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## *Small Batch Bourbons*

*This term denotes liquor blended from selected barrels. These bourbons are typically aged from six to nine years in oak barrels, but more limited series are also available in older ages.*

Bakers \$12 – A chocoholics bourbon if there ever was one. Big rye firmness with a velvety texture make you think that you may be drinking a fine Cognac.

Basil Hayden's \$11 – Doubling the rye in the mash spill leads to a light, spicy, easy-to-drink Bourbon like a Canadian Whiskey. At only 80 proof, this is a mellow one by Jim Beam standards, but the lack of heat is compensated for by the spice that comes from the high rye content.

Beam's Choice \$7.5 – 5 year aged and charcoal filtered prior to bottling gives it a more rounder, mature and complex depth. An extra year of aging allows the bourbon to take on a sweeter, creamier and surprisingly gentler edge.

Blanton's \$13 – Masterful start with powerful dry vanilla notes in harmony with hints of honey amid strong creamy caramel, leading to soft peppers. Underlying dryness and spice and honey should suit most all tastes.

Booker's 6yrs 10 months \$14 – A real treat for corn whiskey lovers and a sentimental favorite because it's made the way bourbon used to be made, uncut and straight out of the barrel. No shortage of rye gives this extra sweetness, as well as complex strong vanilla and caramel making this a man's bourbon.

Buffalo Trace \$11 – Satisfyingly deep, gentle vanilla with a sprig of mint. Waxy sweetness is checked by a big build up of vanilla-rich oak. Finish dries as the oak takes command, but the rye offers extra depth and a layer of bitterness, as does lingering licorice.

Bulleit 'Frontier Whiskey' \$7.5 – Light and teasing hint of pine nuts and vanilla on the nose. Tastes of sweet chestnut and busy malted barley and rye, then spice. Mildly oily with a chewy bittersweet chocolate finish.

Corner Creek Reserve \$7.5 – One of the fruitiest & most attractive noses on the bourbon shelf. Massive orangey citrus lead to a wonderful small grain follow. Finishes with bitter marmalade tartness to the sour dough finale.

Elijah Craig 12yr \$7.5 – Scents of honey-roast nuts with kumquat citrus character. Articulate oak offers sweet vanilla and distant honeycomb; fruity with figs and raisins. Eternally mouthwatering despite the gathering of drier vanilla-oak and spices. ‘Chew on near perfection’

Elijah Craig 18yr \$13 – Concentrated tangerine on the nose. Massive esters leave you disappearing into an old gentleman’s club leather armchair on which pipes have been smoked. A collision of flavors and styles that leaves you reeling. Big tangerine finale with rye and spice. ‘A scotch lover’s dream’

Fighting Cock \$7.5 – Brilliant nose of old, waxy wooden floors and a really battling palate arrival of almost fruity corn. At only 103 proof, this is quite hot!

Four Roses Small Batch \$10 – Spicy, rich, mellow, fruity, hints of sweet oak & caramel on the nose. Creamy, mellow, ripened red berries, rich, spicy, well-balanced, moderately sweet flavors leading to a soft, smooth & pleasantly long finish.

Henry McKenna Special \$7.5 – Quite a change from previous bottlings, with more youth here, less evident rye domination but lashings of mouthwatering grains nonetheless. Some late liquorice hinting age at the finish.

Jefferson’s Very Small Batch \$9 – A great introductory bourbon. Ripe red fruit on the nose backed up by a hint of yeast. Body consists of candied fruit and deeper caramel notes. Finishes short and sweet.

Jefferson’s Reserve \$15 – Gently oiled, which means the rye and corn stick to the nose, the sweetness and sharp fruit in equal measure. Great age, but always elegant and refined while the complexity dazzles.

Jim Beam Black \$8 – Eight years of aging make for a complex, sophisticated taste. Big and bruising scents of toffee and tobacco, with weighty oil and liquorice in the body. Beautifully sweet of honey, then candy and rich rye, and finishes elegantly with soft vanilla.

