



## Object of the Newsletter

*To promote the appreciation of fine Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I am merely expressing my opinion on the whiskies I am tasting, as you know, everybody has one.*

I now look at Basil Hayden Kentucky straight Bourbon, made at the Jim Beam Distillery (owned by Beam Suntory). Made with a mash bill of 77% Corn, 13% Rye and 10% Barley and coming in at 40% proof, which is the only fault I can find. I think it would have benefited from being bottled at 43% or even a little higher. I can't tell you how old it is as this one doesn't come with an age statement. This is a lightly flavored whiskey and is easy to drink and would be a good introduction if you are thinking of getting into Bourbon. Would I buy it? Yes, I have and the price is right, and as I said if you are looking to venture into Bourbon, this would be a good place to start.

You can buy Basil Hayden Kentucky straight Bourbon for around \$35.00 a bottle.

### Tasting Notes

**Nose** - Peach & ripe berries.

**Palate** - Sweet peaches & vanilla.

**Finish** - Oak & light sweet summer berries.

*"Slainte Mhath"*

*Paul Bissett*





## American Whiskey

The art of distilling and making whiskey was exported to the Colonies from the British Isles even as the American colonies themselves were growing. Here the spirit of independence and rebellion marked the departure of American whiskeys from their British cousins in both technique and taste. In the late 18th Century, American farmers who distilled whiskey rose up against the federal government in the new nation's first large-scale protest, the Whiskey Rebellion. They opposed the levying of a tax on spirits merely to raise revenues (although it was purportedly intended to curb excessive drinking). In 1794, President George Washington marched into western Pennsylvania leading an army of 13,000 to quell the rebellion, a move that many Americans saw as an unnecessary show of force. In the end, two people were convicted of treason, but later pardoned by President Washington.

In the beginning, Americans made use of a native crop corn in the production of their brews. If you had offered one of the cask-aged blends of the modern American whiskey to an 18th century home-distiller, he'd have had difficulty recognizing it as his favorite drink. On the other hand, if you offered him some Russian vodka, his face would break into a smile of recognition. As well it should, since rye distillation developed in Russia and even though other grains were available, the rye imported by the Eastern Europeans to the New World was the grain of choice. Ironically, three hundred years later, many Irish and Scotch distillers are also using rye as a grain of choice.

### Bourbon and Rye Whiskey

Two of the major American blends are bourbon and rye. The principal difference between the two is that rye is made almost exclusively from rye grain while bourbon is made from three grains but never combinations of wheat and rye. Use one or use the other; that is the tradition. While most of the bourbon comes from Kentucky, it's not one of the requirements to be labeled a bourbon.

