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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 Bottled in Bond	10	George Dickel no.12	10
1792 Full Proof Straight Bourbon	12	George Dickel Bottled In Bond	11
1792 Port Finish	17	High West American Prairie Reserve	11
1792 Single Barrel Bourbon	10	High Wire Jimmy Red Glass Finish	19
1792 Small Batch	9	High Wire Revival 4 Grain	12
1792 Sweet Wheat	10	High Wire Revival Madeira Finish	15
1934 Distillery Bourbon	8	Hirsch Small Batch Reserve	10
Amador Double Barrel Bourbon	12	Horse Soldier Barrel Strength	17
Ancient Age Bourbon	7	Horse Soldier Signature	13
Angel's Envy Mojo Personal Blend Bourbon	12	Horse Soldier Straight Bourbon	12
Angel's Envy Port Finished Bourbon	12	Hudson Baby Bourbon	11
Angel's Envy Port Finished Cask Strength Bourb	35	I.W. Harper 15 Year	19
Antique Collection Eagle Rare 17 Year		I.W. Harper	11
Antique Collection George T. Stag	25	Jefferson's Chef's Collaboration	10
Baker's 7 Year	13	Jefferson's Grand Selection Chateau Pichon	27
Bardstown Discovery Series #2	27	Jefferson's Ocean Cask Strength Voyage 10	17
Basil Hayden's Bourbon	13	Jefferson's Reserve	15
Basil Haydens 10 Year	19	Jefferson's Reserve Old Rum Cask Finish	17
Belle Meade	11	Jefferson's Reserve Pritchard Hill Cabernet Cask Fini	17
Benchmark Old no.8 Bourbon	8	Jim Beam	9
Blade & Bow	13	Jim Beam Black 8 Year	10
Blanton's Single Barrel	20	Jim Beam Devil's Cut	11
Blood Oath Pact No. 4	19	Johnny Drum Private Stock	9
Blood Oath Trilogy	19	Joseph Magnus Bourbon	19
Bomberger's	12	Joseph Magnus Murray Hill Club Special Reserve	27
Bomberger's Declaration Bourbon	19	JR Ewing Bourbon	11
Booker's	23	Kentucky Vintage	9
Breaker Bourbon	13	Knob Creek	13
Breaker Bourbon Port Barrel	13	Knob Creek 9 Year Single Barrel Bourbon	13
Breaker Wheated Bourbon	13	Larceny	10
Breckenridge	12	Maker's 46	11
Buck 8 Year	9	Maker's Mark	12
Buffalo Trace	8	Maker's Mark Cask Strength	13
Buffalo Trace Mojo Blend	12	Medley Brothers	8
Buffalo Trace Kosher Wheat	15	Merica Small Batch	10
Bulleit 10 Year Bourbon	13	Michter's 10 Year Single Barrel Bourbon	23
Bulleit Barrel Strength Bourbon	15	Michter's 25 Year Single Barrel Bourbon	114
Bulleit Bourbon	11	Michter's Celebration	350
Calumet Farm	13	Michter's US*1 Small Batch Bourbon	12
Clyde May's Straight Bourbon 92	11	Michter's US*1 Sour Mash	12
Colonel E.H. Taylor Barrel Proof	15	Michter's US*1 Toasted Barrel Finish Bourbon	9
Colonel E.H. Taylor Four Grain	15	Michter's US1 Toasted Sour Mash	13
Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel	13	Michters 20 Year Bourbon	94
Colonel E.H. Taylor Small Batch	12	Noah's Mill	12
Coopers' Craft	10	Ol' Major Bacon	9
Doc. 52 Straight Bourbon	9	Old Bardstown Estate Bottled Bourbon	9
Douglas & Todd Bourbon	11	Old Crow	8
Eagle Rare Single Barrel	12	Old Fitzgerald Bottled in Bond 11 Year	27
Early Times Private Stock	7	Old Forester 1870 Original Batch	11
Elijah Craig Barrel Proof	15	Old Forester 1897 Bottled in Bond	13
Elijah Craig Small Batch	10	Old Forester 1910	13
Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel	16	Old Forester 1920 Prohibition Style	13
Evan Williams Black	8	Old Forester 86 Proof	8
Evan Williams Single Barrel	9	Old Forester Birthday Bourbon	19
Few Bourbon	12	Old Forester Single Barrel Mojo Blend	12
Four Roses Mojo Single Barrel	12	Old Forester Statesman	13
Four Roses Single Barrel	11	Old Grand-Dad 100 Bonded	9