Johnny Drum Green Label \$7.5 – Very light color. Hints of orange and honeycomb on the nose. Light bodied with wheat grass texture, Meyer lemon & caramel. Short to medium finish that plays off the grassiness in the mid-body.

Johnny Drum Private Stock \$17 – Aged 2 years longer than its Green Label cousin, gives this bourbon a deeper profile of burnt orange and honey on the nose, and on the palate. These flavors leave a long and rich finish that you savor for minutes on end.

Kentucky Vintage \$8 – Medium bodied. Reminiscent of clove, citrus, smoke, dried herbs. Butter, smooth texture

Knob Creek \$8.5 – The world’s best-selling ultra-premium bourbon packs big flavors of marmalade on slightly burnt toast and a powerful delivery of natural toffee almonds. Chocolate toffee balances out the vanilla and ensures a dry, slightly oily and long finish that sticks to you.

Maker’s Mark \$8 – Wispy aroma with strands of exotic fruit and honey. Lush, pleasingly deep and quite malty. A firm nuttiness adds extra oily, chew ability to the toffee and liquorice.

Michter’s US1 \$11 – Rich Bronze color uncovers initial whiffs of dry notes of stone-milled grist and dried fruit. The bouquet offers peppery/spicy scents that accent the dry graininess. Palate is surprisingly sweet and corny. Finishes with banknote of raisins and prunes.

Noahs Mill \$14 – Stunning small grain, the rye in particular starring. Excellent transfer from nose to palate with busy grains pounding the taste buds. Some corn and oak give it a softer finish. One of Kentucky’s most complex whiskeys.

Old Bardstown 4 yr \$7.5 – The nose shows a lot of oaky butterscotch and vanilla with some graininess; there’s not a whole lot of heat, though. Medium bodied on the palate with a lot of cedar and corn flavor. A perfect bourbon to mix with any cocktail.

Old Bardstown 10 yr Estate \$8.5 – Heavy duty molten liquorice, lovely rye with a hint of lavender. Some kumquats and burnt raisin complete the complex introduction. Like chewing chocolate fudge except each taste bud is caked in a beautifully oiled, all consuming liquor. Some surprising late oranges. ‘An absolute masterpiece from the old school’

Old Fitzgerald Very Special 12 yr \$9 – Massive complexity with shades of unripe green bananas, sandalwood, malt, soft ground peppers and raisins. Even shades of applejack. Bittersweet start. Enormous complexity from the off with creamy oils forming the backdrop to a bitter-vanilla middle. Sweet custardy notes are also about. There is some toffee-fudge but this disappears to leave more vanilla and gentle oaky finish.

Old Weller Antique 7 yr \$18 - A medium amber bourbon, bearing a sweetish note with some unusual floral notes and a string dash of vanilla. The body is big and the palate is very well balanced, flirting between sweet honeyed fruit notes, a strong vanilla undertone and some sharp spicy tones; the finish is long and spicy.

Old Van Winkle 10 yr \$11 – Tangerine and oak dust in the nose. Luxurious delivery of wonderful rye and fruitiness, but calms towards vanilla in the finish. ‘A real big mouthful of chunky excellence’

Pure Kentucky XO \$9.5 – Deep bronze color with rich caramel and a sweet, almost butterscotch nose. Spicy cedar, lively citrus, intense caramel with vanilla and dried bush and grains. Long finish.

Rebel Yell \$7 – A fruit forward bourbon with lots of strawberries and corn. Beautifully rich with an oaky layer that dries out the palate. Lovely wheated.

Rowan's Creek 12 yr \$10.5 – Stored in heavily charred oak barrels and hand bottled in small lots, one batch at a time. This hand crafted approach is a throwback to the good 'old days.

Sam Houston \$10 – Similar to the colorful Sam Houston, first president of the Republic of Texas, this bourbon is full of character. The high percentage of rye in the mash bill gives this bourbon its spicy character. Combined with a deep char, this expressive whisky is robust yet elegant. Nosing reveals delicate scents of red fruit, rye bread and oak resin. The palate blossoms with rich, tangy flavors including nutmeg, wood resin, corn mash, rye bread and dry cereal. The finish is long, sweet and opulently textured.

