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Virginia Distillery Company Wins ‘America’s Best Blended Malt’ at the World Whiskies Awards
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Feb. 28, 2018 (Lovingston, Va.) – Virginia Distillery Company’s Port Cask Finished Virginia-Highland Whisky won ‘America’s Best Blended Malt’ at the World Whiskies Awards, where the American results were announced in New York City on February 27. This is the second consecutive year the company was recognized at the international competition that highlights whiskies from around the world. The world results will be announced on March 22 at an awards dinner in London.

At the event, the distillery was also recognized with “Highly Commended” in the Craft Producer of the Year category for Whisky Magazine’s Icons of Whisky America 2018 Awards. The Icons are designed to celebrate the people and places behind the whisky, while the World Whiskies Awards recognize the products.

The awards are a part of the World Drinks Awards program which launched in 2007 with the World Whiskies Awards and World Beer Awards.

Judges for the awards included a panel composed of leading journalists, specialist drinks retailers, bartenders/mixologists and hoteliers. Each entry is tasted blind, and in addition to nose, palate and finish the judges look for balance, character, complexity, quality and functionality when judging. The Icons awards were recipients were select through voting by industry members.

In this year’s awards, Port Cask Finished Virginia-Highland Whisky won for America’s Best Blended Malt, as this whisky is made from two single malts. For this 100% malted barley whisky, Virginia Distillery Company marries single malt whisky distilled and aged on-site in Virginia with single malt whisky from Scotland. The whisky is then cask-finished in port-style wine barrels sourced primarily from Virginia to add nuance and complexity.

Virginia Distillery Company continues to focus on innovation across all products and always maintains the highest quality in whichever form it takes. The profile of the Virginia-Highland Whisky series been bolstered by marrying in the distillery’s own Virginia whisky, which showcases early stocks of the base for Virginia Distillery Company’s signature American Single Malt product, which has been aging for over two years.

“Since opening our doors in 2015, we’ve been honored to win a host of accolades from a variety of industry and trade publications, but it’s really something to be recognized for a second time with a category win and a highly commended for an Icons award only a few years in,” said Virginia Distillery Company CEO Gareth Moore. “Our team is excited to continue developing Virginia-Highland Whisky as an innovative finishing series and is looking forward to releasing our ultra-premium American Single Malt whisky that is 100% distilled and aged on-site in the Spring of 2020.”

Port Cask Finished Virginia-Highland Whisky is available at the Virginia Distillery Company Visitors Center in addition to being available in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland,

Washington DC, Virginia, Illinois, Michigan and Georgia with additional states rolling out in 2018.

For more information, visit the distillery's website at www.vadistillery.com.

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About Virginia Distillery Company:

Virginia Distillery Company whiskies yield a complex taste, due to the influence of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains and maturation in ex-bourbon, Sherry and re-toasted wine casks. The distillery is currently crafting its American Single Malt at the distillery located in Lovingston, Virginia. The casks have been resting since November 2015 and will be bottled when the whisky says it's ready. While the American Single Malt ages, customers may enjoy the Virginia-Highland Whisky series.