BOURBON MEI



FOUR ROSES SMALL BATCH

Small Batch Bourbon



Made from four of Four Roses proprietary Bourbon recipes (2 corn and 2 high-rye), this well-balanced whiskey has Great with richer fare, like sausages & onions.

BASIL HAYDEN

High-Rye Bourbon

Light & ethereal, this Bourbon : makes a great Manhattan, but : is equally delicious on its own. * Fun fact – the copper band subtle notes of cocoa & spice. • that surrounds every bottle of Basil Hayden is made in Rhode: mixable, this is a truly unique Island! Pair with chicken or swordfish kabobs.

BERNHEIM WHEAT WHISKEY

Wheated Bourbon

Bernheim uses at least 51% winter wheat to bring out extremely soft, sweet, slightly: herbal flavors. Very good on its own and eminently whiskey! Pair with grilled fish.

HENRY MCKENNA 10 YEAR

Bottled in Bond

Wow. It's no exaggeration to say that this is one of our very favorite whiskies, from anywhere in the world. It's warming & comforting, with a ton of nuance and character. You're gonna want Henry in your corner on a night out (or in)! Pair with slow roasted, juicy, messy pulled pork.

EVAN WILLIAMS SINGLE BARREL

Single Barrel

Bourbon

Hand selected by Bourbon rock-stars Parker & Craig Beam, this refined whiskey has a load of dark caramel and & toasty char, with a lush & lingering finish. Pair with: after dinner! Don't muck this one up!













X TYPES OF BOURBON X

SMALL BATCH BOURBON

While there's no real meaning to the label 'small batch' in terms of federal approval, the real small batch bourbons are easy to pick out in a tasting. Most distilleries age their whisky and then, when it's ready, blend it all together in a big vat to put into bottles. A small batch Bourbon is made from whiskies whose barrels (through whatever blend of alchemy, magic, expertise, & luck) were particularly good, as selected by a master distiller. Some distilleries, like Evan Williams, release both (Evan Williams ubiquitous black label and Evan Williams 1783). Other distilleries, like Elijah Craig, make only small batch whiskies, focusing on age & flavor. Examples are Elijah Craig 12 yr and Four Roses Small Batch.

HIGH RYEBOURBON

By law, Bourbon must be made of at least 51% corn. The other 49% is up to the whim of the distiller. In some cases, the distiller adds a fair amount of rye to the mash, and this is a 'high-rye' bourbon. If you think about the difference between cornbread & a rye loaf, you'll get the idea. Traditional Bourbon with a lot of corn: sweet & heavy. A high-rye bourbon or rye whiskey: spicy & light. Examples are Basil Hayden and Bulleit Bourbon.

WHEATED BOURBON

Just like high-rye bourbon, a wheated bourbon utilizes the soft, herbal flavors of wheat to bring balance to the finished product. Be warned! For many, a good wheated bourbon is a gateway whiskey, opening up a whole new world of brown spirit exploration. Examples are Bernheim Wheat Whiskey and Rebel Yell.

Bottled in Bond

There aren't many bonded whiskies left in production. The Bottled-in-Bond act was enacted in 1897 in response to the influx of crummy, adulterated booze on the market that was being advertised as Bourbon. It was an effort by the government to legitimize a home-grown industry and quarantee the quality of the liquid inside the bottle. All Bottled in Bond whiskies must be made by one distillery during one single distillation season. Further, it must be aged in a federally bonded warehouse for at least four years, and must be bottled at 100 proof. The resulting whiskies are strong, but very subtle, with lots of complex spice, char, & vanilla notes. Examples are Henry McKenna 10 Year or Rittenhouse Rye.

SINGLE BARREL BOURBON

Much like a single vineyard selection at a winery, a single-barrel bourbon is the ultimate expression of a distillers craft and care. By some unrepeatable blend of alchemy, skill, magic, & luck, these Bourbons are pulled from barrels that are the purest expression of a distiller's hopes & dreams. Hand selected and bottled out of one barrel, they are usually (but not always) hand numbered with the date of creation, bottling, and the barrel number. Each release will be a little different than the next, but all will showcase the best that American ingenuity has to offer, with clear, clean expressions of corn, oak, toast, spice, & vanilla. Examples are Evan Williams Single Barrel and Wild Turkey Russel's Reserve Single Barrel.