W.L. Weller Special Reserve 7 yr \$7.5 – Aromas of lanolin, almond oil, creamed corn and toasty oaky/vanilla. Dry, complex and toasty palate entry. The mid-palate flavor profile is heavily wheated, oily, layered and moderately sweet. Long, oaky, and intensely grainy finish.

W.L. Weller 12 yr \$9 – A fresh, grassy nose gives way to a slightly chewy body. The body has a cereal character with reminiscences of burnt almonds. This one is about the finish-the heat comes at you in waves, alternately tame and fierce.

Wild Turkey Russell's Reserve 10 yr \$8.5 – Deep amber color with a nose that is rich in vanilla, oak, toffee and touch of old leather. The body is huge, and the palate is very spicy with notes of chili peppers, tamarind, almonds and cumin.

Willet Pot Still Reserve \$11.5 – Soft and elegant on the nose and palate, and very well balanced. Notes of vanilla, coconut, and crème brûlée, provide base for emerging notes of cedar wood shavings, cinnamon, soft mint and hint of fennel.

Woodford Reserve \$7.5 – Nose is very herbaceous and earthy and weedy. Very high-toned fruit and grassy. On the palate, its medium bodied and shows flavors of slightly under-ripe banana along with lots of continuing grassy flavors. Characteristic flavor of peat smoke you'd find in an Islay Malt. The finish is long and lingering and fairly smooth with little heat.

## Single Barrel Bourbons

*A premium class of bourbon whiskey in which each bottle comes from an individual charred oak barrel, instead of being the product of many different barrels blended for uniformity of color and taste. This whiskey from each barrel is bottled individually with each bottle bearing the barrel number and in most cases the dates for the beginning and end of aging.*

Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel \$7.5 – A fraction hot, but with some good rye working. Soft caramel and nougat followed by a perky rye-buzzing spiciness.

Evan Williams Single Barrel Vintage 1999 \$8 – Aromas of fresh Macintosh apples. A hint of marzipan & custard sweetness is topped with oaky vanilla.

Four Roses Single Barrel \$12 – Unusual port cask-style fruitiness of ripe plum and cherries as rye spices nip at the nose. Fruity & mouthwatering. Trademark caramel digs in, but spices keep it alive. Faultless, refreshing bourbon that underlines this distillery's latent excellence.

Michter's 10 Single Barrel 10 yr \$19 – With a smokey copper appearance and an intense nose of oak, the taste is dominated by charred oak and malted barley with orange peel and hint of anise. The finish is cedary and long.

Ridgemont 1792 \$8 – The Official Toasting Bourbon of the Kentucky Bourbon Festival™. The first couple of sniffings detect attractive, dry scents of leather and black pepper; aeration encourages sweeter, woodier aromas to emerge. The palate entry is sap- and pine-like and moderately sweet; at midpalate a flash of cocoa appears, then recedes for additions of sweet oak, vanilla, palm oil and sap. Finishes lean, moderately sweet, grainy/corny and very appealing.

Rockhill Farms Single Barrel \$11 – A sophisticated bourbon from its honey-amber hue, to its sweet mélange of candied fruit and honey aromas, to its soft caramel and honey flavors that smooth out evenly on the finish of tobacco and mint.

Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit \$13 – The nose is soft and deep with loads of fruit, malt and rye. The palate is smooth and sweet; at first with chocolate and orange zest, and then lightens to allow corn to come through with an oaky, woody extract throughout. The finish continues the pattern of the palate with bitter chocolate and corn and ends with a dry woody aftertaste.

Wild Turkey Rare Breed \$9.5 – A bourbon that exemplifies exotic elegance. It has aromas of sweet summer flowers with a spicy clove and vanilla backbone. Sweet candy flavors finish off with smooth peppery and spicy notes.

