

{BowTie Barbecue Co. House Cocktails + Whiskey + Spirits + Beer + Wine + Whiskey Flights}

It's the BowTie Barbecue Co. \$4 Happy Hour

With our Special Guests:

**\$4 COCKTAILS \$4**

Draft Tiki Sangria – Red Wine, Fruit

Bourbon Punch – Larceny Bourbon, Amaretto, Ginger Beer

Jose Margarita – Jose Cuervo Gold, House Sour Mix, Triple Sec

Beerbon On the Rock – Jim Beam, Lager, Lemon Juice

**\$4 DRAUGHT BEERS \$4**

All Beers are 12 oz pours

**\$4 WELL LIQUORS \$4**

Bourbon – Four Roses, Vodka – 13th Colony

Tequila – Jose Cuervo Gold, Gin – New Amsterdam

Rum – Don Q

**\$4 WINES \$4**

Red – Bar Bera Q. Barbera. Italy.

White – Prime Cuts. White Blend. South Africa.

**MONDAY** Trivia+Service Industry Night: 10% off your entire check for folks in the biz (valid proof (paystub, etc.) required!).

**WEDNESDAY** 1/2 off all bottles of Wine ALL NIGHT starting at 3 o'clock!

Monday-Sunday 3:00-6:30 +

Friday-Saturday 9:00pm-10:00pm

Pours of Draught Beer.

-16 oz Pours-

Cherry Street Brewing Co-op. **Dirty Frenchman.** French Saison. 6.2% Cumming, GA. 6

Cherry Street Brewing Co-op. **Summer Fling.** Watermelon Blonde. 4.8% Cumming, GA. 6

Cherry Street Brewing Co-op. **Cherry Limeade.** Berliner Weisse. 4% Cumming, GA. 6

Hi-Wire Brewing Co. **Hi-Wire Lager.** Lager. 4.6% Asheville, NC. 6

Coastal Empire Beer Co. **Tybee Island Blonde.** Kolsch Style Ale. 4.7% Savannah, GA. 5

Southbound Brewing Co. **Hop'lin.** India Pale Ale. 6.3% Savannah, GA. 6

Monday Night Brewing. **Nerd Alert.** Pseudo-Pilsner. 5% Atlanta, GA. 6

Red Hare Brewing Co. SPF 50/50. India Pale Radler. 4.2% Atlanta, GA. 5

Miller Brewing Co. Miller Lite. **Lager.** 4.2 % Milwaukee, WI. 4

-12 oz Pours-

Cherry Street Brewing Co-op. **Steppin' Razor.** India Pale Ale. 8% Cumming, GA. 6

Dogfish Head Brewing Co. **Seaquench Ale.** Session Sour. 4.9% Milton, DE. 6

Scofflaw Brewing Co. **Basement.** India Pale Ale. 7.5% Atlanta, GA. 7

Scofflaw Brewing Co. **Sneaky Wheat.** Hoppy Wheat Ale. 8.5% Atlanta, GA. 6

Second Self Brewing Co. **MIG: Margarita in Gose.** Lime Gose. 4.3% Atlanta, GA. 6

Alltech Brewing. **Kentucky Bourbon Ale.** Barrel-Aged Amber. 8.19% Lexington, KY. 6

Green Man Brewery. **IPA.** India Pale Ale. 6% Asheville, NC. 6

Reformation Brewery. **Union.** Belgian-Style White Ale. 4.8% Woodstock, GA. 6

Blackberry Farm Brewery. **Fenceline.** Farmhouse Ale. 5.5% Walland, TN. 6

Treehorn Cider. **Dry Cider.** Apple Cider. 5.9% Atlanta, GA. 6

-Non-Alcoholic-

PERC Brazilian Cold Brew Nitro. 10 oz pour. Savannah, GA. 5

Southbound + BowTie Collab. Sharp Dressed Ginger Beer 16 oz pour. Savannah, GA. 5

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High West Prairie Bourbon-11.5, Belle Mead-12.5.  
**Suggested Ryes:** Rittenhouse-7.5, High West Double Rye-8.5, James E. Pepper-9.5, Virgil Kaine-10.5, Town Branch-11.5, Knob Creek-12.5.  
**Sweet Vermouth:** Dolin Vermouth de Chambéry, Cocchi Vermouth di Torino +\$.5, Carpano ‘Antica Formula’ +\$.1.

