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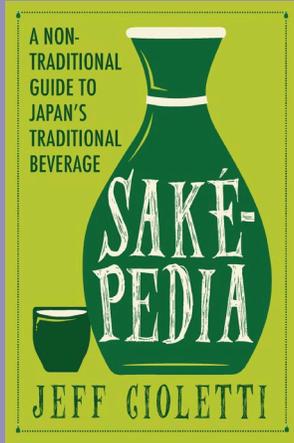


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## SakePedia

Jeff Cioletti, author of the *Drinkable Globe*, *Beer FAQ* and *The Year of Drinking Adventurously*, has written *SakePedia: A Non-Traditional Guide to Japan's Traditional Beverage* (Turner Publishing, softcover, 216 pages, \$16.99).



Cioletti, a certified international Kikisake-shi — a fancy term for “sake sommelier” — presents a comprehensive guide to sake that both celebrates and demystifies the traditional Japanese drink.

Cioletti was an editor at *Beverage World* magazine for 14 years including eight years as editor-in-chief. He's the founder of *DrinkableGlobe.com* and host of *The Drinkable Globe Podcast*, as well as a frequent contributor to publications including *Artisan Spirit Magazine*, *Beverage Media*, *BevNet*, *Beverage Industry*, *The Takeout*, *SevenFifty Daily* and *CraftBeer.com*.

## The 27th Annual Fred Tibbitts & Associates “A Fall Evening in New York City with Very Special Friends”

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fred Tibbitts & Associates “A Fall Evening in New York City with Very Special Friends” took place on November 13 for 75 guests, which included CEOs, Presidents, General Managers, VIPs, Directors of Food & Beverage, Executive Chefs and sponsors at the historic Battery Gardens overlooking New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty.

Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President and CEO of Fred Tibbitts & Associates, began the dinner by offering his welcoming remarks intended to remind the guests that: “We have all have come together as a ‘Communion of Hospitality Souls’ to celebrate ‘Leaders of Hospitality Excellence,’ provide scholarships for worthy, grateful students of higher hospitality education in the names of those whom we honor and to raise money for those less fortunate families in Cambodia and Thailand at the FTA NYC Fall Charity Awards Dinner

### 2018 FTA Hospitality Awards for Excellence

Lifetime Excellence – Asia Pacific – Rajeev Menon, Chief Operating Officer, Asia Pacific (excluding Greater China) Marriott International – Scholarship to Benefit: The Indian School of Hospitality

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## Distilled Spirits Council Criticizes Treasury Dept. for Failure to Allow Excise Duty-Drawback in Rule

The Distilled Spirits Council has criticized the U.S. Treasury Department for rejecting the excise tax drawback on spirits, beer and wine that are produced in the U.S. for export, as Congress explicitly directed in the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 (TFTEA).

The U.S. Treasury Department and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued a final rule on Modernized Drawback that prohibits the excise tax drawback. This contradicts the Congressional intent contained in TFTEA to simplify drawback claims processing, the Council stated: “TFTEA was supposed to allow companies to recoup taxes, duties and fees on imported products after exporting like products. Instead, Treasury has thwarted the intent of Congress to promote exports through this new rule by limiting the excise duty drawback.”

“Congress wanted to encourage production in the U.S. with duty drawback, which was designed to incentivize U.S. manufacturers to export,” said Distilled Spirits Council President and CEO Chris Swonger.

“At a time when retaliatory tariffs are impacting American business, small and large, this program could provide some relief, simplification and add to our competitiveness,” he added. “Treasury needs to follow Congressional intent and stop impeding a program that levels the playing field for U.S. manufacturers in the global market.”

## Edrington Sells Glenturret Distillery to Art & Terroir

Edrington and Art & Terroir have signed an agreement on the sale of The Glenturret malt whisky distillery and brand.

Glenturret is Scotland's oldest working distillery, based on the banks of the River Turret in Crieff, Perthshire. The distillery has been making single malt Scotch whisky for more than 240 years and has been one of Scotland's favorite whisky visitor attractions for almost 40 years. Edrington announced in June that it was seeking a new buyer for the distillery as part of its strategy of focusing investment on its core portfolio of premium spirits.

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