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The Rum & Cachaça Masters 2022

Indications of increased quality rum options available to consumers, with cachaça brands playing a small but mighty role in the sunny outlook for the category

1 March 2022 – This February, five panels of independent, specialist judges discovered the 27 top-scoring rums and cachaças available on the current spirits market. **The 2022 edition of The Rum & Cachaça Masters saw the highest number of both rum and cachaça entries to the competition, indicating a plentiful offering from this category.**

Out of more than 220 entries, **judges from The Global Spirits Masters series of blind-tasting competitions ranked the 27 most impressive rum and cachaça expressions on today's market** with top scores of between 90-100 points, meaning each one took home a Master medal.

Notably, the cachaça category impressed judges this year, and the results highlight three bottlings that were awarded a Master medal. These high scores were particularly impressive given the fact that cachaça is a small category with the majority of consumption in its home market of Brazil. This was the first year that a significant proportion were awarded top scores, and these exciting results bode well for the quality of offering from this sugarcane-based spirit category.

Other subcategories that were represented among the highest scores were **Agricole Rhum**, which boasted an impressive three Master medallists, as well as the **Spiced Rum** and **Rum Liqueur** subcategories.

The top 27 entries were retasted by all judges to decide the most impressive entry from the whole competition, which was awarded the title of **Taste Master. This accolade went to Worthy Park's Rum-Bar White Overproof Rum, which packs a punch at 63.5% ABV, and was judged as the single best entry in the competition.**

A special mention goes to Edingburgh's Holyrood Distillery, which entered nine rums into the competition and secured five Master medals, as well as three Gold medals. These rums fall under the Elizabeth Yard brand, which takes its name from the Royal Elizabeth Yard which the distillery recently took over, and will be available to purchase online from mid-March.