## Drams (1.5 oz) of Whiskey

### Bourbon Whiskey

Amador Double Barrel. 11  
American Spirit Whiskey: Fiddler. 9  
Angel’s Envy Port Barrel Finish. 12  
Bakers. 12  
Basil Hayden. 11  
Belle Meade. 10  
Blanton’s Single Barrel. 13  
Booker’s Barrel Proof. 14  
Breckenridge. 10  
Buffalo Trace. 7  
Bulleit Frontier Whiskey. 8  
Bulleit 10 Year. 11  
Catskill NY Bourbon. 11  
Chattanooga Whiskey. 8  
Cooper’s Craft. 6  
E. H. Taylor Small Batch. 12  
E. H. Taylor Single Barrel. 16  
Eagle Rare 10 Year. 7  
Elijah Craig Small Batch. 8  
Elijah Craig 18 Year Single Barrel. 30  
Evan Williams Black. 5  
Four Roses Single Barrel. 12  
Four Roses Small Batch. 9  
**Four Roses. 5\***  
Gentry Lowland. 11  
Henry McKenna 10 year. 8  
High Wire Four Grain. 11  
High West Prairie Bourbon. 9  
Jefferson’s Ocean (Seven) Cask Strength. 22

Jefferson’s Reserve. 14  
Jefferson’s Reserve Groth Cask. 22  
Jefferson’s Reserve Old Rum Cask. 18  
Jefferson’s Small Batch. 8  
Jim Beam. 5  
Knob Creek 100. 8  
Knob Creek Single Barrel. 12  
Knob Creek 25<sup>th</sup> Ann. Cask Strength. 42  
Larceny. 6  
Maker’s 46. 11  
Maker’s Mark. 8  
Maker’s Mark Cask. 14  
Michter’s Single Barrel 10 yr. 25  
Noah’s Mill. 11  
Old Forester 86. 5  
Old Forester Signature. 6  
Old Forester Whiskey Row 1870. 11  
Old Forester Whiskey Row 1892. 11  
Old Forester Whiskey Row 1920. 13  
Reservoir. 19  
Rowan’s Creek. 9  
Smooth Ambler Old Scout 10 Year. 12  
Smooth Ambler Old Scout 7 Year. 9  
St. Augustine Distillery Double Cask. 11  
Town Branch. 7  
Virgil Kane Ginger. 8  
Virgil Kane High Rye. 6  
Watershed. 11  
Weller 12 Year. 20  
Widow Jane. 20  
Wild Turkey 81. 7  
Willet Pot Still Reserve. 8  
William Larue Weller (2016). 30  
Woodford Reserve. 8  
Woodford Reserve Double Oaked. 12  
Woodford Reserve Brandy Cask. 25  
**American Whiskey**  
13th Colony Southern. 8  
Iron Smoke Apple Wood Whiskey. 12  
Ransom’s The Emerald 1865. 19  
Leopold Brother’s Small Batch. 9  
Michter’s Whiskey. 11  
Pearse Lyon’s Reserve Single Malt. 7

Rogue Dead Guy Ocean Aged. 10  
Slaughterhouse. 9  
Ransom’s Whippersnapper. 7  
**Blend**  
High West Bourye. 17  
High West Campfire. 16  
Smooth Ambler Contradiction. 11  
**Canadian**  
Crown Royal. 7  
Seagrams VO. 5

### Irish

Bushmills. 7  
Bushmills BlackBush. 8  
Bushmills RedBush 8  
Bushmills 10 year. 10  
Bushmills 16 year. 20  
Jameson 7 Year. 6  
Jameson Black Barrel. 7  
Jameson Caskmates (Stout). 7  
The Pogue’s Whiskey. 8  
Redbreast 12 Year. 14

