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# Kings of the USA

The search starts again to find the cream of the crop in the whisky world. In the second of three rounds we look at the USA

**T**he Icons mark a highlight in the whisky calendar and this year is no exception with the quality of companies entering the awards.

The Icons are designed to celebrate the people and places behind the greatest whiskies in the world. The product is dealt with in the World Whiskies

Awards held later this year.

This year's judging process includes regional heats in three main areas: the U.S., Scotland and the rest of the world.

The winners of each of the regional icons will now go forward to battle it out head to head in the final world Icons which will be announced at an awards

ceremony held to mark the opening of Whisky Live London in March 2011.

Here we present the winners from the USA.

In what has been an interesting year we hope that you will celebrate the diversity the industry has to offer and join us in congratulating the winners.



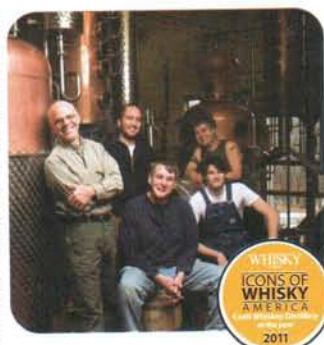
**WHISKY DISTILLER OF THE YEAR**  
**ICON**

*Four Roses Distillery*

This distillery has been quietly releasing some stunning whiskies this year, based on its variations of mashbills and yeast strains. Under Jim Rutledge's reign this distillery has gone from strength to strength.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

- Buffalo Trace
- ALSO NOMINATED**
- Heaven Hill Distilleries
- Brown Forman
- Maker's Mark



**CRAFT WHISKEY DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR**  
**ICON**

*Tuthilltown Spirit*

Tuthilltown opened for business in 2005 and now produces a range of rye and single malt whiskies, as well as Hudson Baby Bourbon, the first Bourbon to be made in New York and the first legal pot-distilled whiskey to be made in the state since Prohibition.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

- St George's Distillery
- ALSO NOMINATED**
- Dry Fly Distilling Inc.
- Charbay Winery
- Finger Lakes
- Great Lakes
- Garrison Bros Distillery



**AMERICAN WHISKEY AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**  
**ICON**

*Fred Noe  
Beam Global*

The 7th distiller in Beam's history. Quick-witted and knowledgeable Fred introduces people around the world to his family's bourbons.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

- Bill Owens
- American Distilling Institute*
- ALSO NOMINATED**
- Frank Coleman *DISCUS*
- The Van Winkles *Rip Van Winkle*
- Jeff Arnett *Jack Daniels*
- Chris Morris *Brown Forman*
- Jimmy Russell *Wild Turkey*
- Jim Rutledge *Four Roses*
- Bill Samuels *Maker's Mark*
- Gable Erenzo *Tuthilltown Spirit*



**SCOTCH WHISKY AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**  
**ICON**

*Simon Brooking  
Beam Global*

Simon is truly an entertainer and educator of the highest form. He is a great evangelist for whisky in the US and is fast becoming legendary for his amazing toasts whenever he offers up his wares at Laphroaig tastings.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

- Heather Greene
- William Grant & Sons*
- ALSO NOMINATED**
- Evan Cattanach *Diageo*
- David Blackmore *The Glenmorangie Company*
- Ricky Crawford *The Glenlivet*
- Brian Dvoret *Speyside*