Matsui Blended Whisky The Tottori Bourbon Barrel – 89.63 Pts

Best Pure Malt Japanese Whisky

1st Place: Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 18 Years – 91.77 Pts

2nd Place: Matsui Single Malt Whisky The Matsui Mizunara Cask – 91.17 Pts

3rd Place: Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 12 Years – 90.67 Pts

Best Japanese Whisky 12 Year Old

1st Place: Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 12 Years – 90.67 Pts

Best Japanese Whisky 18 Year Old

1st Place: Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 18 Years – 91.77 Pts

WORLD



Best World Whisky

1st Place: Kavalan Artist Series: Paul Chiang Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 94.6 Pts

2nd Place: Kavalan King Car 40th Anniversary Selected Wine Cask Matured Single Malt Whisky – 94 Pts

3rd Place: Kavalan Solist Vinho Barrique Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.7 Pts

AUSTRALIA



Best Australian Whisky

1st Place: Morris Muscat Barrel Australian Single Malt Whisky – 90.3 Pts

2nd Place: Morris Signature Australian Single Malt Whisky – 89.17 Pts

AUSTRIA



Best Austrian Whisky

1st Place: GLATZL GOLD Haiminger BIO-Whiskey – 85.33 Pts

ENGLAND



Best English Whisky

1st Place: Cotswolds Hearts & Crafts Sauternes Cask Single Malt Whisky – 89.27 Pts

2nd Place: Cotswolds Sherry Cask Single Malt Whisky – 88.2 Pts

INDIA



Best Indian Whisky

1st Place: Mithuna by Paul John Indian Single Malts – 90.7 Pts

2nd Place: Paul John Nirvana Unpeated Indian Single Malt Whisky – 89.73 Pts

3rd Place: Paul John P.X. Select Cask Indian Single Malt – 89.1 Pts

2021 IWC Winners by Category

SCOTLAND | USA | CANADA | IRELAND | JAPAN | REST OF THE WORLD

MALAYSIA



Best Malaysian Whisky

1st Place: Timah Double Peated Blended Whiskey – 89.9 Pts

MYANMAR



Best Myanmar Whisky

1st Place: Grand Royal - Special Reserve – 85.6 Pts

FLAVORED WHISKIES



Best Flavored Whiskey

1st Place: Glacier Distilling Trapline Rock and Rye Whiskey

2nd Place: Canadian Club Apple

3rd Place: Southern Comfort

2021 IWC Winners by Category

Distillery of the Year

Kavalan Distillery

Kavalan submitted an impressive range of whisky expressions, 18 of which scored over 90 Points, demonstrating exceptional craftsmanship and passion in crafting whisky.



Master Blender of the Year

Stephanie Macleod

Stephanie Macleod was named Master Blender of the Year for blending the exceptional Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old Blended Whisky, which scored 95 Points. Additionally, four other of her blended Scotch whisky expressions received scores over 90 Points showcasing her inspiring abilities, dedication, and mastery in the art of blending outstanding whisky. For the third consecutive year, Stephanie Macleod has received the Master Blender title. Last year, Stephanie Macleod was the first woman to win the Golden Barrel Trophy for Whisky of the Year at the International Whisky Competition®.





Acknowledgments

The International Whisky Competition Committee would like to thank again its judges for their professionalism and hard work as well as our official sponsor Le Nez du Whisky – USA (Wine Aromas Inc) for its contribution.

Special thanks to Fall River Village & Skyview event center for hosting the competition in Estes Park, CO during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We would also like to thank all staff members and independent consultants for the hard work they put into it making it possible under these complicated circumstances.

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