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## **SEBAGO LAKE DISTILLERY SPIDER ISLAND RUM WINS GOLD AT PRESTIGIOUS ARTISAN AWARDS COMPETITIONS**

**Gardiner, Maine (January 4, 2019)** — Sebago Lake Distillery is proud to announce that its Spider Island Rum has won a coveted gold medal at the 2018 Artisan Spirits Awards. Sebago Lake Distillery is the dream of five long-time friends who opened their own distillery, energized by Maine's long and storied history of rum production. Spider Island Rum is the team's dark amber, molasses-based rum blended with aromatics. Artisan Award judges describe Spider Island Rum as "Dark Rum, bold molasses and caramel flavors, smooth, perfect for sipping neat."

"Spider Island Rum, like all of our handcrafted rums, is 100% pot distilled in small batches using only the finest, all natural and gluten free ingredients," said Dan Davis, Sebago Lake Distillery's Co-Founder and Head Distiller. "Each step of the process – mashing, fermenting and distilling - is undertaken from scratch right here at the distillery. There are no fancy column stills or electronic controls - every valve is turned by hand and every batch is tasted and refined to perfection. We're making exceptional rums that are approachable for those who don't generally drink their spirits neat but complex and interesting enough for experienced whiskey drinkers."

Artisan Awards is an annual competition that showcases spirits from around the world, made in the traditional way, by people who truly love what they do - craftsmen, creating rare, handmade, organic, single barrel products that keep consistency year after year. Artisan Awards employs experts in each category to judge through blind tastings of each product submitted.

Davis added, “We believe the passion that we have shared since our dream first took shape is evident in every drop of Sebago Lake Rums. We are honored that the Artisan Awards recognize this passion and dedication in our Spider Island Rum. Winning a gold medal is a testament to our commitment to consistently producing and delivering outstanding rums.”

Visit <https://www.sebagolakedistillery.com/> to learn more about Spider Island and Sebago Lake Distillery’s other exceptional rum brands.

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#### **ABOUT SEBAGO LAKE DISTILLERY**

Sebago Lake Distillery, located in Gardiner, ME, crafts the highest quality Rum, in small batches, sourced from the best ingredients. Each step of the process – mashing, fermenting and distilling - is executed from scratch at the distillery and every batch is tasted and refined to create superior quality rums that can be enjoyed neat, over ice or mixed in classic or contemporary cocktails. Sebago Lake Distillery and its rum brands are the creation of five long time friends: Dave Tomer, CEO; Dan Davis, Distiller; Brock Tredway, COO; Allen Tait, CFO; and John Tyler, Sales and Investor Relations.