
WHISKEY COLLECTION

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.

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1792 Full Proof	\$12.00	Jim Beam Bonded Bourbon	\$10.00
1792 Single Barrel	\$10.00	Jim Beam Devil's Cut	\$9.00
1792 Small Batch	\$9.00	Jim Beam Signature Craft Triticale	\$12.00
1792 Sweet Wheat	\$10.00	Jim Beam Single Barrel	\$11.00
Ancient Age Bourbon	\$7.00	Kentucky Vintage	\$9.00
Angel's Envy Bourbon	\$12.00	Knob Creek Bourbon 100 Proof	\$13.00
Baker's 7 Year	\$13.00	Knob Creek Cask Strength	\$21.00
Basil Hayden's Bourbon	\$13.00	Knob Creek Single Barrel	\$13.00
Belle Meade	\$11.00	Larceny Bourbon Very Small Batch	\$10.00
Belle Meade Sherry Cask Finish	\$15.00	Maker's 46	\$12.00
Belle Meade Cognac Cask Finish	\$17.00	Maker's Mark	\$12.00
Belle Meade Madeira Cask Finish	\$17.00	Maker's Mark Cask Strength	\$13.00
Belle Meade Single Barrel Cask Strength	\$13.00	Medley Brothers	\$8.00
Belle Meade Sour Mash	\$11.00	Michter's US*1 Bourbon	\$13.00
Benchmark Old No. 8	\$6.00	Michter's US*1 Sour Mash Small Batch Bourbon	\$12.00
Blade & Bow	\$13.00	Noble Oak Double Oak Bourbon	\$10.00
Blanton's Single Barrel	\$20.00	Old Bardstown Estate Bottled Bourbon	\$9.00
Breckenridge	\$12.00	Old Forester 100 Proof	\$9.00
Brown Sugar Bourbon	\$9.00	Old Forester 1870 Original Batch	\$11.00
Buck 8 Year	\$9.00	Old Forester 1897 Bottled in Bond	\$13.00
Buffalo Trace	\$9.00	Old Forester 1910 Old Fine Whisky	\$13.00
Buffalo Trace Kosher Wheat Bourbon	\$15.00	Old Forester 1920 Prohibition Style	\$13.00
Bulleit 10 Year	\$13.00	Old Forester 86 Proof	\$8.00
Bulleit Bourbon	\$11.00	Old Forester Single Barrel Mojo	\$10.00
Calumet Farm	\$12.00	Old Forester Statesman	\$13.00
Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel	\$13.00	Old Grand-Dad 100 Bonded	\$9.00
Colonel E.H. Taylor Small Batch	\$11.00	Old Medley Brothers	\$19.00
Eagle Rare Single Barrel	\$9.00	Pinhook Cask Strength	\$11.00
Elijah Craig Barrel Proof	\$15.00	Pinhook War Vertical	\$12.00
Elijah Craig Small Batch	\$10.00	Prichard's Double Barrel	\$19.00
Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel	\$16.00	Pure Kentucky XO	\$9.00
Evan Williams 1783	\$7.00	Rebellion Bourbon	\$10.00
Evan Williams Black	\$8.00	Redemption Bourbon	\$12.00
Evan Williams Single Barrel	\$9.00	Redemption High Rye Bourbon 9 Year	\$19.00
Few Bourbon	\$12.00	Redemption High-Rye Bourbon	\$8.00
Four Roses Single Barrel	\$12.00	Reservoir Bourbon	\$17.00
Four Roses Small Batch	\$10.00	Rough Rider Double Cask	\$8.00
Four Roses Yellow Label	\$7.00	Rough Rider Happy Warrior Cask Strength Bourbon	\$15.00
Garrison Brothers Fall 2015	\$17.00	Rowan's Creek	\$10.00
Garrison Brothers Spring 2016	\$17.00	Russell's Reserve 10 YR Bourbon	\$11.00
High West American Prairie Reserve	\$11.00	Sonoma County Bourbon	\$13.00
Hirsch Small Batch Reserve	\$10.00	St. Augustine Bourbon Port Finished	\$15.00
Horse Soldier 8 YR Bourbon	\$13.00	Stagg Jr.	\$15.00
Horser Soldier Signature 95	\$13.00	Wathen's Single Barrel	\$11.00
Hudson Baby Bourbon	\$13.00	Widow Jane 10 Year	\$15.00
James Pepper Bourbon	\$10.00	Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon	\$12.00
Jefferson's Cask Strenght Voyage 19	\$21.00	Wild Turkey 81 Bourbon	\$9.00
Jefferson's Chateau Pichon Baron	\$27.00	Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit	\$15.00
Jefferson's Chef Collaboration	\$10.00	Wild Turkey LongBranch	\$15.00
Jefferson's Ocean	\$17.00	Wild Turkey Masters Keep Decades Limited Edition	\$27.00
Jefferson's Old Rum Cask	\$17.00	Wild Turkey Rare Breed	\$15.00
Jefferson's Reserve	\$15.00	William Wolf Bourbon	\$10.00
Jefferson's Reserve Pritchard Hill Cabernet Cask	\$17.00	Woodford Reserve	\$13.00
Jefferson's Very Small Batch	\$11.00	Woodford Reserve Double Oaked	\$60.00
Jim Beam	\$9.00	Woodford Reserve Straight Malt	\$11.00
Jim Beam Black 8 Year	\$10.00	Wyoming Whiskey Small Batch	\$11.00

