## Gin company wins five awards

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Spencerfield Spirit Company, owners of the Edinburgh Ginbrand, is celebrating after an outstanding win at the International Wine & Spirit Competition. The company swept the board with a total of five awards — with four for gins and one for whisky.

The medals were awarded to:

- London dry gin category Gold medal for Cannonball Gin
- London dry gin category Silver medal for Christmas Gin
- Scotch whisky, blended malt category Silver outstanding medal for The Feathery Blended Malt Whisky
- Liqueur category Bronze medal for Rhubarb & Ginger Gin Liqueur
- Contemporary gin styles category Bronze medal for Valentine's Gin

Now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year, the IWSC is the longest running competition of its kind in the world. Its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs, achieved through a rigorous two stage judging process of professional blind tasting and detailed chemical and microbiological analysis.

All four Edinburgh Gins were created at the Edinburgh Gin Distillery in partnership with Heriot-Watt University School of Distilling, who the distillery have an on-going relationship with.

Commenting on the awards, Alex Nicol, Managing Director for Spencerfield Spirit Company, said: "We are thrilled to have been awarded five awards at this prestigious international competition. Since opening our Edinburgh Gin distillery last year, we have worked hard on creating new and exciting gins to

bring to the market and to be recognised in this way is fantastic."

The company is experiencing a busy summer as the Edinburgh Gin brand is sponsoring the Elie Cricket Festival from 7-9 August and the Edinburgh Gin Garden is in situ at St Andrew Square, Edinburgh with festivalgoers enjoying refreshing gin cocktails and G&Ts from the Edinburgh Gin Bar and Prosecco Van and entertainment provided from the Edinburgh Gin free stage.

Drinks retailer Vino is also promoting the new Edinburgh Gin bottle, which launched earlier last month, in shop windows throughout the city.

Edinburgh Gin also sponsor the annual Edinburgh Sailing Regatta and has a three-sponsorship deal with Musselburgh Racecourse, which includes a bespoke Edinburgh Gin bar at various key races throughout the year and bottles for prize presentations.