

BARBECOA WHISKEY COMPENDIUM

Whiskey is a spirit distilled from fermented grains and aged in oak barrels, where it gets most of its colour and flavour from.

This Whiskey Compendium is our humble tribute to this great spirit that is made and enjoyed all around the world.

“The water was not fit to drink. To make it palatable, we had to add whiskey.

By diligent effort, I learned to like it.”

- Winston Churchill -

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AMERICAN WHISKEY

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A SHORT HISTORY OF AMERICAN WHISKEY

American whiskey is regulated by some of the strictest laws of any spirit in the world. It's heritage began when early American settlers preserved their extra rye crops by distilling them.

Although different to the barley they were used to in Europe, rye still made damn good whiskey. It was in the 18th Century though, when a quarter million of Scottish and Irish arrived, that whiskey became serious business and the tax collectors were of course quick to notice.

If new settlers planted corn and built a cabin in the new state of Kentucky, they would be entitled to 400 acres of land, so tax evading "whiskey rebels" jumped at the opportunity and moved to the bluegrass state. Rich soil, pure water and huge forests for making barrels, made Kentucky any whiskey man's dream, and the legend of their corn based whiskey travelled fast.

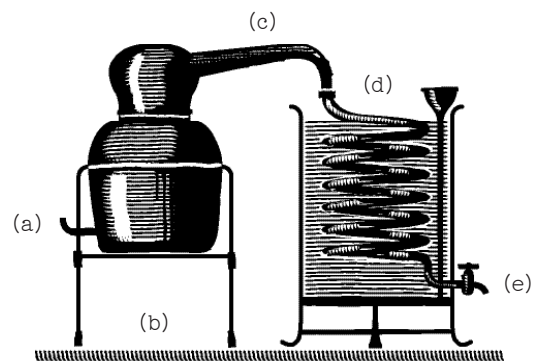
The nearby Mississippi river offered an easy way to transport whiskey barrels to New Orleans. These were marked "From Bourbon County" and since the whiskey spent a year ageing on its journey, the result was rich and smooth, further increasing the fame of Bourbon.

In 1919 prohibition was enforced across the U.S. which meant it was illegal to produce, sell or drink alcohol in the whole country. Many distilleries were forced to shut down but a few were still licensed to produce whiskey for medicinal use. It's no big surprise that more than six million prescriptions for pints of whiskey were written by the time prohibition ended in 1933.

Bourbon, rye and Tennessee whiskey today is as popular as ever and we are proud to showcase some of the finest and rarest American whiskey on the market.

EASY DISTILLATION

Distillation is a way to separate alcohol from water, by boiling fermented grains (called mash) and condensing its vapour. Alcohol has a lower boiling point (78°C) than water (100°C), so if the temperature is controlled smartly, you can vaporize most of the alcohol before the water and then simply cool down the steam to catch the good stuff when it condensates.



- (a) Mash is inserted here.
- (b) Pot is heated to 78°C.
- (c) Alcohol vapour passes into water tank.
- (d) The vapour condenses as it cools.
- (e) The liquid whiskey is removed here.

BOURBON

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AMERICA'S FAVOURITE WHISKEY

Bourbon is a whiskey distilled from at least 51% corn and needs to spend more than two years in charred new oak barrels. Most people believe it can only be made in Kentucky but it can actually come from anywhere in the U.S.

STRAIGHT BOURBON

FOUR ROSES
YELLOW LABEL 40%
£5

HEAVEN HILL 4YO 40%
£5

BULLEIT 40%
£5.50

JIM BEAM BLACK 8YO 43%
£5.50

OLD CROW 40%
£5.50

FIGHTING COCK 6YO 51.5%
£6

OLD GRANDAD 43%
£6

BUFFALO TRACE 45%
£6.50

VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN 40%
£6.50

WILD TURKEY 101 8YO 50%
£7

WOODFORD RESERVE 45.2%
£7

OLD RIP VAN WINKLE FAMILY
SELECT 23YO 57%
£45

At 23 years this is as old as bourbon gets. Julian van Winkle has handpicked the best barrels from 1986 to make this remarkable Bourbon with notes of toffee, dark fruits and sweet espresso.

'THE MASH BILL'

Four types of grain can be used to make Bourbon, this is known as 'the mash bill'. 51% of the mash has to be corn; the other 49% will be mostly rye or wheat and a little malted barley.

The use of rye is more traditional and gives us spicy, floral and citrusy bourbons, while using wheat tends to make softer, honeyed and nutty flavoured whiskey.

