

# John Dewar & Sons

· FINE SCOTCH WHISKY EMPORIUM ·

## John Dewar & Sons Fine Scotch Whisky Emporium Receives Top Honors at the 17th Annual San Francisco World Spirits Competition

*A Wave of Wins Continue for the Portfolio - 15 medals with four Double Golds*

Hamilton, Bermuda, May 15, 2017 - The John Dewar & Sons Fine Scotch Whisky Emporium portfolio has been awarded an impressive 15 medals across the 17th San Francisco World Spirits Competition®, including four Double Golds, one of which is the heart single malt of DEWAR'S®, ABERFELDY® 21-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky. The 2017 Competition was the biggest in its history, featuring more than 2,100 entries, where medal winners represent some of the finest products from around the world. The awards highlight the commitment by John Dewar & Sons to premium products throughout their portfolio of aged blends and single malts, making it one of the most awarded whisky portfolios in the world.

The John Dewar & Sons range of distinguished single malt scotch whiskies, ABERFELDY®, AULTMORE®, CRAIGELLACHIE®, DEVERON®, and ROYAL BRACKLA®, showcases and allow people to taste some of the primary malts that have long made up its award-winning DEWAR'S blended scotch whisky. Since their world release, these heritage malts have continually been recognized by industry experts as outstanding and premium spirits. ABERFELDY is the primary malt and heart of the DEWAR'S blend, and its 21-Year-Old expression, received a prestigious Double Gold medal, highlighting a unanimous recognition by all 43 judges of the San Francisco World Spirits Competition®. Through the exceptional skill of DEWAR'S Master Blender Stephanie Macleod, these top single malts come together to create the award winning blended scotch whiskies DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL®, 12-year-old, 15-year-old, 18-year-old and Signature, which each took home a medal, reaffirming DEWAR'S as one of the world's most award-winning blended scotch whiskies.

“When it comes to outstanding scotch whisky, time and time again, our blends and single malts are recognized for their superior quality by industry experts,” said Lisa Pfenning, Vice President, Brand Managing Director, Whisky Portfolio for Bacardi in the U.S. “These award-winning malts represent the heart of DEWAR'S blended scotch whisky and we are thrilled that our wide-ranging portfolio has been recognized by one of the most important spirits competitions in the world for its authenticity and dedicated craftsmanship that goes into each and every malt, highlighting the quality of our liquid.”

The judging panel evaluated each product on an individual basis under highly focused conditions to decide the best of the best. ABERFELDY 21-Year-Old, AULTMORE 18-Year-Old, ROYAL BRACKLA 16-Year-Old, and ROYAL BRACKLA 21-Year-Old, were each awarded the prestigious Double Gold Medal. The Double Gold designation is given to very few entries, as each spirit must receive Gold medal ratings by all members of the judging panel, making those awarded some of the finest spirits in the world.

The full list of awards bestowed upon the John Dewar & Sons Fine Scotch Whisky Emporium portfolio at the 2017 San Francisco World Spirits Competition can be found below:

### Double Gold:

- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, ABERFELDY 21-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Highlands, Scotland [40%]
- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, AULTMORE 18-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Speyside, Scotland [46%]
- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, ROYAL BRACKLA 16-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Highlands, Scotland [40%]
- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, ROYAL BRACKLA 21-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Highlands, Scotland [40%]

### Gold:

- GOLD MEDAL, DEWAR'S The Ancestor 12-Year-Old Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland [40%]

- GOLD MEDAL, DEWAR'S The Monarch 15-Year-Old Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland [40%]
- GOLD MEDAL, DEWAR'S Signature Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland [40%]
- GOLD MEDAL, ABERFELDY 12-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Highlands, Scotland [40%]
- GOLD MEDAL, AULTMORE 12-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Speyside, Scotland [46%]

Silver:

- SILVER MEDAL, DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland [40%]
- SILVER MEDAL, DEWAR'S The Vintage 18-Year-Old Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland [40%]
- SILVER MEDAL, CRAIGELLACHIE 13-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Speyside, Scotland [46%]
- SILVER MEDAL, CRAIGELLACHIE 17-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Speyside, Scotland [46%]
- SILVER MEDAL, CRAIGELLACHIE 23-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Speyside, Scotland [46%]
- SILVER MEDAL, ROYAL BRACKLA 12-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Highlands, Scotland [40%]

### About San Francisco World Spirits Competition®

Founded in 2000, the San Francisco World Spirits Competition® is America's most respected and influential international spirits event. Products are evaluated in a blind, consensual procedure ensuring the SFWSC maintains its reputation for the highest level of integrity. Winning participants receive the awards of double gold, gold, silver or bronze, marking their product as one of the highest quality in the world.

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### About DEWAR'S Blended Scotch Whisky

Founded in 1846 by John Dewar, DEWAR'S has grown from a small wine and spirits merchant shop in Scotland, to one of the largest Scotch whisky brands in the world. Best known for its iconic DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL, it has expanded its family to create a portfolio of premium and super premium whiskies including DEWAR'S 12-Year-Old, DEWAR'S 15-Year-Old, DEWAR'S 18-Year-Old, the exclusive DEWAR'S Signature and most recently DEWAR'S Scratched Cask. These whiskies are crafted using the DEWAR'S oak marrying ageing process. Pioneered by DEWAR'S in 1899, it involves returning the hand-crafted blend to vintage oak casks for further maturation. The result is a smoother taste with a long, lingering finish; a taste that wins medals and applause, making DEWAR'S the world's most awarded blended Scotch. All brands mentioned in the present release are part of the portfolio of Bacardi Limited, headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda. Bacardi Limited refers to the Bacardi group of companies, including Bacardi International Limited. [www.Dewars.com](http://www.Dewars.com)

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