### *Limited Edition Bourbons*

*These hard to find Single Barrel Bourbons are cherished because they are not produced every year, and their production is extremely limited.*

A.H. Hirsch Reserve 16 yr \$64 – Nose has waxy honeycomb embedded in marzipan and dark chocolate. Tastes of honey with a soft, sweet lemon center. Finishes with small grains and developing firmer, drier oak.

A.H. Hirsch 28 yr \$92 – Charred oak barrel aged. Big vanilla and dried dates on the nose, with a sweet, almost creamy caramel texture on the body. Finishes with hints of winter season mulling spices.

Black Maple Hill Small Batch \$9.5 – Heavily charred barrels give this big flavors of sugary vanilla. It expectedly has a bit of heat but it's met with a surprisingly mellow and dry finish with hints of butterscotch and oak. Average age is 8 years old.

Black Maple Hill Rye 23 yr \$32 – Dense compacted notes of butter, nuts, leather spices and pink peppercorns. Honey praline anise, figs and clove flavors. Finishes with wood, spice, nut oil, and oak and saddle leather.

Eagle Rare 17 yr \$18 – Fragrant nose and the aromas develop an almost wine-like character with a hint of almonds lurking in the backdrop. The body is big and silky and the palate is far spicier than the nose leads you to believe, but there are also violet notes here, along with a touch of caramel and a hint of old leather. The finish is very leathery and very long.

Four Roses ‘Mariage’ \$21 - The only Bourbon Distillery that combines five proprietary yeast strains with two separate mash bills to produce 10 distinct Bourbon recipes, each with their own unique character, spiciness, and rich fruity flavors. One time, two Bourbon recipes might be married together. Another time and it may be five. No other distillery has 10 Bourbon recipes, or the ability to marry them in this way. For 2008, two remarkable Bourbon recipes have been married together at barrel strength in honor of the 120th Anniversary of the Four Roses name.

George T. Stagg \$32 - An extremely hearty whiskey. Stagg comes straight out of the barrel, uncut and unfiltered. Powerful and intense.

Kentucky Vintage 17 yr \$17 – This aged bourbon has a golden, vibrant color. The nose is reminiscent of dark toffee and fudge, while the palate has a distinct vanilla and oak flavoring with caramel undertones. A slightly sweet finish reminding of caramel apple lingers in the mouth.

Kentucky Vintage Rye 21 yr \$22 – The Vintage products are selected from the very rarest lot of barrels. Each barrel is hand-picked and chosen according to strict criteria for taste, aroma, and bouquet. On the nose you will find a pleasant mix of caramel and oak, along with a small hint of vanilla and a mild alcohol heat. In the mouth you’re greeted with sweet, brown sugar and a definite oakyness, with a very mild sour tinge slowly developing afterwards. The finish is slightly hot, with a smooth and lingering hint of sweetness and a developing suggestion of leather. An ice cube helps smooth out the stronger edges of the whiskey, revealing a slight hint of citrus zest. A very enjoyable sipping rye, brash enough to let you know what it is but mellow enough to be pleasant on its own.

Michter’s 25 yr \$80 – Deep rich amber/mahogany color. Intense aromas of caramel and maple syrup. Big rye content gives this whiskey a big spicy body, filled with mulling spices & charred caramel. A little hot on the end, but finishes short and sweet.

Parker’s Heritage 27 yr \$48 – the nose is pure maple syrup, plain and simple. This continues on the palate, along with cherries, hints of pumpkin seeds, and a definite oak presence...yet it’s not as oaky as other bourbons of similar age. The finish lasts forever, with a little spice creeping in.

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15 yr \$18 – There is fruit on the nose with some great wood, and full character, featuring mango, coconut, lots of apple, white pepper and assorted nuts. The silky palate is chewy as in a granola bar of fruit and nuts. There's a short delay before it explodes in the mouth. Serious caramel and English Toffee flavors are dominant. There are also initial citrus notes as well as caraway seeds hidden in the back. Coconut lingers on the long and sultry finish.

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 yr \$32 - Intensely fruited but also bears a tantalizing citrus zest note. The body is huge and almost chewable, and the palate is tremendously buttery with some sherry notes, a dash of dried fruits and some rich, creamy vanilla.

