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**Handy & Schiller Barreled Cocktails Awarded at The Fifty Best
Competition's First Ready-to-Drink Cocktail Tasting**
Barrel-Aged Cocktails Claim Double Gold and Silver Medals

NEW ORLEANS, LA (Oct. 22, 2020) – In the first year that The Fifty Best wine and spirits competition has held a ready-to-drink (RTD) cocktail tasting, both of the Handy & Schiller Barreled Cocktails claimed prestigious honors.

Handy & Schiller Old Fashioned and Handy & Schiller Manhattan competed among 71 contenders for their respective titles. The Old Fashioned was awarded the Double Gold medal, and the Manhattan was awarded a Silver medal.

A panel of judges made up of wine and spirits journalists, spirits professionals, wine and spirit retailers, mixologists, spirits consultants and connoisseurs blind-tasted the RTD cocktails and rated them individually on a five-point scale. After tallying the scores, medals were awarded based on the judges' impressions.

The Handy & Schiller Old Fashioned is made using Buffalo Trace Distillery's flagship Buffalo Trace Bourbon and Peychaud's Bitters and is aged in Buffalo Trace barrels. The Handy & Schiller Manhattan is made using the award-winning Sazerac Rye Whiskey, vermouth and Peychaud's Bitters, and is aged in Sazerac Rye barrels. Both the Old Fashioned and Manhattan are barrel-aged in the warehouses at Buffalo Trace Distillery. Suggested retail pricing for each bottle is \$39.99

These two barreled Cocktails are named for two people who had a great impact on the rich cocktail culture in New Orleans, Thomas Handy and John Schiller. Schiller was a New York bartender who found his way to New Orleans and by 1860, began operating the world-famous

Sazerac Coffeehouse in the French Quarter. Handy, originally from Maryland, worked for Schiller at the Sazerac Coffeehouse, and later went on to establish a successful importing and wholesale liquor business. Together, in New Orleans, these two people played a role in the early days of cocktail making that helped set the standard and inspiration for cocktails.

Complete results for The Fifty Best, along with tasting notes, can be viewed here:

www.thefiftybest.com/cocktails/best_ready_to_drink_cocktails_part_1/

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