



WHISKEY LIST

from the classical gaelic uisce beatha or "water of life", whiskey is a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grain mash. grain mash refers to the combination of milled grain, usually malted barley, corn, sorghum, rye or wheat, known as the grain or mashbill, water, known as liquor, and heat. malted grain indicates sprouted or germinated seed. the difference between whiskeys, as variety is the spice of life, rests on the types of grain used, the location of distillation, the length of aging and the type of casks used for aging. we hope you will enjoy our selections.

JAPANESE WHISKY

extraordinarily smooth, subtle, precise, with a multitude of nuanced flavors describes japanese whisky. beginning in 1870, with its first commercial output in 1924, japanese made whisky began with the yamazaki distillery, the liquor importer, shinjirotorii hired masataka taketsuru, who studied scotch whisky extensively. these pioneers went to great lengths to recreate scotch but with the japanese palate in mind. torii chose a suburb of kyoto, where the water is crystal clear, as the famous tea master sen no rikyū had his tea room in the vicinity for the same reason. in 1934 taketsuru left to open his own distillery in hokkaido, due to its similar geography to that of scotland, which later became nikka. hakushu 12 yr and nikka yoichi are superb single malts, while hibiki harmony and toki suntory represent delicious blends.

hakushu 12 year single malt 2oz/18
yamanashi, japan 1oz/9
86 proof
resplendent champagne gold glows into aromas of basil, pine needle and green apple. sweet pear, mint and kiwi conclude with subtle smoke and steaming green tea.

hibiki harmony blended whisky 2oz/17
osaka, yamanashi and aichi, japan 1oz/8.5
86 proof
rose and sandalwood, lychee and a hint of rosemary mature into candied orange peel and white chocolate. a subtle note of mizunara (japanese) oak finishes long and tender. blended from yamazaki, hakushu and chita distilleries

ichiro's malt & grain blended whisky 2oz/21
saitama, japan 1oz/10.5
93 proof
a worldwide blend begins with scents of dried apricot, sweet butterscotch and citrus zest then rests lively on the tongue with pipe tobacco, gingerbread, barley malt and tropical fruit. roasted chestnut and vanilla are found in the finish.

kitaya yame "eight goddess" 10 yr whisky 2oz/10
yame, Fukuoka, Japan 1oz/5
84 proof
blended oak aged whiskies of 10-13 years old create mellow and delicate flavors of vanilla with hints of citrus. light notes of heather, honey and baked sugar are found in the finish.

mars iwai 2oz/10
nagano, japan 1oz/5
80 proof
from japan's highest distillery, sweet pear, quince, maple, buttered corn and vanilla characterize while finishing soft and remarkably smooth.

mars iwai tradition 2oz/13
nagano, japan 1oz/6.5
80 proof
the high elevation of distillation brings subtle and comforting flavors of ripe cherry, honeyed toffee and appetizing ginger.

mars komagatake "rindo" single malt 2oz/34
nagano, japan 1oz/17
94 proof
rindo is the moniker for the gentian violet in japanese describing its aromatic nature. grapefruit, dried pear and tobacco settle into candied pecan, peat, white peach, marzipan and baking spices. tobacco and earthy peat reappear alongside cashew and menthol in the finish.

nikka coffey grain 2oz/17
sapporo and sendai, japan 1oz/8.5
90 proof
on the nose cinnamon, orange, mango, coconut and papaya prevail. toffee popcorn and citrus coat the mouth as rich oak and marmalade linger.

nikka miyagikyo single malt 2oz /18
sendai, japan 1oz/9
90 proof
the deep gold color moves into the nose with aromas of iris, banana, malted barley, licorice and camphor. ginger, chocolate, fresh tobacco leaves and coconut finish long and soft as savored stewed apples, cardamom, lemon and toasted nuts.

nikka taketsuru pure malt 2oz /15
sapporo and sendai, japan 1oz/7.5
86 proof
single malts from both yoichi and miya gikyo distilleries blend beautifully in bright scents of red and tart fruits with flavors of spicy clove, cherry and menthol. a rich fruit-filled finish follows.

nikka yoichi single malt 2oz /18
sapporo, japan 1oz/9
90 proof
mellow peat, smoke, soot, salt, citrus and wild flowers develop into toasted walnut, additional smoke, almond, chocolate and melon. the finish is composed of poached pear, herbaceous peatiness, leather, coriander and chestnut.

