

Spirits in the Schwartz-Newton Sukkah: Tasting Notes

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Bardstown Bourbon (Origin Series)

This bourbon offers a classic, light profile with a juicy, smooth mouthfeel. Flavors of sweet pear, browned sugar, and vanilla shine through, balanced by a subtle woodiness. The finish mirrors the palate, delivering light sweetness with lingering notes of green fruit, caramel, and oak.

Big Mustache American Single Malt Whiskey

The nose has notes of lemon, pear, ethanol. There is also a pleasingly mild, smokey malt, light fruit, and an understated herbal spice. The palate is light with honeysuckle sweetness. The finish is a bit dryer and smokier than the palate.

Elijah Craig Toasted Barrel Straight Bourbon

Sweet cinnamon-coated almonds, vanilla, oak spice and a faint whiff of tropical fruit greet the nose. Rich and mouth-coating on the palate with layers of toasted coconut flakes, cinnamon toast cereal, vanilla frosting, and dried cherries. The finish adds a flourish of sweet baking spices and toasted oak to the dessert-like vanilla and fruit notes with a final, slow fade of sweet oak. A delicious and crowd-pleasing bourbon.

Garrison Brothers Guadalupe Texas
Straight Bourbon Finished in Port Cask
Limited Release

The nose has peppercorn, white plums, port wine influence, sweet white sugar, coffee, banana, and oak. For the palate: caramel, roasted corn, orange zest, plums, honey, raspberries, cigar tobacco, and oak chips. The finish is a buttery mouthfeel, just coats the mouth. Nice clean finish with a warm port wine on the back end. Coffee beans with honey linger.

Golani 'Chai' (single malt aged in port barrels)

(No tasting notes online so it will be a surprise!)

Green River Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

90 proof and has been aged more than five years at the distillery in Owensboro. It is rich in color with an amber hue and made with all Kentucky-grown corn, most from Daviess County. The mash bill is 70% corn, 21% winter rye, and 9% malted 2 and 6-row barley. The higher rye content results in a bourbon with warming spice notes on the nose and palate. Additional aroma notes to look for include cinnamon, dried cherry, and light leather. For taste, it has notes of cinnamon, vanilla, caramel, and chocolate mint. The finish is rich, thick, and lingering.

Green River Straight Rye

The nose is sweet and fruity with dense caramel, dried orange segments, red berry, vanilla-mint candies, and cardamom tea intermingling as oak flavors percolate. On the palate, spicy cinnamon and wintergreen become more assertive up front with cloves and peppercorns, as dried fruit, and creamy vanilla candies support, with caramel and toffee underneath. The finish is long and layered with a slow, persistent wave of spice slowly giving way to long lasting caramel-toffee bar, dried orange, and vanilla bean.

Green River Wheated Bourbon

Sweet vanilla and caramel greet the nose at first before caramelized peaches, sweet cinnamon and oak and brown sugar slowly creep in. The palate is soft and mouth-coating with layers of toffee, vanilla buttercream, stone fruits and bright red cherries. The finish turns a tad spicier with sweet toasted oak, clove and pepper.

Maplewood Lounge Straight Bourbon Whiskey

This straight bourbon boasts bold flavors of vanilla, toasted pecans, and pepper with hints of baking spice and orange. Lounge Bourbon is crafted throughout the year in small batches and left to age for a minimum of 2 years.

Maplewood Bean County

(I could not find a description online but it definitely tastes like vanilla!)

M & H Elements Sherry Cask (Single Malt Whisky)

Dominant rich red fruit notes and gentle oak, followed by warm caramel and fresh lemon. Medium bodied but brimming with light fruity sherry sweetness, rich fruits, and dark chocolate with subtle oak throughout. The dark chocolate notes linger in the palate for a while, followed by tobacco and oak notes.

New Riff 6 Year Malted Rye Whiskey

A Kentucky Straight Malted Rye Whiskey aged for at least six years. Crafted from 100% malted rye grain, it offers a unique and complex flavor profile with spicy rye notes, hints of fruit, and a smooth, lingering finish. This whiskey showcases the distinct character of malted rye.

Wild Turkey 101

Initial aroma is acutely spicy, cereal-grain sweet and a touch citrusy; following aeration the aroma takes flight as fruity/resiny scents enchant the olfactory sense. The flavor at entry is laser beam-focused, snug and concentrated; at midpalate, the flavor profile goes deeply cereal-like, almost honeyed, Sherried and intense. Concludes a tad fiery (it's 101-proof, don't forget), zesty, toffee sweet and nougat-like.

Willett Pot Still Reserve Bourbon

Sweeter notes of corn and caramelized sugar lead the way on the nose, while lighter notes of cedar and pecan linger underneath. The palate starts with notes of citrus, caramel, and pepper. In the mid-palate, the citrus notes subside, and the caramel and pepper notes blend with a hint of dry oak. The medium duration finish includes lighter hints of the citrus, pepper, caramel, and oak that turn a bit dry at the end.