WHEATED BOURBON

MAKER'S MARK 45%
£6

OLD FITZGERALD 1849 8YO 45%
£6.50

REBEL YELL BOURBON 40%
£7.50

W.L.WELLER 12YO 45%
£7

WILLIAM LAURIE WELLER
UNCUT/UNFILTERED 60.95%
£23

JEFFERSON'S RESERVE 12YO
PRESIDENTIAL SELECT 1991 47%
£25

OLD RIP VAN WINKLE 10YO 45%
£11

PAPPY VAN WINKLE 15YO 53.5%
£14

PAPPY VAN WINKLE
FAMILY RESERVE 20YO 45.2%
£25

OLD RIP VAN WINKLE FAMILY
SELECT 23YO 57%
£50

SMALL BATCH & CRAFT BOURBON

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SMALL BATCH & CRAFT

FOUR ROSES SMALL BATCH 45%
£6

CORNER CREEK 44%
£6

JOHNNY DRUM PRIVATE STOCK 50.5%
£6

KENTUCKY VINTAGE 45%
£7

KNOB CREEK 9YO 50%
£8

ROWAN'S CREEK 50.05%
£9

BAKER'S 7YO 53.5%
£10

NOAH'S MILL 57.15%
£10

BASIL HAYDEN'S 40%
£11

MICHTER'S SMALL BATCH 45.7%
£11

1792 RIDGEMONT RESERVE 8YO 46.85%
£11

OLD FORESTER 50%
£12

JEFFERSON'S RESERVE VERY OLD
SMALL BATCH 45.1%
£12

BOOKER'S 63.5%
£18

GEORGE T. STAGG
(2009) 70.7%
£18

WILD TURKEY MASTER
DISTILLERS SELECTION 50.5%
£20

EAGLE RARE 17YO 45%
£25

A.H. HIRSCH 16YO 45.8%
£40

A LITTLE BIT OF T.L.C.

Small Batch & Craft whiskies show off some of America's best micro distilleries and the finer products from the larger whiskey makers. These whiskeys are a blend of just a few special barrels that were handpicked by the master blender. No law places a limit on exactly how many barrels may be in a small batch, but its common practise to use 10-20 barrels.

NOAH'S MILL 57.15%
£10

Noah's Mill is an outstanding and hard to find whiskey, very old and a true small batch product. Sought after to collect or to enjoy, we went for the latter and cracked one open. With Dark mahogany, plum, tobacco and spice flavours it's not for the faint hearted at a rather strong 57%.

SINGLE BARREL & UNIQUE BOURBON

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AN ACT OF MOTHER NATURE

Single Barrel is bottling from one barrel only, truly showcasing what American whiskey can be. When the blender finds a barrel that he deems too good to mix in a blend, the barrel is put aside and bottled under a single barrel label.

HUDSON BAY 46%

£20

Hudson Bay in New York, is one of the few whiskey makers that push the boundaries of traditional bourbon (yes it can be made outside Kentucky). Hudson Baby, their signature bourbon, is made from 100% corn while Four Grain is uniquely made with both wheat and rye in the mash bill.

SINGLE BARREL

EAGLE RARE 10YO 45%
£8

EVAN WILLIAMS
SINGLE BARREL 43.3%
£8.50

WILLET'S SINGLE BARREL 47%
£9

BLANTON'S ORIGINAL 46.5%
£10

ELMER T. LEE SINGLE BARREL 45%
£10

FOUR ROSES SINGLE BARREL 43%
£10

WATHEN'S SINGLE BARREL 47%
£10

ELIJAH CRAIG
SINGLE BARREL 18YO 45%
£11

HANCOCK'S
PRESIDENT RESERVE 44.5%
£14

ROCK HILL FARMS
SINGLE BARREL 50%
£14

NOB CREEK
SINGLE BARREL 9YO 60%
£15

BLANTON'S GOLD RESERVE 51.5%
£15

BLANTON'S FROM THE BARREL 65%
£15

BOURBON BUT DIFFERENT

HUDSON BAY BABY (100% corn) 46%
£20

HUDSON BAY FOUR GRAIN 46%
£20

WOODFORD RESERVE MASTERS
1838 SWEET MASH 43.2%
£25

WOODFORD RESERVE MASTERS
MAPLE WOOD FINISH 47.2%
£25

WOODFORD RESERVE MASTERS
SEASONED OAK FINISH 50.2%
£25

WOODFORD RESERVE MASTER'S COLLECTION

£25

Woodford Reserve Master's is a limited edition annual bottling by the famous distiller, experimenting with different wood finishes and even a sweet mash whiskey, the first one made since 1838.