toki blended whisky 2oz /11
86 proof 1oz/5.5
osaka, yamanashi and aichi, japan
crystal gold in color, basil, green apple and honey condense to grapefruit, peppermint, white grape and thyme on the tongue. subtly sweet and spicy, vanilla bark, white pepper and ginger peer through the finish. blended from yamazaki, hakushu and chita distilleries.

white oak akashi blended single malt whisky 2oz /12
osaka, yamanashi and aichi, japan 1oz/6
80 proof
cereal, caramelized sugar, vanilla custard, apple and barley malt hover as sweet fudge, baking spices, fennel and a light wasabi heat settle. hints of peat, toffee and oak continue lush and medium.

yamazaki 12yr single malt 2oz /22
osaka, japan 1oz/11
86 proof

pure gold in color, peach, pineapple, grapefruit, clove, candied orange, vanilla and mizunara (japanese) oak on the nose. hints of coconut, cranberry, butter on the palate with sweet ginger, cinnamon and a long finish.

TRADITIONAL MASHBILL BOURBON

traditional mashbill bourbon has been distilled since the 18th century, with its namesake traced to the 1820's. bourbon became common in kentucky by 1870. bourbon can be produced anywhere in the united states, must contain at least 51% corn and be aged in new american oak casks, which are almost always charred. it can be distilled to no more than 160 proof and must enter the barrel for aging at no more than 125 proof. upon bottling, bourbon is 80 proof or higher. there is no requirement on aging, except straight bourbon must rest for a minimum of two years. celebrated the world over, bourbon is a benchmark for all alcoholic spirits, by its beautiful caramel colors and its smooth and warming flavors. elijah craig, buffalo trace and angel's envy are hallmarks of the traditional mashbill bourbon.

angel's envy kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /14
louisville, ky, usa 1oz/7
86.6 proof
toasted nuts and maple syrup enter the nose then vanilla, ripe fruit, toast and bitter chocolate coat the palate. a clean, lingering sweetness with a hint of madeira slowly fades into the finish.

buffalo trace kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /9
frankfurt, ky, usa 1oz/4.5
90 proof
molasses and mint prepare the palate for oak, toffee, dark fruit and a touch of anise, followed by a long, smooth finish with serious depth.

cyrus noble straight bourbon 2oz /9
san francisco, ca, usa 1oz/4.5
90 proof
blended with kentucky bourbons, velvety notes of caramel, toasted hazelnuts and buttery toffee predominate.

elijah craig 18yr kentucky bourbon whiskey 2oz /28
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/14
90 proof
the aromas of aged oak, spiced vanilla and chocolate mint add to a richly textured, nutty and semi-sweet mouthfeel with bursts of honey. the finish is lively, engaging with lingering vanilla and black pepper.

elijah craig small batch kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /10
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/5
94 proof
smooth and warm, accents of nutmeg, mint and smoke create a slightly toasty, long and sweet finish.

evan williams single barrel bourbon 2oz /9
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/4.5
86 proof
in the nose there is sweet oak and burnt caramel. a lush and spicy blend of charred wood, apple and orange mellow into a relaxed and graceful finish.

henry mckenna 10 yr single barrel kentucky bourbon, bottled in bond 2oz /11
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/5.5
100 proof
warm and smooth, with herbaceous notes, sharp spices and soft honey, the palate is pleasant and the finish long, sweet and spicy.

henry mckenna kentucky bourbon 2oz /8
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/4
80 proof
light citrus, caramel and vanilla settle into notes of split wood, dark fruit, and corn. medium in length, the finish is sweet and calm.

knob creek kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /11
clermont, ky, usa 1oz/5.5
100 proof
copper and amber in color, toasted nuts and fresh grain make way for a rich, fruity and full-bodied balance of old-style flavor and natural oak sweetness.

michter's small batch bourbon 2oz /12
louisville, ky, usa 1oz/6
91.4 proof
aged at least 8 years in fire charred new american white oak, burnt sugar balanced by stone with fruit notes lend smokey depth and oak finish.

noah's mill small batch kentucky bourbon 2oz /12
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/6
114.3 proof
walnut and prune intertwined with lavender and baking spices coat the palate with an intense yet smooth finish.

rowan's creek kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /11
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/5.5
100.1 proof
herbal and floral essence, layered with deep caramel and vanilla begin slightly oily in the mouth, then finish dry with hints of fresh oak and lingering spices.

willet pot still reserve bourbon 2oz /10
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/5
94 proof
an opulent offering beginning with the aroma of vanilla bean and lemon cake transitions into homemade caramel with citrus and baking spice flavors.