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23 yr \$53 – The color is dark, resembling grade B maple syrup. The nose is very delicate, with hints of brown sugar and molasses with a floral background. The palate has honey and wildflower notes warming throughout the mouth, with a thick, viscous mouth feel and hint of almond. The finish is light and gentle with smoked nuts and vanilla lingering.

Rittenhouse Rye 23 yr \$38 – Produced in the tradition of the classic Pennsylvania or “Monongahela” rye whiskies. This 23-year-old version is a lush, rich and full-bodied 100° whiskey that is dumped and bottled one barrel at a time, and is not chill filtered, preserving all the natural flavors and "mouth feel" from the barrel. A little heat on the nose, but has a nice, chocolaty depth and an appealing doughiness. A distinctive sourness comes in strong at first taste, followed by the chocolate depth and a rich, oaky finish. The whiskey had a notably round and rich mouth feel, and overall presented a very robust character when sipped neat and with a few drops of water.

Sazerac Thomas Handy \$42 –Rye, allspice, fruity spiciness, saddle leather notes. Nice medium/heavy body and mouth feel generating warmth wherever it touches with a spicy sourness underlying. Lingering spicy oak dryness. Remarkably smooth for an over proof whiskey.

Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 yr Lot B \$14 – The nose has a nice vanilla aroma with a subdued nuttiness as well as backgrounds of charcoal, leather, apricot and nutmeg. Superbly balanced and nuanced. The palate is viscous and supple with the flavors of sweet corn, vanilla and charred oak and mild spiciness. The finish has a medium tone with light vanilla and nutmeg notes.

Willet 17yr Single Cask \$54- Vibrant-rich amber color. Hints of orange marmalade, waxy honeycomb & cloves. Medium to high rye content leads to flavors of bright red strawberry & brambly ripe raspberries. The finish is long charred cedar. “One cube of ice opens up endless possibilities.....”

Willet Single Cask Rye 24 yr \$55 – Deep mahogany color. Dry cocoa powder on the nose, with a faint floral aroma of fresh cut orchids. 24 yrs in the barrel has knocked down the traditional spiciness found in most rye whiskeys. Upon first taste, you get a short burst of tangerine on the front palate, followed by a big chewy mouthful of toasty wood. The finish is short to medium.

### *Straight Bourbons*

*Bourbon is an American whiskey, a type of distilled spirit, made primarily from corn and named for Bourbon County, Kentucky.*

Evan Williams Black Label \$6.5 – Slightly sharp and green with a touch of menthol. A very sweet start with soft brown sugars and caramel on the palate. As the middle is reached there is a hint of spice and maltiness. A gentle finale to a light, easy-going whiskey. Limited vanilla and a little oak sap add extra weight but the small grains, especially the malt, do hang on to the finish.

Four Roses Yellow Label \$7.5 – Hints of pear and apple compliment floral aromas and mix with a taste of honey and spice. Smooth and mellow with a unique, long and soft finish.

Old Fitzgerald ‘Bottled in Bond’ \$7.5 – A nose of raisin-wheat-bread on pumpernickel, with hints of maple syrup. Palate is full of deep, bourbony goodness. Finish is long, with rolling waves of goodness. There’s a tinge of soap. Very drinkable bourbon, but not because of any ‘lightness’. It’s ‘smooth’, yet rich!

Old Forester \$7.5 – Beautifully weighted Clementine, hickory and coffee: a real nose full. Cream toffee sweetens out with fat corn and a sprinkling of molasses sugar. The rye thuds alongside some glittering spice. Soft toffee and vanilla offer a softer finish than predicted.

Wild Turkey 80 proof \$7.5 -

Wild Turkey 101 proof \$8 – A robust, complex nose with notes of saddle leather, dark fruit and molasses. The palate is huge in the mouth. This has a very malty start, yet doesn’t get to the levels of scotch. Raisins, chocolate mousse and honey permeate the mouth as it coats the palate with in oily residue. The finish is long and complex with notes reminiscent of aged rum.

