

2022 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

2022

FOREWORD

The Competition took place from May 18-22th 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.

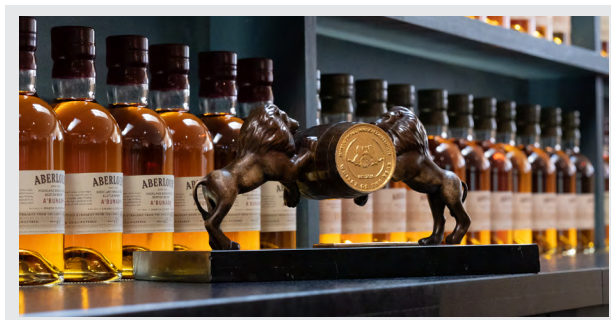
2022 Whisky of the Year
Aberlour A'bunadh - Batch #70
(95.8 Points)



Master Distiller of the Year
Graeme Cruickshank
Aberlour Distillery (Speyside, Scotland)



Winner of the Golden Barrel Trophy
Aberlour Distillery (Speyside, Scotland)



TOP SCORING WHISKIES

TOP 15 Whiskies of 2022

- 1st Place: Aberlour A'bundah - Batch #70 – 95.8 Pts (Speyside, Scotland)
2nd Place: Ardbeg Ardcore - 94.9 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old - 94.4 Pts (Scotland)
4th Place: Dewar's Double Double 36 Year Old - 94.3 Pts (Scotland)
5th Place: Ardbeg Corravreckan- 93.8 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
6th Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail - 93.6 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
7th Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old - 93.55 Pts (Scotland)
8th Place: W.L. Weller Special Reserve - 93.48 Pts (Kentucky, USA)
9th Place: Kavalan Distillery Reserve Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.43 Pts (Taiwan)
10th Place: Starward Unexepected - 93.4 Pts (Australia)
11th Place: Morris Muscat Barrel Australian Single Malt Whisky – 92.9 Pts (Australia)
12th Place: Glenmorangie Lasanta - 12 Year Old – 92.8 Pts (Highland, Scotland)
12th Place: Ardbeg For Discussion - 8 Year Old – 92.8 Pts (Islay, Scotland)
14th Place: Kavalan Solist Madeira Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 92.7 Pts (Taiwan)
15th Place: Glenmorangie Signet – 92.65 Pts (Highland, Scotland)

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SCOTLAND



Best Single Malt Scotch

- 1st Place: Aberlour A'bundah – 95.8 Pts
2nd Place: Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts
3rd Place: Ardbeg Corravreckan – 93.8 Pts

Best New Scotch Release 2022

- 1st Place: Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts
2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double - 36 Year Old – 94.3 Pts
3rd Place: Ardbeg For Discussion - 8 Year Old – 92.8 Pts



Best Single Malt Scotch NAS (No Age Statement)

1st Place: Aberlour A'bundah – 95.8 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Corravreckan – 93.8 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 10 Year Old and Under

1st Place: Ardbeg For Discussion - 8 Year Old – 92.8 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Wee Beastie - 5 Year Old – 92.3 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie The Original 10 Year Old – 91.6 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 12 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 Year Old – 92.8 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie The Accord 12 Year Old – 91.7 Pts

3rd Place: Aberlour 12 – 90.9 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 13-14 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old – 92.2 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Fermentation 13 Year Old – 90.8 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie Elementa 14 Year Old – 89.7 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 15 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie Cadboll Estate Batch No. 2 - 15 Year Old – 91 Pts

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 15 Year Old – 87.7 Pts

3rd Place: Bowmore 15 Year Old – 87.5 pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 16-17 Year Old

1st Place: Glenmorangie The Tribute 16 Year Old – 90.9 Pts

2nd Place: Aberlour 16 – 88.9 Pts

3rd Place: Glenfarclas 17 Year Old – 87.5 Pts



Best Single Malt Scotch 18 Year Old

1st Place: Aberlour 18 – 90.7 Pts

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 18 Year Old – 90.3 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie 18 Year Old - Extremely Rare – 89.8 Pts

Best Single Malt Scotch 19-25 Year Old

1st Place: Ardbeg 25 Year Old – 92.45 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 Year Old (Batch 3) – 91.8 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie 19 Year Old - Finest Reserve – 90 Pts

Best Peated Single Malt

1st Place: Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Corravreckan – 93.8 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 93.6 Pts

Best Islay Single Malt

1st Place: Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Corravreckan – 93.8 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 93.6 Pts

Best Highland Single Malt

1st Place: Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 Year Old – 92.8 Pts