### Japanese

Hibiki Harmony. 16

### Oat

Corsair Oatrage. 14

### Quinoa

Corsair Quinoa Whiskey. 11

### White

American Spirit Whiskey. 8

### Wheat

Bernheim. 10  
Reservoir Wheat. 15

### Scotch

Balvenie 12 Doublewood. 14  
Balvenie 14 Carribean Cask. 17  
Compass Box Asyla Blended Whisky. 13  
Dalwhinnie 15 Year. 15  
Dewars White Label. 6  
The Glenlivet 12 Year. 14  
Johnnie Walker Black. 9

Laphroaig 10 Year. 11  
MacCallan 12 Year. 16

### Rye

13th Colony Southern Rye. 9  
American Spirit Whiskey: Resurgens. 10  
Angel’s Envy Rye Rum Barrel Finish. 16  
Basil Hayden Rye. 15  
Catskill New York Rye. 11  
FEW Rye. 16  
FEW Brainville (Flaming Lips Collab.). 30  
High West Double Rye. 6  
High West Rendezvous Rye. 16  
High West Yippee-Ki-Yay. 17  
Jack Daniels Single Barrel Rye. 12  
James E. Pepper Rye. 7  
Knob Creek Rye 100. 10  
Michter’s Single Barrel Rye. 11  
Rittenhouse Rye. 5  
Rogue Rye Whiskey. 10  
Town Branch Rye. 9  
Virgil Kaine Robber Baron Rye. 8  
WhistlePig Rye 10 Year. 16  
WhistlePig Rye 12 Year Old World. 23  
WhistlePig Rye 15 Year. 40  
WhistlePig Rye Boss Hog 2016. 50  
WhisetlPig Rye Farmstock. 20  
Woodford Reserve Rye. 10

### Sorghum

High Wire Sorghum Whiskey. 11

### Corn

13th Colony Southern Corn. 8

### Tennessee

Gentleman Jack. 8

## House Cocktails.

**Beauregard’s Monocle.** Don Q Silver, Apple Juice, Ginger Beer, Mint. 8

**This One’s for Will.** Four Roses Bourbon,

Blackberries, Simple Syrup, Ginger Beer. 10

**Low Country Gimlet.** Bulrush Gin, Lime, Simple Syrup. 8

**The Shiny Ass Margarita.** Sparkle Donkey Silver, Merlet Trois Citrus, Lime. 9

**Mule Town.** House Made Ginger Beer, Apple Cider, Lime, Choice of: Cooper’s Craft Bourbon-8, Sparkle Donkey Tequila-9, Old Fourth Vodka-9, Papa’s Pilar Blonde Rum-9, High Wire Hat Trick Gin-8.

## Classic Whiskey Cocktails.

**Old Fashioned.** Bourbon or Rye, Simple, Bitters, Brandied Cherry, Orange Peel.

**Manhattan.** Bourbon or Rye, Sweet Vermouth, Bitters, Brandied Cherry.

**Sazerac.** Absinthe Rinse, Bourbon or Rye, Simple, Peychaud’s Bitters, Lemon Twist.

**Whiskey Sour.** Bourbon or Rye, Lemon Juice, Simple, Egg White, Brandied Cherry.

**Boulevardier.** Bourbon or Rye, Campari, Sweet Vermouth, Lemon Twist.

**Suggested Bourbons:** Evan Williams-7.5, Old Forester Signature-8.5, Buffalo Trace-9.5, Elijah Craig-10.5,

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Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Black Label. 7  
Jack Daniel's Red Dog Saloon. 7  
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel. 12  
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Barrel Proof. 13  
Jack Daniel's 150 Anniversary. 25

## The Spirits

### Absinthe

Copper & King Absinthe Blanche. 11  
Lucid. 16  
St. George Absinthe Verte. 13

### Amari, Aperitif, Digestif

Aperol. 6  
Campari. 7  
Fernet Branca. 6  
St. George Bruto Americano. 5  
Amaro Nonino Quentessentia. 11

### Brandy

Christian Brothers. 5  
Copper & Kings Aged Apple Brandy. 9  
Copper & Kings Butchertown. 12  
Germain-Robin Craft Method. 8