AVAILABILITY MAY VARY DUE TO ALLOCATIONS

Four Roses Small Batch Limited Edition	27	Old Medley 12 Year	13
Four Roses Small Batch	10	Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year	
Four Roses Yellow Label	8	Orphan Barrel Entrapment	31
Garrison Brothers	17	Orphan Barrel Rhetoric 24 Year	27
Garrison Brothers Cowboy	35	Orphan Barrel Rhetoric 25 Year	31
Garrison Brothers Single Barrel	19	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15 Year	
George Dickel Barrel Select	11	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 Year	
George Dickel no.8	9	Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23 Year	
Prichard's Double Chocolate	15	Sonoma County West of Kentucky	12
Pinhook Bourbon Country	10	St. Augustine Bourbon Double Cask	12
Pure Kentucky XO	9	Stagg Jr.	15
Rabbit Hole Kentucky Straight Bourbon Sherry	17	Timber Creek Florida Reserve	12
Rebellion Bourbon	10	Van Winkle 12 Year Special Reserve	
Rebellion 8 Year	12	Van Winkle 13 Year Family Reserve	
Redemption 9 Year Bourbon	19	Wathen's Single Barrel	12
Redemption Bourbon	9	Weller 107 Mojo Blend	10
Redemption High Rye Bourbon	9	Widow Jane Bourbon	15
Redwood Empire Pipe Dream Bourbon	11	Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon	11
Reservoir Bourbon	17	Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit	15
Rock Hill Farms Single Barrel	12	Wild Turkey Rare Breed	15
Rough Rider Double Cask	9	Willett Family Pot Still Reserve	11
Rough Rider Happy Warrior Cask Strength	15	Willett Small Batch 3 Year	11
Rowan's Creek	10	Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby Bourbon	14
Russell's Reserve 10 Year	11	Woodford Reserve Bourbon	13
Smooth Ambler Big Level	13	Woodford Reserve Double Oaked Bourbon	15
Smooth Ambler Contradiction	10	Woodinville Bourbon	12
Smooth Ambler Old Scout Bourbon	13	Wyoming Outryder	13
Smooth Ambler Yearling	8	Wyoming Whiskey Small Batch Bourbon	11

## AMERICAN

Ballotin Caramel Turtle	9	Palm Ridge Reserve	13
Bird Dog Blackberry	7	Piedre Almas Ancestral Whiskey	12
Bird Dog Chocolate	8	Ransom The Emerald 1865	17
Bird Dog Peach	7	Ransom Whippersnapper	9
Breuckelen 77 NY Wheat	11	Rebel Yell	8
Cask & Crew Walnut Toffee	8	Red Stag Black Cherry	9
Charbay Double & Twisted Whiskey	12	Redwood Empire	11
Clyde May's Conecuh Ridge Alabama	10	Redwood Empire Lost Monarch	11
Corsair Buck Yeah	12	Reservoir Wheat	17
Corsair Quinoa	12	Screwball Peanut Butter Whiskey	9
Heaven's Door Double Barrel	12	Seagram's 7	8
High West Bourye	17	Shenk's Homestead Sour Mash	17
High West Campfire	17	Smooth Ambler Old Scout American Whiskey	10
High Wire Revival Sorghum	13	Sonoma County 2nd Chance Wheat	12
Hilhaven Lodge	13	Sui Generis Chamoisee Carnelian	17
Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey	9	Sui Generis Conquistador 1513	19
Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire	9	Sui Generis Split Charisma	17
Kinsey 7 Year	9	Tincup	9
Michter's US*1 Unblended American	12	Uncle Nearest 1856	13
Misunderstood Ginger Spice	9	Uncle Nearest Small Batch	7
Navazos-Palazzi Grain Whisky	21	Wild Turkey American Honey	10
Old Camp American	8	Wild Turkey Forgiven	15
Old Camp Peach Pecan	9		

