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Press release

St. Kilian Distillers triumphs at the World Spirits Awards 2025

Franconian whisky distillery once again honoured as a world-class distillery

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The renowned German whisky distillery St. Kilian Distillers has achieved outstanding success at the World Spirits Awards 2025 (WSA) and has once again been recognised as one of the world's best distilleries. The award ceremony took place on 22 March as part of the awards weekend at the distillery in Rüdenau.

With the prestigious 'World-Class Distillery 2025' award and several high-ranking medals, St. Kilian Distillers was able to demonstrate its exceptional quality and innovative strength. Particularly outstanding: the peated single malt whisky St. Kilian PEATED – Rich & Smoky was honoured with the 'World Spirits Award 2025' and was also named 'Spirit of the Year 2025' – one of the highest awards in the competition.



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Medal table St. Kilian Distillers – World Spirits Award 2025

Double-Gold:

- St. Kilian PEATED – Rich & Smoky (Spirit of the Year & Award 2025)
- Terence Hill – The Hero – Whisky, peated
- Celtic Castle Edition 2024

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Gold:

- Bud Spencer – The Legend – Whisky, unpeated
- Judas Priest – Invincible Shield
- Judas Priest – British Steel
- Bud Spencer – Banana Joe – Banana cream liqueur
- St. Kilian CLASSIC – Mild & Fruity
- Terence Hill – Voll auf die Nuss – Hazelnut liqueur
- Johnny Firpo – Homemade – Ein Klitze Pistazie – Pistachio cream liqueur
- St. Kilian Advocaat – Egg liqueur made with Single Malt Whisky
- Bud Spencer – The Legend – DISTILLED DRY GIN

Silver:

- Signature Edition FOURTEEN

‘These great successes are the result of hard work, passion and our uncompromising quality standards,’ says Philipp Trützler, Managing Director of St. Kilian Distillers. ‘We are particularly proud that our products have not only won over the expert jury, but have also inspired whisky lovers all over the world.’

Master Distiller and Master Blender Mario Rudolf is also delighted: ‘What a great event at our company! On the occasion of the presentation of the medals for this year’s World Spirits Award 2025, many great distiller colleagues were our guests in Rüdenau. It was a wonderful event with great people and outstanding distillates. I was particularly pleased to exchange ideas with international distillers, including some from Canada. The fact that we were once again able to win numerous medals, including double gold several times and the Spirit of the Year and World-Class Distillery awards for Whisky Worldwide, makes us particularly proud. A big thank you to Barbara and Wolfram Ortner for the opportunity to host the award ceremony here.’

The World Spirits Award Celebration Weekend in Rüdenau was a complete success and offered guests unforgettable insights into the world of distillation. In addition to exclusive distillery tours, exciting whisky tastings and culinary highlights, the festive award ceremony crowned the evening. Another sign of the high standard of the competition: the internationally renowned jury, consisting of some of the best spirits experts in the world, tasted a total of 214 samples from 50 distilleries this year and assessed them according to the strictest WSA guidelines.



Award-winning bottlings available

The St. Kilian whiskies, liqueurs and DISTILLED DRY GIN awarded at the WSA 2025 are available in the online shop, on site at the distillery in Rüdenau and from specialist retailers. Only the single cask bottling Celtic Castle Edition 2024 is already sold out.

With this impressive result, St. Kilian Distillers not only confirms its position as Germany's leading whisky distillery, but also sets international standards. The journey continues – with passion, innovation and a love of perfect whisky!

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About St. Kilian Distillers GmbH

The German whisky distillery from Rüdenau near Miltenberg am Main in Lower Franconia produces top-class whiskies and liqueurs that have been awarded more than 250 gold medals at the most prestigious competitions around the globe. In addition, awards such as "World-Class Distillery", "Distillery of the Year" and "Whisky of the Year" testify to the top international level at which the young distillery, founded in 2012 by investment banker Andreas Thümmeler and in production since 2016, operates with its whiskies. St. Kilian Distillers supports the responsible use of alcohol, about which you can find out more at <https://www.massvoll-geniessen.de/>. For more information on the company and portfolio, visit www.stkiliandistillers.com.

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