### Gin

Bombay Sapphire. 6  
Bulrush Gin. 7  
Death's Door. 8  
FEW American. 10  
FEW Bourbon Barrel Rested Gin. 11  
Hendricks. 8  
High Wire Hat Trick. 6  
High Wire Bourbon Barrel Hat Trick. 8  
**New Amsterdam. 5\***  
Old Tom Bourbon Barrel Rested Gin. 8  
St. George Botanivore. 8  
St. George Dry Rye. 8  
St. George Terroir. 8  
Tanqueray. 6

### Rum

Bacardi Superior. 5  
Myers Dark Rum. 6

### **Don Q Cristal. 5\***

Daufuski Island Silver. 5  
Papa's Pilar Blonde. 7  
Papa's Pilar Dark. 9  
Wicked Dolphin Coconut. 6

### Tequila

Avion Anejo. 12  
Maestro Dobel Diamante. 13  
Hornitos Anejo. 8  
Hornitos Black Barrel. 6

### **Jose Cuervo Gold Reposado. 5\***

Don Julio Silver. 13  
Heradura Blanco. 11  
Patron Silver. 9  
Sparkle Donkey Silver. 7

### Vodka

**13th Colony Vodka. 5\***  
Absolut. 9  
Deep Eddy. 5  
Grey Goose. 8  
Hangar One. 7  
Ketel one. 7  
Old 4th Distillery. 7  
Tito's Handmade. 5  
Wheatley Vodka. 5  
Fruitland Augusta Peach. 9  
Picker's Blueberry. 5

### **\*House Spirits**

## Beer Town.

### Cans of Beer.

Eventide. **Kölsch**. Kölsch Ale. 5.3% Atlanta, GA. 6  
Jack's Hard Cider. **Original Apple**. 5% Biglerville, PA. 4  
Coastal Empire Beer Co. **Savannah Brown. Brown Ale**. 6.2% Savannah, GA. 5  
Coastal Empire Beer Co. **BBA Savannah Brown. Brown Ale**. 6.2% Savannah, GA. 6  
SweetWater Brewing Co. **Wookie Down. Red Ale**. 7.6% (16 oz) Atlanta, GA. 6  
SweetWater Brewing Co. **Hash Session. Session India Pale Ale**. 4.2% Atlanta, GA. 5  
Honor Brewing Co. **Golden Ale**. 4.9% Chantilly, VA. 4  
Wild Heaven Beer Co. **Emergency Drinking Beer. Pilsner-esque**. 4% Decatur, GA. 6  
Service Brewing Co. **Compass Rose. India Pale Ale**. 6.6% Savannah, GA. 5  
Hi-Wire Brewing Co. **Gose**. 4.2% Asheville, NC. 6  
Hi-Wire Brewing Co. **Hi-Pitch. India Pale Ale**. 6.7% Asheville, NC. 6  
Dogfish Head Brewery. **Flesh & Blood. Blood Orange IPA**. 7.5% Milton, DE. 6  
Cigar City Brewery. **Florida Cracker. Belgian-Style White Ale**. 5.5% Tampa, FL. 6  
Three Taverns Brewery. **Night on Ponce. India Pale Ale**. 7.5% Decatur, GA. 6  
Red Hare Brewing. **SPF 50/50. India Pale Radler**. 4.2% Marietta, GA. 5  
Oskar Blues Brewery. **Dale's Pale Ale. Pale Ale**. 6.5% Brevard, NC. 5  
Orpheus Brewing. **Lyric Ale. Saison**. 6.5% Atlanta, GA. 5  
Southbound Brewing Co. **Scattered Sun. Witbier**. 5.2% Savannah, GA. 5  
Southbound Brewing Co. **Rollin' & Tumblin'. India Pale Ale**. 6% Savannah, GA. 5

Samuel Adams **Boston Lager**. 4.9% Boston, MA. 4  
Corona Extra. **Pale Lager**. 4.5% Mexico City, Mexico. 4  
Budweiser. **Pale Lager**. 5% St. Louis, MS. 4  
Bud Lite. **Pale Lager**. 4.2% (16 oz) St. Louis, MS. 4-5  
Michelob Ultra. **Pale Lager**. 4.2% St. Louis, MS. 4