## *Non-Kentucky Whiskey's*

*These constitute all whiskeys made outside of Kentucky, no matter the grains or distillation processes used. (Tennessee whiskey is an American whiskey that undergoes a filtering stage called the Lincoln County Process, in which the whiskey is filtered through a thick layer of maple charcoal before it is put into casks for aging)*

Gentleman Jack, Tennessee \$8.5 – Double charcoal mellowed using sugar maple give this Tennessee whiskey its signature taste.

George Dickel No. 12, Tennessee \$7.5 – Heavy corn presence, vanilla, oak grain influence amidst ginger, and charred oak. Slightly oily medium body, slightly astringent, nice interplay of maple sweetness and oak pepper. Almost chewy body to it. Spicy, aromatic, grainy/malty medium-to-long dry finish.

High Plains Most Wanted, Kansas \$8.5 – 51% corn / 49% wheat grains grown in Kansas by local small farms make this a true artisanal whiskey. Pot still distilled. Judged 'best in class' by the American Distillers Institute'.

Hudson Baby Bourbon, New York \$26 – This single grain bourbon is made with 100% New York corn and aged in special small American Oak barrels. This process produces a mildly sweet, smooth spirits with hints of vanilla and caramel. It is a perfect introduction to aged whiskey spirits. Mild and friendly, bright to the tongue and warming on the way down.

Hudson Four Grain, New York \$26 – This whiskey brings together the distinct characteristics of corn, rye, wheat and malted barley. The grains are perfectly suited one to the others so that the end result balances the soft richness of corn, the sharp peppery notes of rye, all the smooth subtlety of wheat and the sweetness of malted barley.

Hudson Manhattan Rye, New York \$26 – This rye is bottled at 92 proof. It is fruity, floral and smooth, with a recognizable rye edge that leaves no doubt the origin of the spirit.

Jack Daniels Single Barrel, Tennessee \$12 – Single Barrel is matured in the highest reaches of their barrelhouse where dramatic changes in temperature cause its color and taste to deepen further. They hand-select each barrel for its robust taste and notes of toasted oak, vanilla, and caramel.

(R1)1, Illinois \$12 – Deep, rich honey color tinged with gold. Slightly spicy, yet lighter rye flavor. Long, luxurious finish.

Jack Daniels, Tennessee \$7.5 – Caramel tones, sometimes earthy. Generally full-bodied, good straight whiskey character. Quite long and brandy-like finish.

Kopper Kettle Barrel Select, Virginia \$9 - Kopper Kettle is a triple grain whiskey, double wood, and twice distilled. The Virginia Whiskey is first produced with grain grown on our farm (the only distillery in the U.S. that grows its own grain). Charcoal filtered and presoaked with oak and apple wood chips before it is aged in barrels for two years gives this whiskey its fruity characteristics.

Old Potrero Single Malt Rye Whiskey, San Francisco \$13 – The aroma is dry, almost dusty, with sour, peaty notes and complex menthol and turpentine character. The palate has a mild honeyed sweetness, with a long, peppery finish and a lingering herbaceousness that is earthy in nature.

Old Potrero 18<sup>th</sup> Century Style Whiskey, San Francisco \$16 – Big and spicy, bold rye in a pungent nose but with sweet cinnamon undertones, almost reminiscent of light reposado tequila. Various tastes of licorice, cloves, cinnamon, and a touch of rye. Heavy alcohol, big and chewy in the mouth.

Wasmund's Rye Spirit \$8 –

## Rye Whiskey's

*These may refer to two types of whiskey: one, American rye whiskey, must be distilled from at least 51 percent rye; the other, Canadian rye whiskey, may or may not include rye: so long as it possesses the aroma, taste and character generally attributed to Canadian whiskey it may legally be labeled "rye".*

Jim Beam Rye \$7.5 – Drier and spicier than its sweet bourbon cousins. Bright copper color and aromas of nutmeg, pepper and apples. Peppery, with shades of cinnamon and mint. Shows a slightly sweet side at the clean and spicy finish.

