

2019 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 2019

## FOREWORD

The 2019 International Whisky Competition took place at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas from May 15 to 17, 2019. A professional tasting panel made of whisky, spirit, beer and wine experts blind tasted each whisky on an individual basis. Each whisky was scored 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 during 8 minutes based on the following four main segments and eleven sub sections:

- Sight: Color (0 point), 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 with Winners Based on Scores**

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

**2019 Whisky of the Year**  
**Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991**  
(97 Points)



**Master Distiller  
of the Year**  
**Dr Bill Lumsden**



**Winner of the Golden  
Barrel Trophy**  
**Glenmorangie Distillery**



*For the third time in the past four years, Dr Bill Lumsden becomes Master Distiller of the Year with the highest scoring single malt whisky of the International Whisky Competition, this time with the exceptional Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991 which achieved 97 Points in blind tastings. Previously, Dr Lumsden received such high awards along with the Golden Barrel Trophy for other creations of his own: Glenmorangie Signet in 2016 and Ardbeg Kelpie Committee Release in 2017.*





**Best Single Malt Whisky**

1st Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991 (97 pts)

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1993 (96.6 pts)

3rd Place: Ardbeg An Oa (95.3 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch NAS (No Age Statement)**

1st Place: Ardbeg An Oa (95.3 pts)

2nd Place: Kilchoman Sanaig (95.1 pts)

3rd Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan (95 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch 10 Year Old**

1st Place: Ardbeg 10 Year Old (92 pts)

2nd Place: Glenmorangie The Original 10 Year Old (90.2 pts)

3rd Place: Springbank 10 Year Old (90 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch 12 Year Old**

1st Place: Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 Year Old (93.4 pts)

2nd Place: Aberlour 12 Year Old (91.8 pts)

3rd Place: The Glenlivet 12 Year Old (90 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch 13-17 Year Old**

1st Place: The Glenlivet 14 Year Old (92 pts)

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old (91.9 pts)

3rd Place: Aberlour 16 Year Old (90.7 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch 18 Year Old**

1st Place: Aberlour 18 Year Old (94.5 pts)

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 18 Year Old (94.2 pts)

3rd Place: Glenmorangie 18 Year Old (90.8 pts)

**Best Single Malt Scotch 19-24 Year Old**

1st Place: Glenmorangie 19 Year Old (92.5 pts)



### **Best Single Malt Scotch 25 Year Old and Over**

1st Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991 (97 pts)

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1993 (96.6 pts)

### **Best Islay Single Malt**

1st Place: Ardbeg An Oa (95.3 pts)

2nd Place: Kilchoman Sanaig (95.1 pts)

3rd Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan (95 pts)

### **Best Highland Single Malt**

1st Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991 (97 pts)

2nd Place: Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1993 (96.6 pts)

3rd Place: Aberlour 18 Year Old (94.5 pts)

### **Best Speyside Single Malt**

1st Place: The Glenlivet Nàdurra Oloroso (94.4 pts)

2nd Place: The Glenlivet 18 Year Old (94.2 pts)

3rd Place: The Glenlivet 14 Year Old (92 pts)

### **Best Lowland Single Malt**

1st Place: 1770 Glasgow Single Malt Scotch Whisky (90.5 pts)

### **Best Cask Strength (over 57% ABV)**

1st Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan (95 pts)

2nd Place: The Glenlivet Nàdurra Oloroso (94.4 pts)

3rd Place: Aberlour A'Bunadh Batch 58 (93.3 pts)

### **Best Peated Whisky**

1st Place: Ardbeg An Oa (95.3 pts)

2nd Place: Kilchoman Sanaig (95.1 pts)

3rd Place: Ardbeg Corryvreckan (95 pts)



**Best Blended Scotch Whisky**

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old (94.3 pts)

2nd Place: Dewar's 25 Years Old (93.2 pts)

3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old (92.6 pts)

**Best Blended Scotch Whisky 12 Year Old**

1st Place: Chivas Regal 12 Years Old (88.8 pts)

2nd Place: Dewar's 12 Years Old (86.5 pts)

3rd Place: Label 5 12 Year Old (85.5 pts)

**Best Blended Scotch Whisky 15 Year Old**

1st Place: Dewar's 15 Years Old (90.2 pts)

**Best Blended Scotch Whisky 18 Year Old**

1st Place: Chivas Regal 18 Year Old (90.8 pts)

2nd Place: Dewar's 18 Year Old The Vintage (90.3 pts)