## Glasses (6 oz) + Bottles of Wine.

### Red

Bar Bera Q. **Barbera**. Italy. 5, 19  
19 Crimes, **Cabernet Sauvignon**. Napa, California. 7, 26  
Borsao, **Granacha**. Spain. 7, 26  
Elsa Bianci, **Malbec**. San Rafeal, Mendoza, Argentina. 9, 34  
Charles Smith The Velvet Devil, **Merlot**. Washington State. 9, 34  
Villa Pozzi, **Nero d'Avola**. Sicily, Italy. 7.5, 28  
Michel Torino, **Pinot Noir**. Calchaqui Valley, Argentina. 8, 30  
Jeff Runquist 1448, **Red Table Wine**. California. 10, 38  
1000 Stories, **Bourbon Barrel-Aged Red Zinfandel**. California. 11, 40

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Viña Zaco, **Tempranillo**. Rioja Alta, Spain. 10, 38

## White

Senda Verde, **Albarino**. Rias Baixas, Spain 9, 34  
Kendall-Jackson Avant, **Chardonnay**. California. 9, 34

Wild Horses, **Chardonnay**.

California. 9, 34

Loimer Lois, **Gruner**

**Veltliner**, Kamptal, Austria. 10, 38

Villa Maria, **Pinot Gris**.

New Zealand. 8, 30

La Marca, **Prosecco**. Italy. 7, 26

J. Lohr Estates Bay Mist, **Riesling**. Monterey County, California. 9, 34

Angel's & Cowboys, **Rose**. California. 11, 40

Les Jamelles, **Sauvignon Blanc**. Vin de Pays d'OC, France. 8,5, 32

Prime Cuts, **White Blend**. South Africa. 5, 19

## Ice Wine

Susana Balbo Virtuoso, **Malbec**. Mendoza, Argentina. 3 oz pour. 13

## Whiskey Flights

### Heavens Hill Distillery Flight

“The Whiskey Spectrum” An exploration of three distinct types of whiskey.

Three 3/4 ounce pours - **\$14**

#### **Bernheim Kentucky Straight Wheat Whiskey**

Aged for 7 years and distilled in small batches, Bernheim Wheat Whiskey is on the lighter end of the whiskey spectrum. Using Winter Wheat as the primary grain in the mash bill helps to deliver aromas of vanilla and honey, flavors of toffee, spices, and soft mint, and a nice, oaky finish with little bite.

#### **Elijah Craig Small Batch Bourbon**

Elijah Craig is a Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey and is selected from batches of 200 or fewer barrels, giving it the “Small Batch” accreditation. It clocks in at 94 proof, and brings with it sweet aromas of vanilla, fresh fruit, and mint, flavors of wood, spice, and smoke, and a slightly toasty finish.

#### **Rittenhouse Rye Bottled-In-Bond**

Produced in the tradition of the old Pennsylvania or “Monongahela” rye, which carries a more fruit forward flavor with nice spiciness. The mash bill, however, only has about 51% rye, just making it into the Rye Whiskey category. Expect a nice fruitiness in the nose and taste, with a heated oaky finish.

### Woodford Reserve Flight

“Introduction of the Players” An exploration of Woodford Reserve.

Three 3/4 ounce pours - **\$17**

#### **Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey: Distillers Select**

Distilled since 1812, Woodford Reserve is now part of the Brown-Forman group. You'll find aromas of vanilla, caramel, and brown sugar, tastes of citrus, cinnamon, and cocoa, with a silky-smooth finish.

#### **Woodford Reserve Double Oaked**

The Distiller's Select is put in a new heavily toasted and lightly charred oak barrel for a second wave of maturation, bringing out extra oak character, dark fruit, vanilla, and spice, with a creamy mouthfeel. The second maturation adds some surprising and very welcome differences.

#### **Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey**

A traditional Kentucky rye. Expect a nice spiciness with black pepper, cloves, and sweet fruits. A long lasting and spicy-sweet finish.

