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## MurLarkey Distilled Spirits Wins American Distilling Institute's Prestigious Awards Virginia Distiller Medals at 12th Annual Craft Spirits Competition

Bristow, VA (March 29, 2018)—This week, the American Distilling Institute (ADI) awarded MurLarkey Distilled Spirits two medals as part of its 12th Annual Judging of Craft Spirits 2018. MurLarkey's certified craft distilled spirit Imagination Gin won a silver medal, while its certified craft blended spirit Heritage Old Country Whiskey won a bronze medal. These add to the company's Gold medal (Divine Clarity Vodka) and 4 Bronze medals awarded to MurLarkey by ADI last year.

The largest and most-respected judging devoted to craft spirits, ADI accepts entries in all classes and categories of craft spirits from small, independently owned distillers, blenders, bitters makers, and producers of aperitif & fortified wines. Each year, both domestic and international entries are tasted blind and evaluated by expert panels of judges made up of distillers, journalists, bar owners, bartenders, retailer, wholesalers, distributors and importers.

MurLarkey's all-natural and certified gluten-free handcrafted gin was recognized as one of the favorites this year. The gin's proprietary blend of 12 distinct fresh-cut, all-natural botanicals caught the attention of the judges this year, receiving a silver medal. The spirit is perfect on the rocks or with a splash of tonic.

Heritage Old Country Whiskey is MurLarkey's interpretation of classic Irish Whiskey, paying homage to the co-founders' Irish roots. This gluten-free whiskey is painstakingly crafted, starting with a mash bill of premium corn, rye, and barley and finished in wine casks. This year, the judges were enamored by the inviting fragrance and enticing tastes of the spirit enough to award the certified craft blended spirit a bronze medal.

**MurLarkey CEO Tom Murray** was thrilled with the accolades, stating, "The MurLarkey team continues to break new ground and redefine the ordinary with each and every spirit we develop, I could not be prouder of these accomplishments."

Since 2016, MurLarkey has broadened its distribution networks and is distributed by VA ABC and Breakthru Beverage Group and now available at over 80 Virginia ABC stores and 100's of restaurants and hotels across DC and Virginia. MurLarkey's extensive selection of spirits can also be purchased or

sampled at the distillery's tasting room (7961 Gainsford Court, Bristow VA; 571-284-7961). The distillery is open Thursday 10am to 5pm, Friday 10am to 6pm, and Saturday 1pm to 6pm as well as Monday through Wednesday by appointment. A full list of retailers and restaurants that carry MurLarkey products can be found at <a href="https://murlarkey.com/findus/">https://murlarkey.com/findus/</a>.

Follow MurLarkey Distilled Spirts on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. For more information about MurLarkey, product spec sheets, or press ready photos, contact Avery Lewis at <u>avery@lindarothpr.com</u> or 202-888-3569.

## **About MurLarkey**

Starting with a meager 23-gallon copper still, second generation Irish-American cousins Tom Murray and Mike Larkin, along with a small team of family and friends, began distilling high-quality, small-batch spirits. Using only the finest, all-natural ingredients, MurLarkey spirits are produced to uncompromising standards. Distilled to perfection, packaged with pride and delivered with cheer, MurLarkey embodies the Founders' heritage, culture and love for life. MurLarkey is an American Distilling Institute (ADI) Certified Craft Distilled Spirit producer. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.murlarkey.com">www.murlarkey.com</a>.

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