## UNAGED

High West Silver Oat

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## RYE

Angel's Envy Rum Cask Finished Rye	19	Palm Ridge Rye	12
Antique Collection Thomas Handy		Peerless Barrel Proof Rye	27
Basil Hayden's Dark Rye	12	Peerless Small Batch Rye	17
Basil Hayden's Rye	12	Pendleton 1910 Rye	11
Basil Hayden's Two by Two Rye	12	Pinhook Rye Humor	11
Black Maple Hill Rye	19	Prichard's Rye	13
Breuckelen 77 Local Rye & Corn	11	Rebellion Rye	10
Bulleit Rye	11	Redemption Rye	9
Cask & Crew Rye	9	Redwood Empire Emerald Giant Rye	11
Colonel E.H. Taylor Straight Rye	17	Reservoir Rye	17
Corsair Ryemageddon	12	Rittenhouse Bottled in Bond	9
Few Rye	13	Rough Rider Big Stick	13
George Dickel Rye	10	Rough Rider Bull Moose Three Barrel	9
Heaven's Door Straight Rye	17	Russell's Reserve 6 Year Rye	13
High West Double Rye	9	Sazerac Straight Rye	9
High West Midwinters Night Dram	19	Shefford Canadian Rye	8
High West Rendezvous Rye	15	Smooth Ambler Old Scout Rye	11
High West Yippee Ki-Yay	17	Sonoma County Rye	12
High Wire Revival Rye	12	Templeton Rye	11
Hochstadter's Slow & Low Rock & Rye	9	Timber Creek Florida Black Rye	12
Hudson Manhattan Rye	11	Whistlepig 10 Year	17
Hudson Maple Cask Rye	11	Whistlepig 12 Year Old World	23
Jack Daniel's 4 Year Single Barrel Rye	12	Whistlepig 15 Year	35
Jack Daniel's Rested Rye	13	Whistle Pig Boss Hog V	67
Jack Daniel's Straight Rye	9	Whistlepig Boss Hog IV The Back Prince	67
James E. Pepper 1776 Rye	9	Whistlepig Boss Hog VI Samari	67
Jim Beam Rye	8	Whistlepig Farmstock Crop no.1	17
Kentucky Owl 11 Year	31	Whistlepig Farmstock Crop no. 4 Homestock	13
Kinsey Rye	8	Whistlepig Farmstock Crop no.2	15
Knob Creek Rye	11	Whistlepig Piggyback 6 Year	11
Masterson's 10 Year Rye	15	Whistlepig Rye Single Barrel Mojo Blend	20
Michter's 10 Year Single Barrel Rye	27	Whistlepig 18 Year	55
Michter's US*1 Barrel Strength Rye	15	Widow Jane American Oak & Applewood	12
Michter's US*1 Single Barrel Straight Rye	11	Wild Buck Rye	13
Michter's US*1 Barrel Strength Toasted Barrel Fi	15	Wild Turkey 101 Rye	12
Old Carter Straight Rye Whiskey	39	Woodford Reserve Rye	13
Old Overholt	8	Woodinville Rye	12

## TENNESSEE

Gentleman Jack Double Mellowed	12	Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	13
Heaven's Door Tennessee Bourbon	12	Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Barrel Proof	15
Jack Daniel's Old no.7 Black Label	9	Jack Daniels No 27 Gold	21
Jack Daniel's Sinatra Select	31		

## AMERICAN MALT

Corsair Galaxy Hopped	13	Pine Barrens Single Malt	11
Corsair Oatrage	12	Stranahan's Colorado	13
Corsair Triple Smoke Single Malt	12	Stranahan's Sherry Cask	19
Corsair Wildfire	13	Stranahans Diamond Peak	15
Hudson Single Malt	9	Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Malt	11

## SOUTH AFRICAN

Bain's Whisky	11
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## CANADIAN

Canadian Club 1858	9	Crown Royal XO	13
Collingwood	9	Crown Royal XR	27
Crown Royal	12	Crown Salted Caramel	10
Crown Royal Black	12	Fireball Cinnamon	8
Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye	10	Pendleton Blended Canadian Whisky	11
Crown Royal Peach	10	Pendleton Directors Cut	35
Crown Royal Regal Apple	12	Pendleton Midnight	11
Crown Royal Special Reserve	13	Seagrams VO Canadian	9
Crown Royal Texas Mesquite	10	Stalk & Barrel Canadian Red Blend Whisky	10
Crown Royal Vanilla	12		

