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## **WILLIAM GRANT & SONS CROWNED DISTILLER AND INTERNATIONAL DISTILLER OF THE YEAR**

**Pioneering distiller scoops two prestigious titles, three trophies and 51 medals  
at IWSC Awards**

**New York, NY (November 17, 2011)** Independent, family-owned distiller William Grant & Sons has been named the 2011 'Distiller of the Year' and 'International Spirits Producer of the Year' at the prestigious International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) Awards, which took place at Guildhall in London, last night.

William Grant & Sons has retained the IWSC's title of 'Distiller of the Year' from last year, the fourth time it has been awarded this highly sought-after title since 1999, having received distiller accolades from ISC and IWSC an unprecedented nine times in the last 12 years.

In total the Company took home 56 awards – including three Trophies and 19 Golds. Leading the way was Glenfiddich, which received Gold awards for every one of its core brand variants from 12–40 Year Old. The Balvenie 30 picked up the coveted Trophy for Single Malt Scotch Whisky Aged 15 Years and Over, as well as Gold Best in Class. Icelandic brand, Reyka Vodka, triumphed in its category winning the Vodka Trophy and Milagro Reposado Tequila took the Trophy for Tequila.

Brian Kinsman, William Grant & Sons' Malt Master and Master Blender, commented on the win, "We're absolutely delighted to be named 'Distiller of the Year' and 'International Spirits Producer of the Year'. Having won the 2010 title of IWSC Distiller of the Year last year, it's

fantastic to have received this recognition again in 2011. It is truly testament to the hard work the whole team puts in crafting our award winning portfolio of premium spirits.”

William Grant & Sons wins these awards fresh from its victory at the International Spirits Challenge event, where The Balvenie Distillery’s PortWood 21 Year was named ‘Supreme Champion Spirit’.

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Full list of 2011 International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) Awards for William Grant & Sons is:

**Distiller of the Year**

**International Spirits Producer of the Year**

**Single Malt Scotch Whisky – 15 Years and Over Trophy**

The Balvenie 30 Year Old

**Vodka Trophy**

Reyka Vodka

**Tequila Trophy**

Milagro Reposado

<b>GOLD BEST IN CLASS</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER BEST IN CLASS</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
Glenfiddich 15 Year Old	Glenfiddich 12 Year Old	Glenfiddich Snow Phoenix	Glenfiddich Age of Discovery	Tullamore Dew Irish Whisky
Glenfiddich Rich Oak	Glenfiddich 18 Year Old	Grant's Ale Cask	Tullamore Dew 12 Year Old	Grant's Sherry
Glenfiddich 40 Year Old	Glenfiddich 21 Year Old	Gibsons 18 Year Old	Tullamore Dew Single Malt 10 Year Old	Hendrick's Gin
Sailor Jerry Rum	Glenfiddich 30 Year Old	Three Barrels VSOP		Woods 100
Tullamore Dew 10 Year Old	The Balvenie Signature	Three Barrels XO	Tullamore Dew Black 43	Solerno
The Balvenie Portwood 21 Year Old	Grant's 25 Year Old	Hudson Baby Bourbon	Monkey Shoulder	
The Balvenie 30 Year Old	The Balvenie 40 Year Old		Grant's 18 Year Old	
The Balvenie Peated Cask 17 Year Old	Gibson's Finest		The Balvenie Caribbean Cask	
Reyka Vodka			The Balvenie Single Barrel 15 Year Old	
Milagro Select Barrel anejo			The Balvenie Golden Cask 14 Year Old	
Milagro Reposado			Grant's 12 Year Old	
			Grant's 18 Year Old	
			Gibson's Finest Sterling	

			Raynal VSOP	
			Raynal XO Milagro Silver	
			Milagro Anejo	
			Milagro Select Barrel Silver	
			Milagro Select Barrel Reposado	
			Hudson Single Malt	
			Hudson Four Grain Bourbon	
			Hudson Manhattan Rye	
			Hudson NY Corn	

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**William Grant & Sons**

William Grant & Sons, Ltd. is an independent family-owned distiller headquartered in the United Kingdom and founded by William Grant in 1887. Today, the super premium spirits company is run by the fifth generation of his family and distils some of the world's leading brands of Scotch whisky, including the world's most awarded single malt Glenfiddich®, The Balvenie® range of handcrafted single malts and the world's largest family-owned blended Scotch Grant's® as well as other iconic spirits brands such as Hendrick's® Gin, Sailor Jerry® Rum, Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey and Milagro® Tequila.

Founded in 1964, William Grant & Sons USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of William Grant & Sons, Ltd. and features one of the fastest growing spirits portfolios in the USA with brands including Glenfiddich, The Balvenie, Hendrick's Gin, Sailor Jerry Rum, Tullamore Dew Irish

Whiskey, Milagro Tequila, Stolichnaya Vodka, Grant's, Hudson Whiskey, Clan MacGregor, Reyka Vodka, Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur, Lillet, Licor 43, Art In The Age, The Knot and BOLS cordials. The company has offices in New York City (sales and marketing) and Edison, NJ (bottling and warehouse facilities). For more information on the company and its brands, please visit [www.grantusa.com](http://www.grantusa.com).