**Best Blended Scotch Over 20 Year Old**

1st Place: Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old (94.3 pts)

2nd Place: Dewar's 25 Years Old (93.2 pts)

3rd Place: Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old (92.6 pts)

**Best Blended Malt Scotch**

1st Place: Gerston Archivist (The Lost Distillery Company) (90.7 pts)

**Best Value Scotch (Under \$30)**

1st Place: John Barr (88.6 pts)

2nd Place: Dewar's White Label (88.5 pts)

3rd Place: Label 5 Gold Heritage (87 pts)





### **Best American Whiskey**

1st Place: Rogue Spirits Rolling Thunder Stouted Whiskey (92.1 pts)

2nd Place: Ala Wai Batch 014 (91.8 pts)

3rd Place: Balcones Texas Rye Cask Strength (90.6 pts)

### **Best Bourbon Whiskey**

1st Place: Maker's Mark (90.1 pts)

2nd Place: Eight & Sand (88.6 pts)

3rd Place: Oak & Eden Bourbon & Spire (87.7 pts)

### **Best American Rye Whiskey**

1st Place: Balcones Texas Rye Cask Strength (90.6 pts)

2nd Place: Rogue Spirits Oregon Rye Malt Whiskey (88.5 pts)

3rd Place: Chattanooga Whiskey Experimental Barrel #42: Tennessee Rye Malt (86 pts)

### **Best American Single Malt**

1st Place: Ala Wai Batch 014 (91.8 pts)

2nd Place: Chattanooga Whiskey Experimental Barrel #50: Tennessee Single Malt (88.3 pts)

3rd Place: Mother Earth Whiskey (86.7 pts)

### **Best Flavored Whiskey**

1st Place: Citrus Distillers Pecan (85.9 pts)

2nd Place: Citrus Distillers Cocoa

3rd Place: Duke & Dame Salted Caramel

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

### **Best Hawaii Whiskey**

1st Place: Ala Wai Batch 014 (91.8 pts)

**Best Indiana Whiskey**

1st Place: Eight & Sand (88.6 pts)

2nd Place: Remus Repeal Reserve Series II (88.3 pts)

3rd Place: Rossville Union Barrel Proof Straight Rye Whiskey (85.6 pts)

**Best Kentucky Whiskey**

1st Place: Maker's Mark (90.1 pts)

**Best North Carolina Whiskey**

1st Place: Mother Earth Whiskey (86.7 pts)

**Best Oregon Whiskey**

1st Place: Rogue Spirits Rolling Thunder Stouted Whiskey (92.1 pts)

2nd Place: Rogue Spirits Oregon Rye Malt Whiskey (88.5 pts)

**Best Tennessee Whiskey**

1st Place: Chattanooga Whiskey Experimental Barrel #50: Tennessee Single Malt (88.3 pts)

2nd Place: Chattanooga Whiskey 91 (87.5 pts)

3rd Place: Chattanooga Whiskey Cask 111 (86.6 pts)

**Best Texas Whiskey**

1st Place: Balcones Texas Rye Cask Strength (90.6 pts)

2nd Place: Balcones Texas Pot Still Bourbon (87.3 pts)

3rd Place: Tahwahkaro Four Grain Bourbon (86.1 pts)

**Best Japanese Whisky**

1st Place: Kurayoshi Sherry Cask (92.6 pts)

2nd Place: Kujira Single Grain 20 Year Old (92.2 pts)

3rd Place: Kurayoshi 18 Year Old (91.6 pts)



JAPAN



**Best Japanese Whisky NAS**

- 1st Place: Kurayoshi Sherry Cask (92.6 pts)
- 2nd Place: The Matsui Sakura Cask (90.1 pts)
- 3rd Place: The Matsui The Peated (89.9 pts)

**Best Blended Japanese Whisky**

- 1st Place: The Shinobu Blended Whisky (88 pts)

**Best Pure Malt Japanese Whisky**

- 1st Place: Kurayoshi Sherry Cask (92.6 pts)
- 2nd Place: Kurayoshi 18 Year Old (91.6 pts)
- 3rd Place: Kurayoshi 8 Year Old (91 pts)

CANADA



**Best Canadian Whisky**

- 1st Place: Bearface Canadian Whisky Triple Oak (88.6 pts)
- 2nd Place: Signal Hill (87 pts)
- 3rd Place: Forty Creek Barrel Select (86.7 pts)