### Jack Daniel's Whiskey Flight

“You Don't Know Jack!” Jack Daniels is way more than just Old No. 7. Five 1/2 ounce pours - **\$25**  
**Gentleman Jack**

Following maturation in new charred oak barrels built by Brown-Forman coopers, a second charcoal filtering takes place, making this the smoothest of the Jack Daniel's family. Expect less oak, but more vanilla and caramel.

#### **Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Black Label**

A so called “Tennessee Whiskey,” since it is made in Tennessee and uses the Lincoln County Process, a process that uses sugar maple charcoal to filter out and mellow the whiskey before maturation. Anticipate incredible smoothness with a balance of sweetness and oak.

#### **Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Select**

This whiskey is pulled from single barrels and brought down to 94 proof. This series really showcases the power of the barrel, and goes in the directly opposite direction of the Gentleman Jack, with a robust character and nice levels of oak.

#### **Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Rye**

What sets this whiskey apart from the rest of the family is the mash bill with 70% rye, 18% corn, and 12% barley, the first new mash bill since 1866. Expect grain forward, heavy fruit, and spiciness in the aroma and flavor, with a nice strong but not overpowering finish.

#### **Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Barrel Proof**

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Bottled anywhere from 120 to 140 proof, this is the first barrel proof release from Jack Daniel's. A unique experience, where barrel proof burn meets charcoal mellowing in a surprisingly smooth and delicious battle.

## American Spirit Whiskey Flight

**“Welcome to Georgia Whiskey”** A Taste of some of the best new whiskey coming from our state.

Three 3/4 ounce pours - **\$14**

### **American Spirit Whiskey**

A popular style of whiskey when barrel aged bourbon was scarce after prohibition, this high rye spirit brings out some tastes of banana, mint, and sweet grain.

### **Fiddler Wheated Bourbon**

Sourced whiskey barrels from other distilleries that are then tweaked at the distillery in Atlanta. This one was finished on GA oak staves in charred oak barrels before bottling. Expect maple, spices, and caramel.

### **Resergens Rye Whiskey**

The first rye whiskey out of Atlanta since prohibition, Resergens is made with 100% rye and harkens to the motto of the city. Rise Up! Expect graham cracker, raisin, and apricot.

## High West Distillery Flight

**“The Best Barrel Blends!”** A Tour of the 2016 Distiller of the Year Award recipient's brilliant offerings. Four 3/4 ounce pours - **\$24**

### **American Prairie Bourbon**

A blend of sourced, straight bourbon whiskies aged 2 to 13 years old. Flavors of candy corn, honey, and sweet corn bread rounded out by slight earthiness. 10% of after tax profits from every bottle sale go to the American Prairie Reserve.

### **Double Rye**

A blend of sourced, straight rye whiskies aged 2 to 16 years old from the Barton Distillery. Herbal and fruity with hints of spices, honey, and herbs. Delicious in an Old Fashioned!

### **Rendezvous Rye**

A blend of sourced, straight rye whiskies aged 5 to 19 years old from the Barton Distillery. Cinnamon, mint, and fennel, with subtle fruitiness, baking spices, and honey. A fantastic sipping whiskey.

### **Campfire**

A blend of sourced, bourbon, rye, and peated scotch whiskies aged 5 to 8 years old. Tastes and aromas of sweet honey, toffee, spice, fruit, and a gentle hint of smoke! Definitely an experience!

## Old Forester Whiskey Flight

**“Whiskey Row, Take Me Home!”** A taste through the Old Forester “Whiskey Row” Series.

Four 3/4 ounce pours - **\$20**

### **Classic 86 Proof**

Old Forester is the only Whiskey to be continually distilled by the same family before, during, and after prohibition. The 86 Proof has tastes of corn and rye, which a hint of spiciness and sweet caramel.

### **1870 Original Batch**

George Garvin Brown created Old Forester in 1870 through a batching process from three different distilleries. The 1870 recreates this by using barrels from three different barrel houses with different age expressions and proofs. Expect baking spices, shortbread, and fruit.

### **1892 Bottled in Bond**

See our glossary for more information about Bottled-in-Bond. At 100 proof, expect a full mouthfeel with sweetness, dark fruit, oak, vanilla, and caramel.