WHEATED AND HIGH RYE MASHBILL BOURBON WHISKEY

among bourbons, distinctions as to the second highest grain used, after the 51% corn, come wheated and high rye mashbills. wheated bourbons offer an unparalleled richness and slight sweetness. larceny and makers mark fit this bill well. usually sharp, with some spice, high rye mashbill bourbons, such as basil hayden's, noah's mill, and rowan's creek delight the senses.

asw fiddler bourbon (w) 2oz /10
atlanta, ga, usa 1oz/5
86 proof
finished in charred georgia white oak, caramel, vanilla, citrus and baking spices provide aroma and taste.

basil hayden kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /12
clermont-frankfurt, ky, usa 1oz/6
80 proof
begins with spiced tea and subtle peppermint, then develops into a spicy-sweet taste and finishes dry and clean with a gentle bite.

four roses small batch kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /11
lawrenceburg, ky, usa 1oz/5.5
90 proof
ripened red berries, baking spices and sweet oak provide a creamy, well-balanced mouthfeel. the finish is soft, smooth and pleasantly long.

larceny kentucky straight bourbon (w) 2oz /10
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/5
92 proof
fresh bread and butterscotch enter the nose as honeyed butter and rich wheat provide a savory and gently sweet flavor and finish.

maker's mark kentucky straight bourbon (w) 2oz /11
loretta, ky, usa 1oz/5.5
90 proof
cypress fermentation tanks add a distinct woody character balanced by wheat, caramel and light fruit.

woodford reserve kentucky straight bourbon 2oz /13
versailles, ky, usa 1oz/6.5
90.4 proof
heavy aroma of dried fruit with hints of mint and oranges dusted in cocoa prepare the palate for a complex combination of citrus, rose, cedar, tobacco, cinnamon and chocolate notes. a silky, almost creamy, long and warm finish follows.

AMERICAN WHISKEY

while bourbon is the quintessential american whiskey, not all american whiskeys are bourbons, but deserve high regard as well. with differing mashbills, american whiskey must be distilled and aged in the u.s., using new oak barrels, that are charred, except in the case of corn whiskey. malt whiskey contains at least 51% malted barley, wheat whiskey, 51% wheat, bourbon, 51% corn, rye whiskey, 51% rye, and malted rye follows suit. corn whiskey is made with at least 80% corn. american whiskey is usually bottled at 80 proof, but recent liberties have been seen among some. jack daniel's and michter's are highly favored.

asw duality double malt whiskey 2oz /11
atlanta, ga, usa 1oz/4.5
80 proof

The first double malt whiskey in the South, smoked single malt barley and single malt rye are blended beautifully with care and innovation. Similar to the faint smoke of a Highland Scotch on the nose, this blend rests on the palate with notes of caramel and creamy vanilla, then finishes with subtle rye spice.

michter's american whiskey 2oz /12
louisville, ky, usa 1oz/6
83.4 proof
bourbon soaked american white oak barrels offer a multi-layered experience of deep butterscotch, vanilla, dried and ripened fruit.

george dickel barrel select tennessee whiskey 2oz /11
tallahoma, tn, usa 1oz/5.5
86 proof
aged 10-12 years, aromatic vanilla, charcoal, and deep spice are luscious on the palate yet clean in finish.

jack daniel's old no. 7 tennessee sour mash whiskey 2oz /10
lynchburg, tn 1oz/5
80 proof
mellowed through sugar maple charcoal, the flavor is sweet, oaky and timeless.

RYE WHISKEY

canadian whisky is traditionally rye whiskey but in recent years mashbills of less than 51% rye are being used. adhering to tradition however, flavors attributed to classic rye whiskey characterize most canadian whiskies. three fingers and crown royal are sublime offerings providing delight to the palate. american rye whiskey was the most common whiskey in america in the late 1700's and early 1800's, with pittsburgh being its hub. classic american rye largely disappeared after prohibition, but since the 1960's has made a valiant revival. with production centered in indiana and kentucky, and stretching across the country, american rye is back with a vengeance. rittenhouse and bulleit from kentucky, widow jane from new york and high west out of utah are world class contenders.

asw resurgens rye 2oz /11
atlanta, ga, usa 1oz/5.5
86 proof
twin scottish style copper stills and 100% malted rye are employed to produce a profile of chocolate, graham cracker crust, and apricot.