IRELAND



**Best Irish Whiskey**

- 1st Place: Redbreast 12 Year Old (93 pts)
- 2nd Place: The Irishman Single Malt (89.3 pts)
- 3rd Place: Jameson Select Reserve Black Barrel (88.6 pts)

WORLD



**Best World Whisky**

- 1st Place: Bastille 1789 - Single Malt (92.7 pts) - France
- 2nd Place: Gouden Carolus Single Malt (89.6 pts) - Belgium
- 3rd Place: Cotswolds Founder's Choice (89.3 pts) - England

## Distillery of the Year

### Ardberg Distillery

*For a second year in a row, Ardbeg submitted their entire range and every of their five whisky expressions scored over 90 Points, showing exceptional craftsmanship, passion and mastery in the art of assembling phenomenal whisky.*



## Master Blender of the Year

### Stephanie Macleod, Master Blender, John Dewar and Sons

*Stephanie assembled the highest scored blended whisky of this year's edition with her exceptional Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old at 94.3 Points. Five other of her blended Scotch whisky expressions received scores of over 90 Points. She's also the first woman to ever receive the award at the competition!*

## Brand Ambassador of the Year

### Struan Grant Ralph, Global Brand Ambassador, Glenfiddich

*Elected by the International Whisky Competition based on achievements, exposure, and popularity, we are grateful to honor Struan with the title this year, well deserved and to many more successful years in the whisky industry!*





# 2019 Whiskies Scoring Over 90 Points

1. Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991 (97 pts)
2. Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1993 (96.6 pts)
3. Ardbeg An Oa (95.3 pts)
4. Kilchoman Sanaig (95.1 pts)
5. Ardbeg Corryvreckan (95 pts)
6. Aberlour 18 Year Old (94.5 pts)
7. The Glenlivet Nàdurra Oloroso (94.4 pts)
8. Ardbeg Drum Committee (94.4 pts)
9. Dewar's Double Double 32 Year Old (94.3 pts)
10. The Glenlivet 18 Year Old (94.2 pts)
11. Ardbeg Uigeadail (93.9 pts)
12. Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 Year Old (93.4 pts)
13. Aberlour A'Bunadh Batch 58 (93.3 pts)
14. Dewar's 25 Years Old (93.2 pts)
15. Redbreast 12 Year Old (93 pts)
16. Bastille 1789 - Single Malt (92.7 pts)
17. Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old (92.6 pts)
18. Kurayoshi Sherry Cask (92.6 pts)
19. Glenmorangie 19 Year Old (92.5 pts)
20. Aberlour A'Bunadh Batch 62 (92.3 pts)
21. Glenmorangie Signet (92.2 pts)
22. Kujira Single Grain 20 Year Old (92.2 pts)
23. Glenmorangie Duthac (92.1 pts)
24. Rogue Spirits Rolling Thunder Stouted Whiskey (92.1 pts)
25. Ardbeg 10 Year Old (92 pts)
26. The Glenlivet 14 Year Old (92 pts)
27. Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 14 Year Old (91.9 pts)
28. Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or NAS (91.9 pts)
29. Aberlour 12 Year Old (91.8 pts)
30. Ala Wai Batch 014 (91.8 pts)
31. Kurayoshi 18 Year Old (91.6 pts)
32. Glenmorangie Tayne (91.5 pts)
33. Kilchoman Machir Bay (91.4 pts)
34. Tamnavulin (91.2 pts)
35. Kurayoshi 8 Year Old (91 pts)
36. Glenmorangie 18 Year Old (90.8 pts)
37. Kurayoshi 12 Year Old (90.8 pts)
38. Chivas Regal 18 Year Old (90.8 pts)
39. Aberlour 16 Year Old (90.7 pts)
40. Gerston Archivist (The Lost Distillery Company) (90.7 pts)
41. Balcones Texas Rye Cask Strength (90.6 pts)
42. Aberlour Casg Annamh (90.5 pts)
43. 1770 Glasgow Single Malt (90.5 pts)
44. Dewar's 18 Year Old The Vintage (90.3 pts)
45. Glenmorangie The Original 10 Year Old (90.2 pts)
46. Dewar's 15 Years Old (90.2 pts)
47. Dewar's Double Double 21 Year Old (90.1 pts)
48. The Matsui Sakura Cask (90.1 pts)
49. Maker's Mark (90.1 pts)
50. Glenmorangie Allta Private Edition No. 10 (90 pts)
51. The Glenlivet 15 French Oak Reserve (90 pts)
52. Then Glenlivet 12 Year Old (90 pts)
53. Springbank 10 Year Old (90 pts)

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