## FRENCH

Armorik Breton Single Malt	13	Bastille 1789	11
Armorik Single Cask Finish	19	Brenne 10 Year	19
Armorik Single Malt Double	15	Brenne Estate Cask	13
Armorik Single Malt Sherry	13		

## IRISH

Bushmills Black Bush	11	Redbreast 12 Year	17
Bushmills Original	10	Redbreast 15 Year	23
Bushmills Red Bush	10	Sexton	9
Concannon	7	Slane Irish Whiskey Triple Cask	9
Green Spot	15	Teeling Single Grain	13
Irish American 10 Year Old	11	Temple Bar	11
Irish American Original	10	The Irishman Founder's Reserve	8
Jameson	10	Tullamore D.E.W. 12 Year Special Reserve	13
Jameson Black Barrel	15	Tullamore D.E.W.	8
Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition	13	Tullamore D.E.W. Phoenix Single Batch	15
Jameson Caskmates Stout Edition	13	Tullamore D.E.W. 14 Year Single Malt	17
Kinahan's 10 Year Single Malt	15	Tullamore D.E.W. 15 Year Trilogy	17
Kinahan's Blended	9	Tullamore D.E.W. Cider Cask	9
Knockmore	9	Tullamore D.E.W. XO Rum Cask Finish	9
Middleton Barry Crocket Legacy	47	Writers' Tears Copper Pot	11
Middleton Very Rare	27	Yellow Spot 12 Year	21
Proper 12	8		

## JAPANESE

Akashi Ume Plum	10	Mars Iwai Tradition	13
Akashi White Oak	12	Mars Shinshu Iwai	10
Akashi Sommelier Series Wine Cask Matured	31	Ohishi Brandy Cask	15
Fukano Single Cask	17	Ohishi Sherry Cask	15
Ichiro's Malt & Grain	21	Suntory Hibiki Harmony	17
Kaiyo Cask Strength Whisky	19	Suntory Toki	10
Kaiyo Mizunara Oak	13	Suntory Yamazaki 12 Year	21
Kikori Whisky	13	Tottori	11
Kurayoshi Malt	15	Tottori Bourbon Cask	12
Kurayoshi malt Sherry Cask	17		

## TAIWANESE

Kavalan Classic Single Malt	17	Omar Single Malt Bourbon Barrel Whisky	15
Kavalan Concertmaster Cask Whisky	17	Omar Single Malt Sherry Barrel Whisky	15
Kavalan Sherry Oak Whisky	27		

## INDIAN

Amrut Cask Strength Peated Whisky	19	Paul John Bold Single Malt Whisky	15
Amrut Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky	17	Paul John Brilliance Whisky	12
Amrut Fusion Whisky	15	Paul John Cls Sel Cask Whisky	17
Amrut Peated Whisky	15	Paul John Edt Single Malt Whisky	13
Amrut Single Malt Whisky	13	Paul John Peat Sel Cask Whisky	17

## MEXICAN

Seirra Norte Yellow Whiskey	12	Sierra Norte White Whiskey	12
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## BLENDED MALT SCOTCH

Compass Box Peat Monster	13	Monkey Shoulder Batch 27	9
Johnnie Walker Green 15 Year	15		

## BLENDED SCOTCH

Bank Note 5 Year	8	Great King St. Artist's Blend	11
Chivas Regal 12 Year	13	Great King St. Glasgow Blend	11
Chivas Regal 18 Year	23	Highland Queen 12 Year	11
Compass Box Asyla	13	Highland Queen 8 Year	9
Compass Box Flaming Heart 6th Edition	27	J&B Rare	10
Compass Box Hedonism	21	Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 Year	13
Compass Box Juveniles Blend	27	Johnnie Walker Blue Label	39
Compass Box Orangerie	13	Johnnie Walker Double Black	12
Compass Box Story of the Spaniard	15	Johnnie Walker Gold	17
Compass Box The Circus	55	Johnnie Walker Platinum 18 Year	27
Cutty Sark Prohibition Edition	11	Johnnie Walker Red	10
Dewar's White Label	9	Pig's Nose 5 Year	11
Famous Grouse	8	Sheep Dip 8 Year	13

## SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

### CAMPELTOWN

Kilkerran 12 Year	19
Kilkerran Sherry Wood	19
Longrow 18 Year	35
Longrow Peated	13
Springbank 10 Year	15
Springbank 12 Year Burgundy	21
Springbank 18 Year	31

### ISLAND

Highland Park 18 Year	27
Highland Park 18 Year Viking Pride	27
Isle of Jura 10 Year	15
Isle of Jura 18 Year	27
Isle of Jura Seven Wood	15
Isle of Jura Superstition	13
Scapa Skiren	19
Talisker 10 Year	15
Talisker Storm	17

### ENGLISH

Cotswolds Single Malt Whisky	13
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### WELSH

Penderyn CELT	13
Penderyn LEGEND	12
Penderyn MADEIRA	15
Penderyn MYTH	13
Penderyn SHERRY WOOD	17

### ISLAY

Ardbeg 10 Year	15
Ardbeg An Oa	15
Ardbeg Uigedail	17
Bowmore 12 Year	13
Bowmore 25 Year	67
Bowmore Port Cask 23 Year	109
Bruichladdich 22 YR by Cadenhead	39
Bunnahabhain Toiteach	15
Caol Ila 12 Year	13
Lagavulin 16 Year	19
Laphroaig 10 Year	13

**LOWLAND**

Auchentoshan 12 Year	12
Auchentoshan 21 Year	39
Auchentoshan American Oak	11
Auchentoshan Three Wood	17
Glenkinchie 12 Year	13
Glenkinchie Distiller's Edition	17

**HIGHLAND**

Aberfeldy 18 YR by Cadenhead	27
Aberlour ABundah	27
Clynelish 14 YR	13
Dalmore 12 YR	15
Dalmore 15 YR	19
Dalmore Cigar Malt	31
Dalmore King Alexander III	39
Dalmore Port Wood Reserve	23
Dalwhinnie 15 YR	15
Dalwhinnie Distillers Edition	17
Deanston 10 YR PX Cask Finish	15
Deanston Virgin Oak	12
Glenmorangie 18 YR	17
Glenmorangie Lasanta 12 YR	13
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or 12 YR	19
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 12 YR	13
Glenmorangie Signet	39
Glenmorangie The Original 10 YR	13
Loch Lomond The Open Course 1999 Release	17
Oban 14 YR	17
Oban 18 YR	31
Stronachie 10 YR	13
Stronachie 18 YR	19
Tullibardine 20 YR	27
Tullibardine 225 Sauternes Finish	13
Tullibardine 228 Burgundy Finish	13
Tullibardine 25 YR	43
Tullibardine Sovereign	11
Wolfburn	13

**SPEYSIDE**

Balvenie 12 Year Doublewood	15
Balvenie 12 Year Single Barrel	17
Balvenie 12 Year Sweet Toast	17
Balvenie 14 Year Caribbean Cask	17
Balvenie 14 Year Peat Week	21
Balvenie 15 Year Single Barrel	23
Balvenie 17 Year Doublewood	27
Balvenie 21 Year PortWood	39
Glen Grant 16 Year by Cadenhead	27
Glenfarclas 12 Year	13
Glenfarclas 17 Year	19
Glenfarclas 21 Year	23
Glenfiddich 12 Year	13
Glenfiddich 14 Year Bourbon Barrel	13
Glenfiddich 15 Year Solera Reserva	17
Glenfiddich 18 Year	21
Glenfiddich 21 Year	31
Glenfiddich 26 Year	75
Glenfiddich Age of Discovery 19 Year	27
Glenfiddich Fire & Cane	13
Glenfiddich IPA Cask Finish	15
Glenfiddich Project XX	17
Glenlivet 12 Year	15
Glenlivet 15 Year French Oak	17
Glenlivet 18 Year	27
Glenrothes Bourbon Cask Reserve	12
Glenrothes Sherry Cask Reserve	12
Macallan 12 Year Double Cask	17
Macallan 12 Year Sherry Oak Cask	15
Macallan 18 Year Fine Oak	43
Macallan 18 Year Sherry Oak Cask	47
Macallan 21 Year Fine Oak	84
Macallan Rare Cask	47
Mortlach 25 Year	39

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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.