TENNESSEE WHISKEY

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THERE'S MORE TO AMERICA THAN BOURBON

It certainly is their flagship spirit, but there are many other fine whiskies made across the pond. We got our hands on some fabulous straight rye and Tennessee whiskies.

TENNESSEE WHISKEY

GEORGE DICKEL NO.12 45%
£8

GEORGE DICKEL
BARRELL SELECT 43%
£13

JACK DANIELS 40%
£5

GENTLEMAN JACK 40%
£8

JACK DANIELS
SINGLE BARREL 45%
£10

JACK DANIELS
SILVER SELECT 50%
£12

THE THING ABOUT JACK DANIELS...

As many of his loyal fans may well know, JD is not bourbon, it's a Tennessee whiskey. So what's the difference? Bourbon laws don't allow any flavour to be added to the whiskey while Old Jack and his lesser known Tennessee neighbour, George Dickel, are both mellowed in maple wood charcoal for 10 days before ageing. This is known as the 'Lincoln County process' and gives Tennessee whiskey its famous sweet, smoky flavour.

SO WHAT'S 'SOUR MASH' WHISKEY THEN?

While they don't always put it on the label, all Bourbons are sour mash. This simply means that a little bit of the 'sour' mash left over in the still after the distillation will be added to the new 'sweet' batch before fermentation. It ensures a consistent product and also controls the acidity of the mash, creating the ideal environment for the yeast to ferment.

RYE & OTHER AMERICAN WHISKEY

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RYE WHISKEY

RITTENHOUSE STRAIGHT RYE 40%
£5

JIM BEAM RYE 40%
£6

OLD OVERHOLT 40%
£6

SAZERAC STRAIGHT RYE 45%
£8

THOMAS H. HANDY
SAZERAC RYE (2008) 63.75%
£18

HIGH WEST RENDEZVOUZ RYE 46%
£10

VAN WINKLE FAMILY
RESERVE RYE 13YO 47.8%
£12

HUDSON BAY MANHATTAN RYE 46%
£20

SAZERAC RYE 18YO 45%
£25

AMERICA'S ORIGINAL WHISKEY

Straight Rye is predominantly made in the North-Eastern states. It follows the same strict laws as Bourbon but is distilled from at least 51% rye, giving it a drier and spicier flavour. After prohibition and two world wars halted production, straight rye whiskey almost disappeared completely but it has experienced a revival in popularity recently. Try it in a lovely Manhattan or Sazerac cocktail as it was originally made back in the day.

Don't mistake straight rye with the Canadian blended whisky, which they confusingly call rye too!

STILLHOUSE ORIGINAL
MOONSHINE 40%
100% Corn Whiskey
£7

Moonshine is an unaged corn spirit that used to be made by smugglers transporting their whiskey at night, earning them the name "moonshiners".

Adam Perry Lang, a big whiskey fan himself, has helped to revive this legendary spirit after tasting it at a barbeque competition. He is now making his own 100% corn whiskey. Smooth and mellow with notes of fresh corn husks. Shine on!

SIZE DOES MATTER

Micro Distilleries are small distilleries that are currently popping up all over the states, creating fabulous craft whiskey. Our American single malts are some of the great expressions from these smaller producers that don't stick with the traditions of American whiskey.

OTHER AMERICAN WHISKEY

STILLHOUSE ORIGINAL
MOONSHINE 40%
100% Corn Whiskey
£7

BERNHEIM 45%
100% Wheat Whiskey
£12

WASMUND'S 40%
Single Malt
£9

ST GEORGE 43%
Single Malt
£10

CLEAR CREEK McARTHYS 63%
Peated Single Malt
£13

MONTANA ROUGHSTOCK 63%
Single Malt
£13

STRANAHAN'S COLORADO
40%
Single Malt
£16

SCOTCH WHISKY

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A SHORT HISTORY OF SCOTCH WHISKY

Whether the Scots learnt it from the Irish or not will always be a heated debate but they surely know their stuff. The history of Scottish and Irish whisky can be traced back over almost 700 years and probably started with monks trying to distil beer searching for the secret of eternal youth. In fact the name whiskey is derived from the Gaelic term for water of life 'Uisge Beatha'.

It quickly became a favourite past time for many households, but more for simple pleasure than looking for youth. The history of whisky is coloured with years of tax evasion and smuggling, forcing distilleries to move to different parts of Scotland and over time developing their own distinctive styles. Although not a hard and fast rule, a whisky from each region can often be associated with a certain style and flavour profile.