RYE

Angel's Envy Rye	\$19.00	Old Forester Rye	\$9.00
Basil Hayden's Dark Rye	\$12.00	Old Overholt Rye	\$8.00
Buffalo Trace Koshers Rye	\$15.00	Old Overholt Rye Bonded	\$9.00
Bulleit Rye	\$11.00	Palm Ridge Rye	\$12.00
Cask & Crew Rye Blend	\$8.00	Peerless Rye	\$23.00
Few Rye	\$13.00	Pikesville Rye	\$13.00
George Dickel Rye	\$10.00	Pinhook Rye	\$10.00
High West Double Rye	\$11.00	Rebellion Rye	\$10.00
High West Rendezvous Rye	\$15.00	Redemption Rye	\$9.00
Hudson Manhattan Rye	\$13.00	Reservoir Rye	\$17.00
Hudson Maple Cask Rye	\$13.00	Rittenhouse Bottled in Bond Rye	\$9.00
Jack Daniel's Rested Rye	\$13.00	Rough Rider Bull Moose Three Barrel Rye	\$10.00
Jack Daniel's Rye 90 Proof	\$11.00	Russell's Reserve 6 Year Rye	\$12.00
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel 4 Year Rye	\$15.00	Sagamore Spirit Rye	\$12.00
Jack Daniel's Straight Rye	\$11.00	Sazerac Straight Rye	\$9.00
Jack Daniel's Tennessee Rye	\$11.00	Timber Creek Black Rye	\$12.00
Jack Daniel's Unaged Tennessee Rye	\$12.00	Whistlepig 15 YR Rye	\$35.00
James E. Pepper Barrel Proof Rye	\$10.00	Whistlepig Farmstock no.1	\$15.00
James E. Pepper Rye	\$9.00	Whistlepig 10 Year Rye	\$19.00
James E. Pepper Sherry Cask Rye	\$11.00	Whistlepig 10 Year Mojo Single Barrel Select	\$19.00
Jim Beam Rye	\$10.00	Whistlepig Old World 12 Year Rye	\$23.00
Kentucky Owl 11 Year Rye	\$31.00	Whistlepig 18 Year	\$55.00
Kinsey Rye Cask Strength	\$8.00	Whistlepig Piggyback	\$13.00
Knob Creek Rye	\$13.00	Widow Jane Oak & Apple Wood Rye	\$13.00
Lock, Stock & Barrel 18 Year Rye	\$35.00	Wild Buck	\$13.00
Michter's US*1 Single Barrel Straight Rye	\$10.00	Wild Turkey 101 Rye	\$12.00
Michter's US*1 Toasted Barrel Finish Rye	\$12.00	Woodford Reserve Rye	\$13.00