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Signet – 92.7 Pts

3rd Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old – 92.2 Pts

Best Speyside Single Malt

1st Place: Aberlour A'bunadh – 95.8 Pts

2nd Place: Aberlour A'bunadh Alba - Batch #4 – 92.5 Pts

3rd Place: Aberlour Casg Annamh - Batch #5– 91.4 Pt

Best Lowland Single Malt

1st Place: Glasgow 1770 Single Malt Scotch Whisky – Peated – 89.1 Pts

2022 IWC Winners by Category



Best Cask Strength Scotch

1st Place: Aberlour A'bunadh – 95.8 Pts

2nd Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan – 93.8 Pts

3rd Place: Ardbeg Uigeadail – 93.6 Pts

Best Blended Scotch

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double - 32 Year Old – 94.4 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double - 36 Year Old – 94.3 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double - 27 Year Old – 93.55 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 10 Year and Under

1st Place: Dewar's Illegal Smooth - 8 Year Old – 91.9 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Portuguese Smooth - 8 Year Old – 91 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's Japanese Smooth - 8 Year Old – 90 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 12-15 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's 15 Year - Old The Monarch – 89.1 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's 12 Year - Old The Ancestor – 87.5 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 16-20 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's 18 Year Old - The Vintage – 89.6 Pts

2nd Place: Chivas 18 Year Old – 88.2 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 21-24 Year Old

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double - 21 Year Old – 91.43 Pts

Best Blended Scotch 25 Year Old And Over

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double - 32 Year Old – 94.4 Pts

2nd Place: Dewar's Double Double - 36 Year Old – 94.3 Pts

3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double - 27 Year Old – 93.6 Pts

2022 IWC Winners by Category

SCOTLAND



Best Blended Scotch - NAS

1st Place: Dewar's White Label – 87.5 Pts

2nd Place: William Lawson's Blended Scotch Whisky – 86.7 Pts

3rd Place: Cutty Sark Blended Scotch Whisky – 85.1 Pts

USA



Best American Whiskey (All Categories)

1st Place: W.L. Weller Special Reserve – 93.48 Pts

2nd Place: Jefferson's Reserve - Very Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon – 92.15 Pts

3rd Place: Maker's Mark Private Select - Rico's #4 – 92.1 Pts

Best Bourbon Whiskey

1st Place: W.L. Weller Special Reserve– 93.48 Pts

2nd Place: Jefferson's Reserve - Very Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon – 92.15 Pts

3rd Place: Maker's Mark Private Select - Rico's #4 – 92.1 Pts

Best Cask Strength Bourbon Whiskey (Full Proof)

1st Place: Stag Jr. – 92.03 Pts

2nd Place: Makers Mark Cask Strength– 91.37 Pts

3rd Place: Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel - Cask Strength – 90.8 Pts

Best Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey

1st Place: W.L. Weller Single Barrel – 91.3 Pts

2nd Place: Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel - Cask Strength – 90.8 Pts

3rd Place: Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel – 89.4 Pts

Best American Single Malt Whiskey

1st Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt – 91.69 Pts

2nd Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt - Cuvée Cask – 91.2 Pts

3rd Place: McCarthy's Single Malt Whiskey – 90.5 Pts



Best American Corn Whiskey

1st Place: Stilhouse 100% Corn Whiskey – 88.2 Pts

Best Rye Whiskey

1st Place: Roaming Man Tennessee Straight Rye Whiskey – 89.6 Pts

2nd Place: MB Rye - Single Barrel – 89.1 Pts

3rd Place: Jefferson's Ocean Aged at Sea Rye Whiskey – 87.2 Pts

Best Micro Distillery Whiskey

(Under 150,000 bottles)

1st Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt – 91.69 Pts

2nd Place: Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel - Cask Strength – 90.8 Pts

3rd Place: McCarthy's Single Malt Whiskey – 90.5 Pts

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

Best Idaho Whiskey

1st Place: Warfield Organic American Whiskey – 86.4 Pts

Best Indiana Whiskey

1st Place: Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel - Cask Strength – 90.8 Pts

2nd Place: Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel – 89.1 Pts

Best Kentucky Whiskey

1st Place: Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey – 93.48 Pts

2nd Place: Jefferson's Reserve - Very Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon – 92.15 Pts

3rd Place: Maker's Mark Private Select - Rico's #4 – 92.03 Pts

Best North Carolina Whiskey

1st Place: Weldon Mills Reserve Bourbon – 87.6 Pts

2nd Place: Soldier's Cut Bourbon – 86 Pts

3rd Place: Weldon Mills Select Bourbon – 85.7 Pts



Best Oregon Whiskey

1st Place: McCarthy's Single Malt Whiskey – 90.5 Pts

Best Tennessee Whiskey

1st Place: Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition – 91.4 Pts

2nd Place: Roaming Man Tennessee Straight Rye Whiskey – 89.6 Pts

3rd Place: Uncle Nearest 1884 Small Batch Whiskey – 88.6 Pts

Best Virginia Whiskey

1st Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt – 91.7 Pts

2nd Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt - Cuvée Cask – 91.2 Pts