### **1920 Prohibition Style**

Old Forester was granted permission to distil during prohibition. This whiskey is similar to a barrel sample that would have been taken during the first years of prohibition. Clocking in at 115 proof, expect fullness, spice, and deep caramel with a bit of heat and evaporation on the tongue.

## How to Order Your Whiskey

So. We've got some whiskey. But where to start? *How* to start? Here are some bits of advice when it comes to exploring our wall of whiskey:

- 1) Don't feel intimidated! You don't have to try it all tonight. Heck. Please don't! That'd be dangerous. And expensive...
- 2) If you're a beginner, start simple. Our House Bourbon Whiskey is Four Roses Yellow Label. A fantastic way to begin your Whiskey Adventure! Some others that are just as great are Old Forester 86, Maker's Mark, and Jim Beam. If you're a little more advanced, try a Rye Whiskey, like High West Double Rye or 13<sup>th</sup> Colony Rye.
- 3) Try it on the rocks (we've got some big cubes so they don't dilute too much!). Or try a splash of water. This can help cut some of the “heat” or alcohol burn. The splash of water also helps to open up the whiskey, so you can unlock new aromas. Score! You'll also find out whether or not the whiskey was chill filtered.
- 4) Rocks not your style? Try it neat! That is, just an ounce and a half in one of our whiskey glasses. They're designed to help collect the aromas and bring them straight to you! Contrary to popular belief, you don't want to sniff right up close.

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Let the whiskey breathe! Swirl and waft with your hand a bit in an upward motion towards your nose. You'll look silly, but it's totally worth it.

- 5) First sip. Keep it simple and small. You want to just get a little bit so it opens up in your mouth, getting it acclimated to the intensity. Some burn...but doesn't it feel good?
- 6) Second Sip. Get a little more. Now your palate is ready for something special! You'll feel that burn, but you'll also start to get some delicious flavors, like vanilla, brown sugar, honey, sweet tea, and some baking spices.
- 7) Relax, sit, and enjoy! Don't shoot it down (unless you really want to). Make friends with your whiskey. Learn it's nuances. The more you sit with it, the more it changes!
- 8) Come back tomorrow and try something new. Our list will be ever changing (and growing!). Try something a little more intense like a Blanton's, Bookers, Or Jefferson's Ocean Cask Voyage Seven, all of which are barrel proof and come with quite a kick!

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## Glossary of Whisk(e)y Terms

**Alcohol by Volume:** The amount of ethanol ( $C_2H_5OH$ , beverage alcohol) present in a unit of fermented liquid. This is represented by both a percentage (e.g. 50%) and a proof (e.g. 100) which is double the percent present. Therefore, if you have a cup of Jim Beam Bourbon Whiskey, and the Alcohol by Volume is 50%, that means that 50% of that cup is ethanol!

**Barrel Proof (Cask Strength):** The alcohol by volume that is present immediately after a barrel of whiskey has been emptied. While the whiskey ages in the barrel, the temperatures cause the oak staves to expand and contract, pulling in and pushing out the whiskey. This is one way whiskey gets its beauty. Sadly, some of it evaporates too (we call that the “Angel’s Share.”). You can imagine that the longer a whiskey ages, the more of it is going to evaporate, leaving a higher concentration of alcohol behind. Cask Strength can fall anywhere, but is typically between 110 proof (57.5% alcohol by volume) and 130 proof (65% alcohol by volume). It can get even higher though!

**Bourbon Whiskey:** A distilled spirit that must be made in the United States, consist of at least 51% corn, rest in new, charred oak barrels, be distilled to no more than 160 proof (80% alcohol by volume), entered into the barrel at no more than 125 proof (62.5% alcohol by volume), and be bottled at no less than 80 proof (40% alcohol by volume). Expect more sweetness from the high amount of corn in the mash bill along with a fuller body.

**Bottled in Bond or Bonded:** Created for quality control purposes with the Bottled in Bond Act of 1897, Bottled-in-Bond refers to a strict set of standards many bourbon whiskeys had to go through which included being distilled in America, aging for at least four years in new charred oak barrels in a federally bonded warehouse, bottled at 100 proof (50% alcohol by volume), be from one distillation season (and one distiller), and say which distillery it was distilled and bottled.