TENNESSEE

George Dickel Barrel Select	\$12.00	Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack Double Mellowed	\$12.00
George Dickel no.12	\$10.00	Jack Daniel's No 27 Gold	\$21.00
George Dickel no.8	\$8.00	Jack Daniel's Sinatra Select	\$31.00
George Dickel Tabasco	\$9.00	Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	\$13.00
Jack Daniel's Black	\$11.00	Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Barrel Proof	\$15.00

AMERICAN

Balcones Baby Blue	\$12.00	Jim Beam Kentucky Fire	\$8.00
Balcones Brimstone	\$12.00	Jim Beam Red Stag Black Cherry	\$9.00
Balcones Rumble	\$13.00	Kinsey 7 Year Cask Strength	\$9.00
Balcones Texas Single Malt	\$15.00	Michter's US 1 Small Batch Unblended American	\$12.00
Bird Dog Blackberry	\$7.00	Newport Distilling Sea Fog	\$10.00
Bird Dog Peach Flavored Whiskey	\$7.00	Old Camp American	\$8.00
Blackened Blended Straight Whiskey	\$11.00	Old Camp Peach Pecan	\$8.00
Corsair Buck Yeah	\$13.00	Old Camp Wolf Moon	\$9.00
Corsair Centennial Hopped Whiskey	\$13.00	Ole Smoky Mango Habanero	\$8.00
Corsair Oatrage Oat	\$12.00	Pine Barrens Cherry Wood Smoked Single Malt	\$12.00
Corsair Quinoa	\$12.00	Pine Barrens Single Malt	\$11.00
Corsair Ryemageddon	\$12.00	Ransom The Emerald 1865	\$17.00
Corsair Triple Smoke	\$11.00	Redwood Empire American Whisky	\$11.00
Corsair Wildfire Hickory Smoked	\$13.00	Seagram's 7 Crown American	\$8.00
High West Bourye	\$17.00	Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey	\$9.00
High West Campfire	\$17.00	Smooth Ambler Old Scout American Whiskey	\$10.00
High West Son of Bourye	\$12.00	Sonoma County 2nd Chance Wheat	\$12.00
Jack Daniel's Apple	\$10.00	St George Breaking & Entering	\$11.00
Jack Daniel's Honey	\$11.00	Wild Turkey American Honey	\$10.00
Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire	\$11.00	Wyoming Whiskey Outryder American	\$17.00
Jim Beam Honey	\$8.00		

UNAGED

Bear Gully New Make	\$9.00	Hudson New York Corn Moonshine	\$13.00
High West Silver Western Oat	\$11.00	Jim Beam Jacob's Ghost	\$10.00

CANADIAN

Canadian Club 1858	\$9.00	Crown Royal Vanilla	\$12.00
Canadian Club Small Batch Classic	\$9.00	Crown Royal XO	\$13.00
Collingwood	\$10.00	Crown Royal XR	\$27.00
Crown Royal	\$12.00	Forty Creek Barrel Select	\$9.00
Crown Royal Apple	\$12.00	Forty Creek Copper Pot	\$9.00
Crown Royal Black	\$12.00	Lot no40	\$10.00
Crown Royal Bourbon Mash	\$10.00	Pendleton 1910	\$12.00
Crown Royal Cask no.16	\$21.00	Pendleton Midnight	\$10.00
Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye	\$10.00	Pike Creek 10 Year	\$11.00
Crown Royal Peach	\$10.00	Seagrams VO Canadian	\$9.00
Crown Royal Special Reserve	\$13.00	Stalk & Barrel Red Blend	\$11.00