3rd Place: Courage & Conviction - American Single Malt - Cuvée Single Cask – 89.6 Pts



Best Canadian Whisky

1st Place: Canadian Club 100% Rye – 92.1 Pts

2nd Place: Dunrobin Canadian Rye Whisky – 91.1 Pts

3rd Place: BEARFACE Canadian Whisky Wilderness Series 01 – 91 Pts

Best Canadian Blended Whisky

1st Place: Seagram's 83 – 89.8 Pts

2nd Place: Seagram's VO – 89.6 Pts

3rd Place: Canadian Club Classic - 12 Year Old – 89.3 Pts

Best Canadian Rye Whisky

1st Place: Canadian Club 100% Rye – 92.1 Pts

2nd Place: Dunrobin Canadian Rye Whisky – 91.1 Pts

3rd Place: Alberta Premium Cask Strength – 90.1 Pts



Best Irish Whiskey

- 1st Place: Athrú Annacoona – 91.2 Pts
- 2nd Place: Lost Irish Whiskey – 89.5 Pts
- 3rd Place: Grace O'Malley Blended Irish Whiskey – 89.4 Pts

Best Single Malt Irish Whiskey

- 1st Place: Athrú Annacoona – 91.2 Pts
- 2nd Place: Athrú Keshcorran – 88.6 Pts
- 3rd Place: Athrú Knocknarea – 86.8 Pts

Best Blended Irish Whiskey

- 1st Place: Lost Irish Whiskey – 89.5 Pts
- 2nd Place: Grace O'Malley Blended Irish Whiskey – 89.4 Pts
- 3rd Place: Proclamation Blended Irish Whiskey – 85.4 Pts



Best World Whisky*

- 1st Place: Kavalan Distillery Reserve Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.43 Pts (Taiwan)
- 2nd Place: Starward Unexpeated – 93.4 Pts (Australia)
- 3rd Place: MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky Muscat Barrel – 92.9 Pts (Australia)

Best World Whisky - Cask Strength*

- 1st Place: Kavalan Distillery Reserve Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.43 Pts (Taiwan)
- 2nd Place: Kavalan Solist Madeira Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 92.7 Pts (Taiwan)
- 3rd Place: Kavalan Solist ex-Bourbon Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 92.3 Pts (Taiwan)

Note: * All countries not represented in the above categories. Must score 85 Pts and above to be listed.

SCOTLAND | USA | CANADA | IRELAND | REST OF THE WORLD | OTHER WHISKIES

AUSTRALIA



Best Australian Whisky

1st Place: Starward Unexepected – 93.4 Pts

2nd Place: MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky Muscat Barrel – 92.9 Pts (Australia)

3rd Place: Starward Twany #2 – 92.05 Pts

INDIA



Best Indian Whisky

1st Place: Indri - Single Malt - The Three Wood – 89.2 Pts

2nd Place: Amrut Indian Single Malt Whisky – 87.2 Pts

3rd Place: Amrut Peated Indian Single Malt Whisky – 86.7 Pts

MYANMAR



Best Myanmar Whisky

1st Place: Glan Master Finest – 91.54 Pts

2nd Place: Glan Master Smooth – 91.2 Pts

OTHER WHISKIES



Best Flavored Whiskey

1st Place: Just Ledoux it - Cinnamon Clove Honey Flavored Whiskey

2nd Place: Dough Ball - Cookie Dough Whiskey

3rd Place: Devil's Sister - Peach

WHISKY BASED RTDS



Best Whisky Based RTD Cocktail

1st Place: Curation Bev Co - Sweet Tea Old-Fashioned (USA)

2nd Place: Wabasso - Whis Key Lime Whisky Beverage (Canada)

3rd Place: Just Le Doux It - Smoke & Spiced Old Fashioned (USA)

2022 IWC Winners by Category

Distillery of the Year

Ardbeg Distillery

Ardbeg Distillery submitted an impressive range of whisky expressions, which all 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 94.6 Points. Additionally, six 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 fourth consecutive year, Stephanie Macleod has received the Master Blender title.