Michter's US1 Rye \$11 – It has a nose that is good and spicy, but not too aggressive, with little hints of cherry and tobacco. Tasted neat, the spice is quickly followed by a subdued dryness with a mild fruitiness, and without a great deal of complexity. The finish is short, smooth and sweet, with the cherry notes following through to the end.

Michter's 10 yr Rye \$19 – Luminescent copper color that brightens the glass. Fresh cracked pepper and coconut on the nose. Front loaded spices leads to dried citrus and creamy toffee, then finished with scents of fresh spearmint.

Old Overholt Rye \$7.5 – When one speaks of rye, others are most likely to think of this product, if they think of anything. Like the Jim Beam, the Overholt had a subtle nose with hints of raisin, fruit (orange perhaps), and possibly almond. Overholt's taste is light and similar to the Beam, but with slightly medicinal and bitter hints.

Pikesville Supreme Rye Whiskey \$7.5 – Representative of the other great rye whiskey style, the Maryland or Potomac style, Pikesville Supreme offers the sharp, fruity nose and spicy, full-bodied palate so treasured by connoisseurs of American Rye Whiskey.

Rittenhouse Rye \$7.5 – This is a Pennsylvania style Rye that carries a famous old Philadelphia name. The 80 proof comes across as very approachable, with a gentle sweetness and a quick, crisp finish.

Sazerac 6 yr Rye \$7.5 – Leads with rye spiciness in an overlay of sweet malt that makes a spicy mélange of cinnamon and peppers with hints of cloves. The nose is fragrant and rich including spice, caramel, candied fruit, lemon, and some aged rum. The flavors move boldly across a palate that is full of bright spice, fruit zing, and subtle back notes of vanilla and toffee; the taste is crisp and active. Finishing bursts of big rye spice (mint, cinnamon, nutmeg), with minor pepper, resolve inside of lingering vanilla caramel, to a dry, flinty and polished close.

Sazerac 18 yr Rye \$19 – One of the most aged ryes on the market, but unlike some of the older ones, this was bottled at its peak. The color of this whiskey promises that you are in for a treat, well aged but not over the hill. Rye spiciness, with an overlay of sweet malt you might find in rye breads. Definite sweetness (of a caramelized sugar rather than) and vanilla with a Madagascar vanilla and fruit component with a spicy sourness underlying it. Unlike many whiskeys of its age group, it is neither tired nor over-baked. Lingering spicy sweet finish oak dryness.

*Corn Whiskey's aka 'white dog, corn liquor, corn squeezin's'*

*Corn whiskey is an American whiskey made from a mash made up of at least 80 percent corn. The whiskey is distilled to not more than 40 percent alcohol by volume. It does not have to be aged but, if it is aged, it must be in new or used uncharred oak barrels. Aging usually is brief, e.g., six months.*

Platte Valley \$7.5 - Sweet corn that almost makes the sides of your tongue tingle when you have a full snout of it. Easy on the tongue. Very pleasant and a little fruity. Possibly green apples? Very well rounded. Very mellow and easy to drink.

Virginia Lightning \$7.5 – Virginia Lightning is a traditional fresh corn whiskey (moonshine). It is twice-distilled the old fashioned way with home grown corn.

## Wheat Whiskey's

*Simply put these whiskey's use 51% or more wheat grain in the production of the spirit.*

Burnheim \$11 – Heaven Hill befriends a new class of whiskey drinkers with this release, which has a noticeable absence of rye in its mash. The resulting whiskey is clean, with a lot less of the bite and bitter aroma that turns some people off from rye whiskeys. Sweet on the nose but less on the palate, this spirit has subtle aromas of oak, honey and wheat, which come out more if the whisky is cut rather than neat. On the palate, its flavors are refined but not as complex as some well-aged bourbons. The finish is warm.

## Bourbon/Whiskey-Based Spirits

*These spirits use either bourbon or whiskey in the base of their spirit, before adding any additional spirits and/or flavorings.*

Maker's Mark 'Mint Julep' \$8

Wild Turkey American Honey \$7.5

Southern Comfort \$7.5

Yukon Jack