IRISH

Bushmills 10 Year Single Malt	\$12.00	Paddy	\$9.00
Bushmills 21 Year Single Malt	\$39.00	Proper No 12 Irish	\$9.00
Bushmills Black Bush	\$11.00	Redbreast 12 Year	\$17.00
Bushmills Original	\$10.00	Redbreast 15 Year	\$23.00
Bushmills Red Bush	\$9.00	Redbreast 21 Year	\$55.00
Concannon	\$8.00	Slane Irish Whiskey	\$9.00
Green Spot	\$15.00	The Temple Bar	\$12.00
Irishman	\$10.00	Tullamore D.E.W. 10 Year Single Malt	\$12.00
Jameson 18 Year	\$31.00	Tullamore D.E.W. 12 Year Old Special Reserve	\$13.00
Jameson	\$12.00	Tullamore D.E.W.	\$12.00
Jameson Black Barrel	\$15.00	Tullamore D.E.W. Phoenix Single Batch	\$15.00
Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition	\$13.00	Tullamore D.E.W. 14 Year Single Malt	\$17.00
Jameson Caskmates Stout Edition	\$13.00	Tullamore D.E.W. 15 Year Trilogy	\$17.00
John L. Sullivan The Ten Count 10 Year	\$8.00	Tullamore D.E.W. XO	\$9.00
Kilbeggan	\$9.00	Tullamore Dew Cider Cask	\$9.00
Kinahan's 10 Year Single Malt	\$13.00	Yellow Spot 12 Year Old Single Pot Still	\$21.00
Kinahan's Blended	\$9.00		

FRENCH

Armorik Single Cask Armagnac Finish	\$19.00	Bastille Single Malt	\$15.00
Armorik Single Malt Sherry Finish	\$13.00	Brenne 10 Year French	\$21.00
Armorik Single Malt Whisky Double Maturation	\$15.00	Brenne Estate Cask Single Malt	\$15.00
Bastille	\$12.00	Vicomte Single Malt	\$11.00

JAPANESE

Akashi Single Malt	\$23.00	Nikka Coffey Grain	\$15.00
Akashi Eigashima	\$11.00	Nikka Coffey Malt	\$15.00
Ichiro's Malt & Grain	\$21.00	Suntory Toki	\$11.00

TAIWANESE

Kavalan Classic Single Malt	\$17.00	Kavalan Conductor	\$23.00
Kavalan Concertmaster	\$19.00		

INDIAN

Amrut Single Malt	\$12.00	Paul John Bold Single Malt	\$15.00
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TASMANIAN

Sullivan's Cove Double Cask \$35.00

MEXICAN

Pierde Almas Ancestral \$12.00 Sierra Norte White Single Barrel \$12.00
Sierra Norte Yellow Single \$12.00

SOUTH AFRICAN

Bain's Cape Mountain Single Grain \$11.00

BLENDED SCOTCH

Bank Note 5 Year Blended Scotch	\$9.00	Great King St. Glasgow Blend	\$11.00
Buchanan's Scotch	\$12.00	Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 Year	\$13.00
Chivas Regal 12 Year	\$13.00	Johnnie Walker Blue Label	\$39.00
Chivas Regal 18 Year	\$23.00	Johnnie Walker Double Black	\$12.00
Dewar's 12 Year	\$13.00	Johnnie Walker Gold	\$17.00
Dewar's 18 Year	\$15.00	Johnnie Walker Green 15 Year	\$15.00
Famous Grouse Smoky Black	\$9.00	Pig's Nose 5 Year	\$11.00
Great King St. Artist's Blend	\$13.00	Dewar's White Label	\$11.00

BLENDED MALT SCOTCH

Compass Box Asyla	\$13.00	Compass Box Peat Monster	\$15.00
Compass Box Hedonism	\$21.00	Compass Box Spice Tree	\$13.00
Compass Box Oak Cross	\$13.00	Monkey Shoulder	\$11.00
Compass Box Orangerie	\$15.00	Sheep Dip 8 Year	\$13.00

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

CAMPELTOWN

Glen Scotia Double Cask \$15.00
Kilkerran 12 Year \$13.00
Kilkerran 8 Year \$17.00
Kilkerran Sherry Finish \$15.00
Longrow 13 Year Malbec Single Malt \$21.00
Longrow 18 Year \$31.00
Longrow Peated \$13.00
Spring Bank 10 Year \$15.00
Spring Bank 15 Year \$21.00
Springbank 12 Year Burgundy \$17.00
Springbank 18 Year \$31.00

