



Press release

TOP AWARDS FOR ST. KILIAN DISTILLERS AT THE WORLD-SPIRITS AWARD 2023

GERMANY'S LARGEST WHISKY DISTILLERY WAS AWARDED WORLD-CLASS DISTILLERY AND DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR IN GOLD

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At the World Spirits Award (WSA), the elite of the spirits scene is honoured with titles, awards and medals. At the award celebration, which took place on 24 and 25 March 2023 in Tramin an der Weinstrasse in South Tyrol, St. Kilian Distillers from Rüdenau near Miltenberg am Main in Lower Franconia was the first whisky distillery in the 20-year history of the WSA to receive the "World-Class Distillery" and "Distillery of the Year" awards in gold as well as the award. Among a total of 304 different spirits from 77 distilleries in 15 nations, an international jury awarded the extensive product portfolio of St. Kilian Distillers with an outstanding fourteen medals. "This competition is very high quality, fair, transparent and extremely professional for us. We are very proud of these great results and it makes us happy that we were able to win so many awards among the many spirits businesses that participated here," says a delighted Managing Director Philipp Trützler, who personally accepted the trophies together with Master Distiller Mario Rudolf.

WINNERS IN THE CATEGORY WHISKY WORLDWIDE

In addition to awarding medals for the products – evaluated according to the WOB 100-point evaluation system developed by organiser Wolfram Ortner and tailored to spirits – the respective production companies are also classified. This gives the WSA a special position compared to other international spirits competitions. The differentiation ranges from "First-Class" to "World-Class" and "Distillery of the Year". In the category "Whisky Worldwide", St. Kilian Distillers received the highest awards "Distillery of the Year 2023" and "World-Class Distillery 2023". In addition, the core range bottling St. Kilian Peated – Rich & Smoky – Single Malt Whisky together with the smoky Terence Hill – The Hero – Whisky were awarded both the "World-Spirits Award" as group winner and the title "Spirits of the Year" as variety winner in the "Whisky Worldwide" category. "For us as a young distillery, it is a great success to be able to win this award to such an extent here in the German-speaking region. Above all, it is enormously important that our newly formed core range as well as the Bud Spencer and Terence Hill whiskies are so well received, all of which are permanently available in the range. This makes us extremely proud and is a great success for the entire team," Mario Rudolf is overjoyed.



The awards in detail:

- DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR: St. Kilian Distillers GmbH
- WORLD-SPIRITS AWARD & SPIRITS OF THE YEAR: St. Kilian Peated – Rich & Smoky – Single Malt Whisky
- WORLD-SPIRITS AWARD & SPIRITS OF THE YEAR: Terence Hill – The Hero – Whisky (smoky)
- DOUBLE-GOLD: Single Cask Ex PX Sherry #1527 peated – Single Malt Whisky (96,7 pts.)
- DOUBLE-GOLD: St. Kilian Peated – Rich & Smoky – Single Malt Whisky (95.7 pts.)
- DOUBLE-GOLD: Terence Hill – The Hero – Whisky (smoky) (95,7 pts.)
- GOLD: Bud Spencer – The Legend – Whisky (mild) (93.3 pts.)
- GOLD: Terence Hill – The Hero – Whisky (mild) (93 pts.)
- GOLD: Bud Spencer – The Legend – Single Malt Whisky (smoky) (91.3 pts.)
- GOLD: Judas Priest – 50 Heavy Metal Years – Single Malt Whisky (91 pts.)
- GOLD: St. Kilian Classic – Mild & Fruity – Single Malt Whisky (90.3 pts.)
- SILVER: Signature Edition ELEVEN – Single Malt Whisky (89 pts.)
- SILVER: Ambassador's Choice V – Mario Rudolf and Olli Fink – Single Malt Whisky (85 pts.)
- BRONZE: Ambassador's Choice VI – Mario Rudolf and Udo Sonntag – Single Malt Whisky (78 pts.)

AWARD-WINNING BOTTLINGS AVAILABLE

The two bottlings St. Kilian Classic – Mild & Fruity – Single Malt Whisky and St. Kilian Peated – Rich & Smoky – Single Malt Whisky form the new core range at St. Kilian Distillers. These single malt whiskies, bottled in 0.7 litre pot-still bottles, are permanently available alongside the Bud Spencer and Terence Hill whiskies. In addition, with the exception of the DOUBLE-GOLD winner Single Cask Ex PX Sherry #1527 peated – Single Malt Whisky, all the whiskies from St. Kilian Distillers that won awards at the

WSA 2023 are available for purchase in the online shop, on site at the distillery in Rüdenuau and in specialist shops.

ABOUT ST. KILIAN DISTILLERS GMBH

Germany's largest whisky distillery from the Lower Franconian town of Rüdenuau near Miltenberg on the River Main produces top-class whisky, which is regularly awarded numerous gold medals at the most prestigious whisky competitions around the globe. In addition, awards such as "World-Class Distillery", "Distillery of the Year" and "Whisky of the Year" testify to the international top level at which the still young distillery, founded in 2012 by the investment banker Andreas Thümmeler, is now operating with its whiskies. St. Kilian Distillers supports the responsible use of alcohol, which you can find out more about at <https://www.massvoll-geniessen.de/>. For more company and portfolio information, please visit www.stkiliandistillers.com.