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# WHISKEY COLLECTION

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## APPRECIATING WHISKEY

### LOOK

Before you do anything, look at the whiskey. You can learn a lot from its color. Generally speaking, the darker the whiskey, the older it is because whiskey gets its color from contact with the oak barrel during aging. The type of barrel matters as well. For example, a scotch whisky being aged in a bourbon barrel that has been used several times is not going to pick up as much color from the barrel. If that same whisky was put in a used sherry or port cask, it will pick up some of those colors in addition to the oak barrel.

### SMELL

You can smell more from your whiskey than you will ever be able to taste. Most master distillers and blenders work primarily by nosing, not tasting. So, always smell your whiskey before you taste it. Don't shove your nose into the glass or the alcohol will be too dominant. Gently raise the glass to your nose until you begin capturing the aroma. Think about what you smell. Closing your eyes can help you differentiate between aromas.

### TASTE

Make sure you coat your entire tongue and let it linger on the palate before swallowing. Does it taste the way it smells? Do the flavors evolve on the palate or stay the same? Does the whiskey feel thick or thin? What flavors do you taste? After you swallow, does the flavor linger or quickly fade away? Sometimes the alcohol is too intense to fully appreciate the whiskey. Add a couple drops of water at a time to the whiskey till you find your comfort zone. Not only does the water lower the proof of the whiskey, it can help open up the aromas of the whiskey.



## *Daily Specials*

### SUNDAY

Open to 2pm

\$12 Bottomless Mimosas

With entrée purchase & \$5 Bloody marys

### MONDAY

7pm to close

All cocktails from the menu are \$7

### TUESDAY

7pm to close

\$15 Johnnie Walker Blue Label &

Discounts on other old & rare whiskeys from  
our collection

### WEDNESDAY

7pm to close

Half price on all bottles of wine

### THURSDAY

7pm to close

\$3 Domestics & \$4 Crafts, draft or bottle

## BOURBON

1792 Small Batch Bourbon	9	Jim Beam Devil's Cut	10
Angel's Envy Bourbon	12	Jim Beam Single Barrel Bourbon	10
Angel's Envy Mojo Personal Blend Bourbon	14	Joseph Magnus Murray Hill Club Special Reserve	27
Antique Collection Eagle Rare 17 Year	17	Knob Creek	13
Antique Collection George T. Stag	25	Maker's 46	11
Baker's 7 Year	13	Maker's Mark	12
Basil Hayden's Bourbon	13	Maker's Mark Cask Strength	13
Benchmark Old no.8	8	Manifest Single Barrel Bourbon	19
Blanton's Single Barrel	20	Manifest Small Batch Bourbon	15
Buffalo Trace	8	Michter's US*1 Small Batch Bourbon	12
Buffalo Trace Single Barrel Mojo Selection	12	Michter's US*1 Straight Bourbon	12
Bulleit 10 Year Bourbon	13	Michter's US*1 Toasted Barrel Finish Bourbon	13
Bulleit Bourbon	11	Old Forester 1870 Original Batch	11
Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel	13	Old Forester 86 Proof	8
Colonel E.H. Taylor Small Batch	11	Old Forester Single Barrell Mojo Blend	12
Eagle Rare Single Barrel	9	Old Forester Statesman	13
Evan Williams Black	8	Old Grand-Dad Bottled in Bond	9
Four Roses Mojo Blend	12	Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year	
Four Roses Single Barrel	11	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15 Year	
Four Roses Small Batch	10	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 Year	
Four Roses Yellow Label	8	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23 Year	
High West American Prairie Reserve	11	Prichard's Double Chocolate	15
Horse Soldier Bourbon Straight	12	St. Augustine Bourbon Double Cask	13
Hudson Baby Bourbon	12	Stagg Jr.	13
I.W. Harper	13	Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon	11
Jefferson's Ocean	17	Wild Turkey Rare Bread	15
Jim Beam Black 8 Year	11	Woodford Reserve Double Oaked	15
Jim Beam Bourbon	9	Woodford Reserve Straight Bourbon	13

## RYE

Angel's Envy Rum Cask Finished	19	Michter's US*1 Limited Release Barrel Strength Rye	15
Antique Collection Sazerac 18 Year		Michter's US*1 Barrel Strength Toasted Barrel Finish	17
Antique Collection Thomas Handy		Michter's US*1 Single Barrel Rye	12
Bulleit Rye	11	Pendleton 1910 Rye	11
Colonel E.H. Taylor Straight Rye	17	Redemption Rye	9
George Dickel Rye	10	Rittenhouse Bottled in Bond Rye	9
High West Double Rye	11	Sazerac Straight Rye	9
High West Midwinter Night's Dram	15	Van Winkle 13 Year Family Reserve Rye	23
High West Rendezvous Rye	15	WhistlePig 10 Year	15
High West Yippee Ki-Yay	17	Whistlepig 12 Year Old World	23
Hudson Manhattan Rye	13	Whistlepig 15 Year Estate Oak	35
Hudson Maple Cask Rye	9	Whistlepig Farmstock Crop no.1	17
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Rye	12	Whistlepig Mojo Single Barrel	20
Jack Daniel's Straight Rye	9	Whistlepig Rye Piggyback	11
Manifest Rye	11	Woodford Reserve Rye	13

## TENNESSEE

Gentleman Jack Double Mellowed	12	Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey	9
Jack Daniel's Old no.7 Black Label	9	Jack Daniels NO 27 Gold	21
Jack Daniel's Sinatra Select	31	Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire	9
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	13		

## AMERICAN

Bird Dog Chocolate	7	Jefferson's Chef Collaboration	10
Bird Dog Peach	7	Michter's US*1 Small Batch Unblended American	12
High West Campfire	15	Michter's US*1 Sour Mash	11
Hilhaven Lodge	13	Stolen Whiskey X Rock and Rye	9
Hochstadter's Slow & Low Rock & Rye	10	Tincup	9
Hudson Single Malt	13		