ISLAND

Highland Park 12 Year \$13.00
Highland Park 15 Year \$19.00
Highland Park 18 Year \$27.00
Highland Park Dark Origins \$17.00
Highland Park Ice Edition \$51.00
Highland Park Magnus \$11.00
Highland Park Valkyrie \$17.00
Scapa Glansa \$19.00
Scapa Skiren \$19.00
Talisker 10 Year \$15.00
Talisker Distiller's Edition \$19.00
Talisker Storm \$17.00

SPEYSIDE

Balvenie 12 Year Doublewood \$17.00
Balvenie 12 Year Single Barrel \$17.00
Balvenie 12 Year Sweet Toast \$15.00
Balvenie 14 Year Caribbean Cask \$15.00
Balvenie 15 Year Sherry Cask \$21.00
Balvenie 17 Year Doublewood \$27.00
Balvenie 21 Year Portwood \$35.00
BenRiach 10 Year \$13.00
BenRiach Peated 10 Year \$15.00
Glenfiddich 12 Year \$13.00
Glenfiddich 14 Year Bourbon Barrel \$13.00
Glenfiddich 15 Year Solera Reserva \$15.00
Glenfiddich 18 Year \$21.00
Glenfiddich 26 Year \$55.00
Glenfiddich 30 Year \$65.00
Glenfiddich Experimental Series IPA Cask Finish \$17.00
Glenfiddich Fire & Cane \$13.00
Glenlivet 12 Year \$15.00
Glenlivet 15 Year French Oak \$17.00
Glenlivet 16 Year Nadurra \$23.00
Glenlivet 18 Year \$27.00
Longmorn 16 Year \$27.00
Macallan 12 Year \$17.00
Macallan 12 Year Double Cask \$15.00
Macallan 15 Year Fine Oak \$23.00
Macallan 18 Year \$39.00
Macallan 21 Year Fine Oak \$80.00
Macallan Rare Cask \$47.00

JURA

Jura 10 Year	\$15.00
Jura 18 Year	\$27.00
Jura Seven Wood	\$15.00

ISLAY

Ardbeg 10 Year	\$15.00
Ardbeg An Oa	\$15.00
Ardbeg Corryvreckan	\$19.00
Ardbeg Perpetuum	\$21.00
Ardbeg Uigedail	\$17.00
Bowmore 12 Year	\$13.00
Bowmore 15 Year Darkest	\$19.00
Bruichladdich Black Art 1990	\$55.00
Bruichladdich Port Charlotte Scottish Barley	\$13.00
Bruichladdich The Classic Laddie	\$13.00
Bunnahabhain 12 Year	\$13.00
Lagavulin 16 Year	\$23.00
Laphroaig 10 Year	\$13.00
Tullibardine 225 Sauternes Finish	\$13.00
Tullibardine 228 Burgundy Finish	\$13.00
Tullibardine 500 Sherry Finish	\$13.00
Tullibardine Sovereign	\$11.00

HIGHLAND

Cragganmore 12 Year	\$13.00
Dalmore 12 Year	\$13.00
Dalmore 15 Year	\$19.00
Dalmore 18 Year	\$39.00
Dalmore Cigar Malt	\$27.00
Dalmore King Alexander III	\$43.00
Dalwhinnie 15 Year	\$17.00
GlenDronach 12 Year	\$11.00
Glenmorangie 18 Year	\$27.00
Glenmorangie Companta	\$19.00
Glenmorangie Ealanta 1993	\$27.00
Glenmorangie Lasanta	\$13.00
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or	\$19.00
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 12 Year	\$15.00
Glenmorangie Signet	\$15.00
Glenmorangie The Original 10 Year	\$13.00
Highland Queen 12 Year	\$11.00
Highland Queen 8 Year	\$9.00
Oban 14 Year	\$19.00
Oban Distiller's Edition 1999	\$19.00
Wolfburn	\$13.00
Wolfburn Aurora Sherry Cask	\$13.00

LOWLAND

Auchentoshan 12 Year	\$13.00
Auchentoshan 21 Year	\$39.00
Auchentoshan 3 Wood	\$15.00
Auchentoshan American Oak	\$11.00
Glenkinchie 12 Year	\$13.00

WHISKEY or WHISKY?

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 12th 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.