2022 Whiskies Scoring Over 90 Points

1. Aberlour A'bundah Batch #70 – 95.8 Pts
2. Ardbeg Ardcore – 94.9 Pts
3. Dewar's Double Double 32-Year-Old – 94.4 Pts
4. Dewar's Double Double 36-Year-Old – 94.3 Pts
5. Ardbeg Corryvreckan – 93.8 Pts
6. Ardbeg Uigeadail – 93.6 Pts
7. Dewar's Double Double 27-Year-Old – 93.55 Pts
8. W.L. Weller Special Reserve – 93.48 Pts
9. Kavalan Distillery Reserve Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 93.43 Pts
10. Starward Unexpeated – 93.4 Pts
11. MORRIS Australian Single Malt Whisky Muscat Barrel – 92.9 Pts
12. Glenmorangie The Lasanta – 92.8 Pts
12. Ardbeg 8 Years Old For Discussion – 92.8 Pts
14. Kavalan Solist Madeira Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 92.7 Pts
15. Glenmorangie Signet – 92.65 Pts
16. Ardbeg 25 Years Old – 92.45 Pts
17. Aberlour A'bunadh Alba - Batch #4 – 92.43 Pts
18. Ardbeg Wee Beastie – 92.3 Pts
19. Kavalan Solist ex-Bourbon Single Cask Strength – 92.3 Pts
20. Glenmorangie The Quinta Ruban – 92.2 Pts
21. Jefferson's Reserve - Very Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon – 92.15 Pts
22. Maker's Mark Private Selection - Rico's #4 – 92.1 Pts
23. Starward Tawny #2 – 92.05 Pts
24. Canadian Club 100% Rye – 92.03 Pts
25. Stagg Jr. – 92.02 Pts
26. Kilchoman Machir Bay – 92 Pts
27. Dewar's Illegal Smooth Mezcal Cask Finish – 91.9 Pts
28. Ardbeg AN OA – 91.8 Pts
28. Ardbeg Traigh Bhan 19 years old Batch No. 3 – 91.8 Pts
30. Glenmorangie The Accord – 91.7 Pts
31. Courage & Conviction American Single Malt Whisky – 91.69 Pts
32. Glenmorangie The Original – 91.6 Pts
33. Ardbeg Ten Years Old – 91.55 Pts
34. Glan Master Finest – 91.54 Pts
35. Jefferson's Ocean Aged at Sea Bourbon – 91.53 Pts
36. Kavalan Concertmaster Sherry Cask Finish – 91.5 Pts
36. Kavalan Solist Port Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky – 91.5 Pts
38. Aberlour Casg Annamh Batch #5 – 91.38 Pts
39. Maker's Mark Cask Strength – 91.37 Pts
40. Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition – 91.35 Pts
41. Starward Ginger Beer Cask Projects Batch #6 – 91.34 Pts
42. W.L. Weller Single Barrel – 91.3 Pts
43. Starward Solera – 91.29 Pts
44. Kavalan Podium Single Malt Whisky – 91.25 Pts
45. Glan Master Smooth – 91.2 Pts
45. Courage & Conviction American Single Malt Whisky Cuvee Cask – 91.2 Pts
47. Athrú Annacoona – 91.15 Pts
47. Maker's Mark Wood Finishing Series 2021 Limited Release: FAE-02 – 91.15 Pts
49. X by Glenmorangie – 91.1 Pts
49. Dunrobin Canadian Rye Whisky – 91.1 Pts
51. BEARFACE Canadian Whisky Wilderness Series 01 – 91 Pts
51. Glenmorangie Cadboll Estate - Batch 2 - 15 YO – 91 Pts
51. Glenmorangie Cake – NAS – 91 Pts
51. Dewar's 8 YO Port Cask finish – 91 Pts
55. King Car Conductor Single Malt Whisky – 90.9 Pts
55. Glenmorangie The Tribute - 16 Year Old – 90.9 Pts
55. Aberlour 12 – 90.9 Pts
58. Ardbeg Fermentation - 13 YO – 90.8 Pts
58. Mad Paddle Bourbon - Single Barrel - Cask Strength – 90.8 Pts
60. Aberlour 18 – 90.7 Pts
61. W.L. Weller Full Proof – 90.6 Pts
62. McCarthy's Single Malt Whiskey – 90.5 Pts
63. W.L. Weller CYPB – 90.4 Pts
63. Kavalan Classic Single Malt Whisky – 90.4 Pts
65. Starward Two-Fold – 90.3 Pts
65. The Glenlivet 18 Year Old – 90.3 Pts
67. MB Single Malt – 90.2 Pts
68. W.L. Weller Antique – 90 Pts
68. Glenmorangie 19 Year Old - Finest Reserve – 90 Pts
68. Dewar's 8 YO Mizunara Cask finish – 90 Pts



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