## CANADIAN

Canadian Club 1858	8	Pendleton Canadian Whiskey	10
Crown Royal	12	Pendleton Directors Reserve	31
Crown Royal Regal Apple	12	Seagram's 7 Crown	8
Crown Royal XR	27	Seagrams VO Canadian	9

## IRISH

Bushmills Original	10	Jameson Caskmates Stout Edition	15
Green Spot	15	Jameson Irish Whiskey	12
Jameson Black Barrel	15	Middleton Barry Crocket Legacy	47
Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition	13	Tullamore D.E.W.	9

## FRENCH

Bastille 1789	12
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## TAIWANESE

Kavalan Classic Single Malt	17
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## BLENDED SCOTCH

Bank Note 5 Year	8	Johnnie Walker Double Black	13
Chivas Regal 12 Year	13	Johnnie Walker Gold Label	19
Compass Box Asyla	13	Johnnie Walker Green Label 15 Year	17
Dewar's White Label	11	Johnnie Walker Red Label	10
Johnnie Walker Blue Label	39	Monkey Shoulder Batch 27	10

## SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

### HIGHLAND

Dalmore 12 Year	15
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### ISLAND

Talisker 10 Year	15
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### ISLAY

Lagavulin 12 Year	27
Lagavulin 16 Year	23
Laphroaig 10 Year	13
McClellands Islay	9

### SPEYSIDE

Balvenie 12 Year Doublewood	17
Balvenie 14 Year Caribbean Cask	17
Glenfiddich 12 Year	13
Glenlivet 12 Year	15
Macallan 10 Year	15
Macallan 12 Year	15

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# WHISKEY or WHISKY?

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## **Why is whiskey sometimes spelled without an “e”?**

The two different spellings are just that, different spellings, like “gray” and “grey.” Scotch, Japanese, and Canadian spirits are generally “whisky”, and Irish and American spirits are generally “whiskey”, though there are some exceptions, i.e. Makers Mark.

## **Who invented whiskey?**

Many believe the Irish, but the Scots love to argue that point. The word whiskey/whisky comes from the Gaelic phrase “uisce beatha” or water of life. Irish whiskey was one of the earliest distilled drinks in Europe, around the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Irish Monks brought the technique of distilling perfumes back from their travels to the Mediterranean countries around 1000 A.D.

## **Why is whiskey brown?**

Whiskey begins as a clear grain spirit when it comes off the still. What makes it whiskey is barrel aging. Alcohol is a solvent and as the cycles of hot and cold push the whiskey into the wood, it picks up flavor and its distinct brown color from the staves of the barrel. Generally older whiskeys are darker from the longer contact with the staves.

## **Is all bourbon made in Kentucky?**

Bourbon has very strict federal laws governing its production. That law does not state that it must be made in Kentucky, only that it must be made in the United States. New York, Indiana, and Colorado all have fantastic bourbon distilleries. Kentucky just happens to be a good place to make it (due to the limestone) and where the vast majority is produced.

## **What’s different about Bourbon and Tennessee whiskey?**

Not much, Tennessee whiskeys are made just like Bourbon with an additional step, the Lincoln County Process. Before aging, the unaged whiskey passes through a bed of hardwood charcoal, which takes off the rough edges of the spirit and adds a subtle sooty sweetness.

## **Is it okay to drink my whiskey on the rocks?**

Drink it however you like it, it’s yours! Purists believe adding anything to the whiskey dulls or obscures the flavor. A small amount of water, especially in high proof or barrel strength whiskeys will help bring out more aromas. Some whiskeys do well with ice. Experiment-- it’s all about what you like.

## **What does sour mash bourbon mean?**

Almost all bourbons made today use the sour mash process, but not all of them mention it on their label. The process uses the acidic, “sour” leftovers from the previous fermentation to help properly set the pH level of the new “sweet” mash so that fermentation is uniform and consistent.

## **What is wheated bourbon?**

Bourbon is made of grains; legally 51% or more must be corn. The rest is up to the discretion of the distiller. Typically malt is used to help with the fermentation process. Then they have to make a choice between wheat or rye. Rye makes for a spicier, bolder whiskey, while wheat is less assertive and smoother. Weller and Maker’s Mark are wheated bourbons.

## **What does “finishing” or “finished” mean?**

A process used mostly with Scotch whisky. The whisky is aged in used bourbon barrels or used sherry casks. After the aging is complete, the distiller may transfer the whisky to a different cask (i.e. port, rum, tequila) for a relatively short maturation, known as finishing, to enhance the flavor of the whisky.

## **Why do some bourbons say “sour mash”?**

Some bourbon brands make mention of this on the label, thus creating the illusion that some bourbons are sour mash and some are not, but in fact, everything regularly made today is sour mash. Sour mash refers to the addition to the freshly cooked bourbon mash of a small portion of “setback,” or spent mash from a previous fermentation. This setback is sour, hence the name, and serves to create a beneficial environment for the yeast that will ferment the mash. Sour mash is an important step in making bourbon, but is not necessary and certainly not required by law.

## **Who invented bourbon?**

No one single individual can be credited with inventing bourbon. It evolved in the state of Kentucky when farmers moved there from the coastal states in the 1790’s. Certain early distillers are rightfully credited with being among the first wave, though at this time there was no such thing as “bourbon,” only corn whiskey. The Rev. Elijah Craig often gets credit, not only for “inventing” bourbon, but for aging whiskey in charred oak casks. Both honors are inaccurate, as Craig was merely one of many early Kentucky settler distillers, and barrels were a common means of transporting whiskey to market.