**Chill Filtration:** If you ever add water or ice to a whiskey and it stays perfectly clear, chances are, it has been chill filtered. There are fatty acids that are present in whiskey after it is made that congeal when cold. Chill filtration extracts these acids (and, sadly, a little flavor too), so that when chilled, the whiskey remains crystal clear!

**Corn Whiskey:** Contains at least 80% corn in the mash bill.

**Dram:** Historically, a dram was about 1/16 of an ounce. Really not that much. Now-a-days, a dram is pretty much whatever you want it to be. Here at BowTie Barbecue Co., a dram is 1.5 ounces. Cheers!

**Mash Bill:** The mash bill is the mix of grains used to create the liquid that will be distilled into whiskey. Hot water is added to a collection of grains whose composition is dependent upon the desired end result (Bourbon Whiskey, Rye Whiskey, Corn Whiskey, etc.). For instance, Four Roses Distillery has two different mash bills they use: 75% Corn, 20% Rye, and 5% Malted Barley, and 60% Corn, 35% Rye, and 5% Malted Barley.

**New, Charred Oak Barrels:** It is necessary for any bourbon to be aged in new, charred oak barrels. The main type of oak used in American distilleries is *Quercus alba* or “White Oak.” These can be found all over the United States. The trees are cut down, turned into staves and then seasoned. After seasoning, they are assembled into their barrel form by a cooper (Cool story: Cooper’s Craft, a bourbon dedicated to the coopers of Brown-Forman, was just released this summer. Check it out!), and then charred.

There are four different levels of char commonly used by distilleries: No. 1 Char is 15 seconds of flame. No. 2 Char is 30 seconds. No. 3 Char (most common) is 35 seconds. No. 4 Char is 55 second (known as “alligator char” as it causes the inside of the barrel to resemble alligator skin).

For all the science folks out there, wood is full of several compounds: hemicellulose, lignin, tannins, and oak lactones. When the hemicellulose is exposed to heat, (around 284 degrees) it breaks down into wood sugars and is caramelized. This helps give barrel rested whiskey (and gin!) some delightful flavors (brown sugar, caramel, and coffee) as well as beautiful color. The lignin is responsible for the vanilla flavors and spices. The longer the char, the more the spices and smoke come out. Oak used for bourbon barrels is seasoned and allowed to dry out, which helps to element some of the harsh tannins that can cause off flavors. The higher the char, the less likely those tannins will appear. Finally, the oak lactones contribute the woodiness that is imparted to the whiskey while it ages. The longer the char, the less likely these flavor and aromas will be present.

So as you can see, the charring process of the barrel has a lot to do with how the whiskey matures. Every little tweak can make a big difference down the road. Some coopers are even toasting the oak staves before charring. Who knew there was so much to learn about wood?

**Proof:** The proof of a spirit is defined as the Alcohol By Volume x two. This goes back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when alcohol was taxed on the amount of, well, alcohol in it! Its use now is mainly historical, and most countries rely entirely upon the Alcohol by Volume.

**Proofing:** The process of correcting the alcohol by volume in a distilled spirit by adding distilled water. Breckenridge Distillery, for instance, uses distilled snow melt to get their proof exactly where they want it!

**Rye Whiskey:** A whiskey which must be distilled from a mash bill containing at least 51% rye. The rye grain usually imparts a spicier and fruitier flavor, a little less body, and more of a drier finish.

**Straight Bourbon Whiskey:** Must meet all the same requirements of a Bourbon Whiskey as well as be aged for at least 2 years in the new charred oak barrels.

**Wheated Bourbon Whiskey:** Contains a higher amount of wheat in the mash bill that lends a velvetiness to the mouthfeel and a little more sweetness. Maker’s Mark and Weller 12 Year are two excellent examples.

**Wheat Whiskey:** A whiskey which must be distilled from a mash bill of at least 51% wheat. A higher percentage of wheat lends a softer flavor with vanilla, toffee, and honey. Bernheim Straight Kentucky Whiskey was one of the first!