While the Irish were triple distilling their whiskey, the proud Scots stuck to their traditional heavy and smoky style until 200 years ago when smart merchants started to mix it with lighter grain whisky introducing the world to blended whisky.



BLENDED SCOTCH

Blended Scotch is the staple of Scotland's whisky production and is simply a mix of malt and grain whisky. Grain whisky does not have to be made from malted barley and has a lighter flavour, giving great blenders a platform to truly showcase their talents. Blending is a fine art and the best blenders from the time made Scotch whisky world famous, some of the names like Alexander Walker, Arthur Bell and James Chivas are still well known today.

BLENDED SCOTCH

PIG'S NOSE 40%
£5

JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK LABEL 40%
£6

MONKEY SHOULDER 40%
£6.75

SHEEP DIP 40%
£6.75

MACKINLAY'S RARE
OLD HIGHLAND MALT 47.3%
£20

JOHNNIE WALKER BLUE LABEL 40%
£35

JOHNNIE WALKER BLUE LABEL
KING GEORGE THE V 43%
£50

MACKINLAY'S RARE
OLD HIGHLAND MALT 47.3%
£20

Mackinlay's Rare was the whisky that Ernest Shackleton took on his South Pole expedition in 1907, two cases of the stuff were discovered in ice 100 years later and skillfully recreated by the legendary Richard Patterson. This is a great balance of vanilla, nuttiness and soft smoke, a little taste of whisky history.

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (SPEYSIDE)

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SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Single Malt Whisky is distilled only from malted barley and only at one distillery. Malting is the process where barley is soaked in water and allowed to germinate in order to naturally convert its starches to fermentable sugars.

SPEYSIDE

Speyside is probably the most famous region in Scotland, known for its brilliantly sweet and rich whisky it accounts for two thirds of the country's single malts. The whisky history of this little corner of Scotland, goes back more than two centuries ago when the mountains provided a safe hide away for dodgy whisky distillers to hide from English taxmen.

OLD BALLANTRUAN 50%
£8.50

Old Ballantruan is rather unusual for the Speyside region. Smoky and creamy with soft floral notes, it's great value and well worth a try to those looking for something different.

SPEYSIDE MALTS

THE MACALLAN FINE OAK 10YO 40%
£7.50

THE MACALLAN
SHERRY OAK 12YO 40%
£9

THE MACALLAN 18YO 43%
£20

GLENROTHES SELECT RESERVE 43%
£7.50

GLENROTHES 1991 43%
£10

GLENROTHES 1985 43%
£18

GLENROTHES 1978 43%
£45

OLD BALLANTRUAN 50%
£7.50

BALVENIE 12YO DOUBLE WOOD 40%
£8.50

BALVENIE 21YO PORT WOOD 40%
£20

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (HIGHLAND & LOWLAND)

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THE HIGHLANDS

The Highlands can be one of the trickiest styles to pin down as it is such a big region. Lying in most of the country to the north including the islands, you draw an imaginary line between Dundee and Greenock, dividing the High and Lowlands. Ages ago this was for tax reasons that allowed the north to have smaller stills than the south, which resulted in a more characterfull spirit. Expect anything from mild peat and heather notes (Highland Park) to the more smooth and fruity (Glenmorangie and Glenury).

THE LOWLANDS

The Lowlands are as the name would suggest in the south of Scotland. Soft and malty with a dry finish they make excellent aperitifs. In days gone by, the lighter tasting whisky was appreciated more by their southern neighbours which along with the high demand for grain whisky lead to industrialisation of most whisky makers in the region. Sadly today we are left with only four lowland malt distilleries sticking to their roots.

HIGHLAND MALTS

GLENMORANGIE 10YO 40%
£7.50

GLENMORANGIE 18YO 43%
£20

GLENMORANGIE SIGNET 46%
£30

HIGHLAND PARK 12YO 40%
£7.50

HIGHLAND PARK 18YO 43%
£15

HIGHLAND PARK 30YO 48%
£40

GLENURY ROYAL 1970 57.2%
£45

LOWLAND MALTS

AUCHENTOSHAN 12YO 40%
£7.50

AUCHENTOSHAN
THREE WOOD 43%
£9.50

AUCHENTOSHAN 18YO 43%
£13

ST MAGDALENE 1979 64%
£50

GLENURY ROYAL 1970 57.2%
£45

Glenury Royal was granted the royal suffix by King George VI in 1835, and it closed down a 150 years later. It's a very rare, full bodied malt with floral and spice flavours.