bulleit small batch straight rye 2oz /10
louisville, ky, usa 1oz/5
90 proof
russet in color with rich oaky scents, spiced vanilla and honey finish clean and crisp.

crown royal 2oz /10
ontario, canada 1oz/5
80 proof
classic and robust scents of fruit and vanilla delicately form a smooth, almost creamy yet slightly oaky play on the palate.

george dickel rye 2oz /9
tallahoma, tn, usa 1oz/4.5
90 proof
finished in a chilled charcoal-mellowed style, a straightforward but smooth and savory taste with abundant spice lingers.

high west double rye 2oz /11
park city, ut, usa 1oz/5.5
92 proof
blending a 16 year with a 2 year creates a complex flavor offering starting with clove, pine nuts, dark chocolate and gin botanicals in the nose, then coating the mouth with herbal tea, wildflower honey, allspice and mint. the finish adds cinnamon and hints of anise.

michter's single barrel straight rye 2oz /12
louisville, ky, usa 1oz/6
92.8 proof
deep notes of vanilla, toffee, toasted almonds and cinnamon are balanced and expanded upon with an ample dose of crushed red pepper and a hint of orange peel, similar to togarashi shichimi spice.

redemption rye 2oz /12
lawrenceburg, in, usa 1oz/6
92 proof
made from 95% premium rye and 5% malted barley, a timeless and true rye with light floral notes, subtle citrus and characteristic spice, results from new american charred oak barrel aging and natural limestone filtered water.

rittenhouse straight rye, bottled in bond 2oz /8
bardstown, ky, usa 1oz/4
100 proof
mahogany in color, scents of dried fruit, toffee and sweet peppers develop into tastes of rich cocoa, nutmeg, citrus and vanilla. a spicy maple syrup finishes.

templeton 6yr rye 2oz /12
templeton, ia, usa 1oz/6
91.5 proof
green apple, cherry, spice and butterscotch enter the nose as mellow yet bold and vibrant flavors of toasted oak and burnt sugar play on the tongue.

three fingers 12 year small batch canadian rye 2oz /10
templeton, ia, usa 1oz/5
80 proof
finished in sherry casks, layered flavors of toffee and baking spices provide a rich and long finish.

widow jane whiskey distilled from rye mash 2oz /14
rosendale, ny, usa 1oz/7
91 proof
aromas of cardamom, rum raisin, tropical pineapple and orange peel develop into flavors of clove, brown sugar, smoked maple, almond and apricot, leaving with a tannic but even offering of white pepper and fresh split timber.

SCOTCH

time-honored and true to form, the world's historic gold standard always satisfies. made in scotland from the six regions of islay, speyside, highland, cambeltown and lowland, scotch whisky must be aged for at least three years and be made of primarily malted barley and water. different casks, geography and processing methods, especially the manner in which the malt is made, create diverse flavors. the smooth oban 14 yr represents highland and laphroaig 10 yr epitomizes the smokey, salty, peatiness of islay.

caol ila 12 yr 2oz /21
islay, scotland 1oz/10.5
84 proof
smoked bacon, citric fruitiness and salt water transition into subtle floral notes, light peat, malt and lemon, finishing dry with a sweet smokiness and slightly sour finish.

dalwhinnie 15 yr 2oz /17
highlands, scotland 1oz/8.5
84 proof
a combination of sweet malted barley, heather honey, citrus fruits, vanilla and a hint of peat smoke provide an intense, warm and smooth character.

dewars white label 2oz /10
highlands, scotland 1oz/5
80 proof
subtle and smooth throughout, scents of pear, lemon and butterscotch and tastes of honey and hints of peat offer a light and quick finish.

glenlivet 12 yr 2oz /15
speyside, scotland 1oz/7.5
80 proof
bright and vibrant gold, delicately balanced with strong pineapple notes, summery malt and marzipan, conclude with a creamy, smooth finish full of fresh hazelnuts.

glenmorangie 10 yr 2oz /14
highlands, scotland 1oz/7
86 proof
aromas of citrus, ripe peach and vanilla bean transition into a flowery fruitiness on the palate. hints of orange and stewed peaches continue into the finish.

lagavulin 16 yr 2oz /22
islay, scotland 1oz/11
86 proof
diverse in character, laurel and light cereal, tea smoke, pineapple, sea salt and orange delve into pipe tobacco and cold water kelp.