ST MAGDALENE 1979 64%
£50

St Magdalene was a 200 year old distillery that closed down in 1983. Its the ultimate Lowland malt with a fresh citrus and a dry, nutty aroma that makes you mourn the fact that it will never be made again.

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (ISLAY & CAMPBELTOWN)

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ISLAY

Islay is considered the birthplace of Scottish whisky, it is known for its huge smoky and peaty flavours. You either love Islay or you hate it, but it is definitely not for the faint hearted.

ISLAY MALTS

LAPHROAIG 10YO 40%
£7.50

LAPHROAIG 18YO 48%
£18

BUNNAHABHAIN 12YO 40%
£8.50

BUNNAHABHAIN 18YO 46.3%
£14

PORT ELLEN 1979 57.4%
£50

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£50

Port Ellen is one of the most sought after whiskies from closed distillers. Collectors will curse us for opening this, but it would be a shame not to. With peat smoke, heather and honey it's sensational.

CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown was once the whisky centre of Scotland with twenty three distilleries at the time. During prohibition, overproduction for U.S. export ruined the reputation of this fine region and sadly today only three of its distilleries remain in operation.

CAMPBELTOWN MALTS

SPRINGBANK 10YO 46%
£9

SPRINGBANK 15YO 46%
£12

SPRINGBANK 21YO 46%
£50

SPRINGBANK 21

Springbank 21 is legendary among malt fans. Sadly discontinued it is elegant and complex. Look for smooth honey and spice finishing with dry oak. Amazing.

PEAT

Peat is an important source of fuel to the Scots. Simply put it is compressed vegetation that is harvested from just beneath the ground's surface. Burned in kilns and fireplaces, in whisky it is used to dry the barley after the malting process, giving scotch its distinct smoky flavour.

WHISKIES OF THE WORLD (IRELAND)

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IRISH WHISKEY

Irish Whiskey is typically triple distilled giving it a smoother flavour, favoured by those looking for a lighter option than scotch.

There are now only three distilleries in Ireland that produce a wide range of blended, single malt and pure pot still whiskey.

PURE POT STILL

Pure Pot Still whiskey is a purely Irish product. Its secret lies not in the fact that it's made in a pot still but rather in the grains used. Instead of using 100% malted barley like single malts, it uses a mix of malted and unmalted barley, giving it a spicy and fruity character.

IRISH WHISKEY

BUSHMILLS ORIGINAL 40%
£5

BUSHMILLS BLACK 40%
£6

BUSHMILLS
SINGLE MALT 10YO 40%
£7

RED BREAST 12YO 40%
£7

MIDDLETON VERY RARE 40%
£20

WHISKY OR WHISKEY?

The Irish and Americans spell whiskey with an "e". The Scots, Japanese and Canadians spell whisky without.

MIDDLETON VERY RARE 40% £20

Middleton Very Rare is one of Ireland's most amazing whiskeys and is aged between 12 and 25 years in seasoned Bourbon barrels. Released in very limited quantities each year its an elegant whiskey with floral and delicious butterscotch flavours.

WHISKIES OF THE WORLD (CANADA & JAPAN)

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CANADIAN WHISKY

Canadian Whisky is often labelled as rye but should not be confused with the American version which has to contain a minimum of 51% rye. They do produce some fantastic blends which is experiencing a revival in popularity nowadays.

CANADIAN WHISKY

CANADIAN CLUB 40%
£5

CANADIAN CLUB 30YO 40%
£18

COLLINGWOOD MAPLEWOOD
MELLOWED 40%
£7

JAPANESE WHISKY

THE YAMAZAKI
SINGLE MALT 12YO 43%
£12

THE YAMAZAKI
SINGLE MALT 18YO 43%
£18

SUNTORY HIBIKI 17YO 43%
£17

SUNTORY HIBIKI 21YO 43%
£25

JAPANESE WHISKY

Japanese Whisky started with a young man called Masataka Taketsuru who studied chemistry at Glasgow University with the idea to learn the secrets behind Scotland's whisky.

After doing an apprenticeship at Springbank he returned to Japan and joined with Shinjiro Torii in 1923 to build a distillery at Yamazaki, on the outskirts of Kyoto. Torii later opened the Hakushu distillery where they produce the famous Hibiki blend.

The Japanese have created their own unique style and in the past few years have gained great respect around the world (even from the Scots), taking almost every award in the industry with their innovative single malt and blended whiskies.

THE YAMAZAKI
SINGLE MALT 18YO 43%
£18

Yamazaki 18 is rich and fruity with spice, smoke and maple syrup. A very delicious and unique whisky.