laphroaig 10 yr 2oz /13
islay, scotland 1oz/6.5
86 proof
sparkling gold to the eye, bold smoke, seaweed and a surprising sweetness of toffeed nuts with layers of peatiness settle on the palate. a long and savory, lingering finish awaits.

oban 14yr 2oz /19
highlands, scotland 1oz/9.5
86 proof
a hint of smoke, roasted apple and clove followed by flavors of honey, baking spice and black pepper finish fruity, soft and slightly spicy.

signatory hogs head blended single malts 2oz /8
islay and highlands, scotland 1oz/4
86 proof
smokey, peaty with hints of fruit and licorice provide a direct and sweet experience. herbal notes and molten caramel are found in the finish.

springbank 10yr 2oz /15
campbeltown, scotland 1oz/7.5
92 proof
pear, malt, vanilla and a hint of peat develop into oak, nutmeg and cinnamon lingering sweet with a salty tingle.

talisker 10yr 2oz /16
isle of skye, scotland 1oz/8
91 proof
the color of brilliant gold enters the nose with powerful peat smoke subdued by hints of citrus and freshly shucked oysters. the body is full and rich with dried fruit sweetness, smoke and strong barley malt, finishing warm, peppery and intense.

NOT WHISK(E)Y

although we focus on whisk(e)y at whiskey bird there are some times when we like to sip on something else like an aged rum, mezcal or bitter.

amaro montenegro 2oz /9
bologna, italy 1oz/4.5
46 proof
historically crafted as a natural medicine, the italian amaro or bitter, is an herbal liqueur designated as a digestivo; an after dinner drink which aids digestion. named after princess elena of montenegro, the same secret recipe developed by stanislao cobianchi in 1885 is used today. a bittersweet concoction of 40 herbs and spices - orange peel, coriander and black tea predominate.

fernet branca 2oz /9
milan, italy 1oz/4.5
78 proof
pronounced FEHR:NET BRAHN:KAH, this amaro blends 27 herbs and spices. since 1845, and currently enjoying somewhat of a cult status, this intensely bitter digestivo employs chamomile, cinnamon, iris, galangal, myrrh, rhubarb, saffron, linden flower and aloe in their guarded recipe.

del maguey vida san luis del rio single village mezcal 2oz /11
del maguey, oaxaca, mexico 1oz/5.5
84 proof
made from 100% agave and aged 6-8 years, this artisanal, organic mezcal begins in the nose with fruit essence, hints of honeyed vanilla and roasted agave. ginger, cinnamon, burnt sandalwood, banana and tangerine play on the palate. there is smoke and enjoyment in the finish. mezcal can be made from any type of agave, anywhere, while tequila must be from specific areas in the state of jalisco and contain at least 51% blue agave.

don julio anejo tequila 2oz /12
atotonilco el alto, jalisco, mexico 1oz/6
80 proof
light amber in color, with scents of lime, grapefruit, mandarin orange and a touch of caramel, this smooth sipping spirit tastes of cooked cactus, wild honey and smoke-infused butterscotch.

panama pacific 9 yr rum 2oz /11
panama 1oz/5.5
94.6
from the ingenio san carlos distillery, this spanish style molasses-derived rum is aged in kentucky bourbon barrels for 3 years, then tennessee whiskey casks for 6 years. rich aromas of bitter vanilla, ripe butter, dried fruit and caramel custard are followed by flavors of white raisin, split wood, cherry, almond and cocoa nibs.

real mccoy 5yr rum 2oz /9
barbados 1oz/4.5
80 proof
named after bill mccoy, the famous smuggler during the lamentable prohibition era, who kept his product free from added sugar and false enhancers, hence becoming known as "the real mccoy." soft and smooth, well-balanced and luxurious in texture, flavors of caramel, toasted almonds, and buttery cinnamon linger into a finish of toasted coconut and a hint of tobacco.

ron del barrilito 3 star rum 2oz /11
bayamón, puerto rico 1oz/5.5
86 proof
upon returning from france in 1871, after finishing engineering studies, pedro f. fernandez, began making rum inspired by french brandies and cognacs. meaning "rum from the barrel he produced small amounts at his hacienda santa ana. by 1880 he was in the rum business. still utilizing his secret formula for aging and process, this rum is aged 6-10 years. aromas of molasses and subtle black truffle prepare a full-bodied, slightly smokey, nutty nuanced and warm spiced experience.