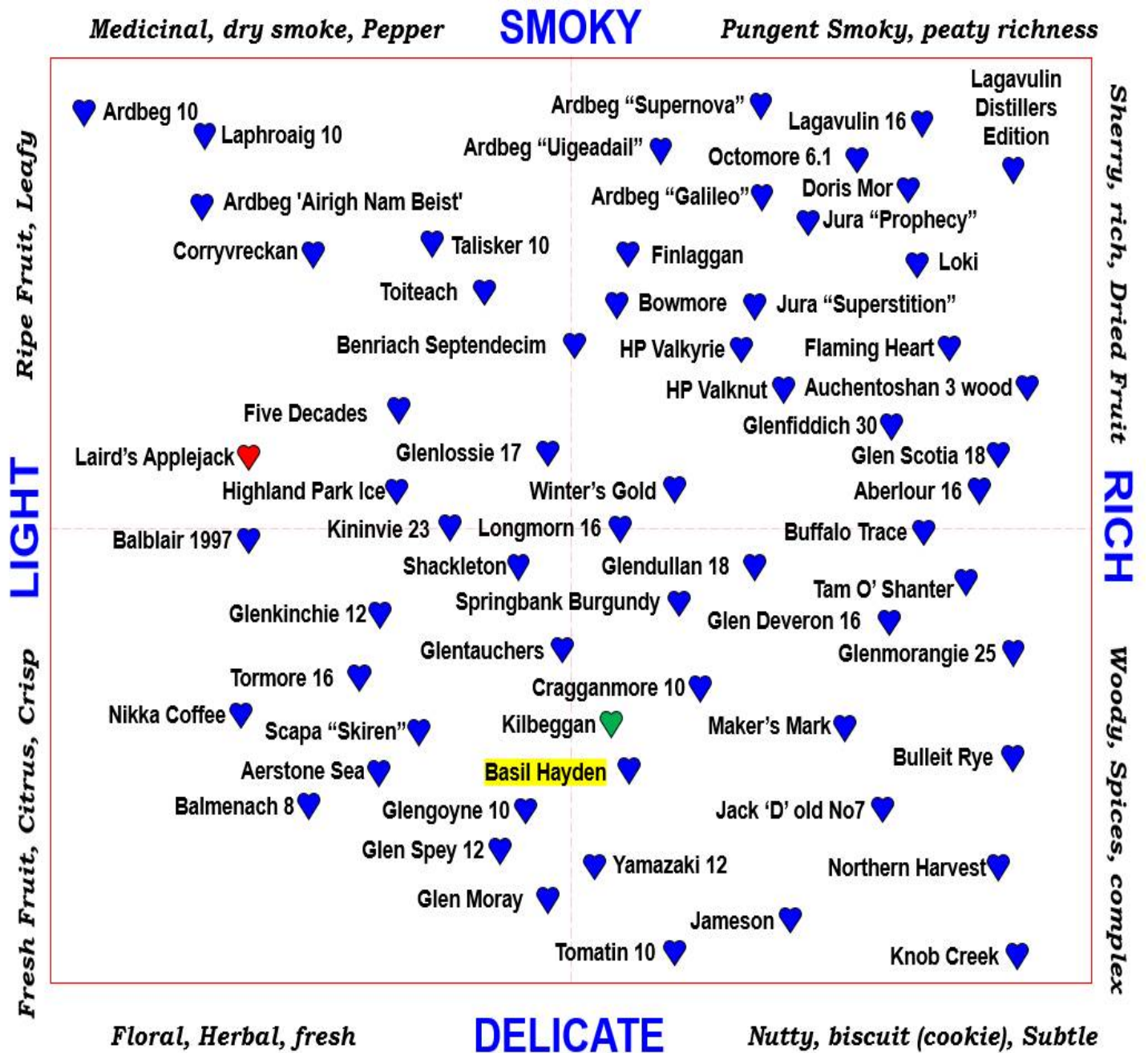
### Tennessee Whiskey

The other major American whiskey type is the distinctive Tennessee whiskey (which must be made in Tennessee). While Tennessee whiskey is very similar to bourbon, the Tennessee whiskey must undergo the "Lincoln County Process," which requires the whiskey to be filtered through approximately 10 feet of maple charcoal. This process takes about ten days and gives the whiskey a unique flavor and aroma. It also tends to mellow the whiskey.

Two major distillers represent this class: Jack Daniels and George Dickel. Both of these distillers use a process called "sour mash." The yeast from previous batches of fermented mash is used in the new batch much like the way sourdough bread is made, hence the name sour mash. The corn, barely, and rye mixtures of these sour mash products give them a unique flavor.



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. This Issue; [Basil Hayden Kentucky straight Bourbon](#). For more information on [Basel Hayden](#) whiskies go to [www.basilhaydenbourbon.com](http://www.basilhaydenbourbon.com)





## Distilleries by Country

### America

**1773** - Burkes Distillery (now Maker's Mark), established in Loretto, Kentucky. Recognized in Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest bourbon Distillery in world.  
[www.makersmark.com](http://www.makersmark.com)

**1773** - Buffalo Trace Distillery, established in Frankfort, Kentucky.  
<https://buffalotraceDistillery.com>

**1783** - Evan Williams Distillery, established in Louisville, Kentucky.  
<https://evanwilliams.com>

**1795** - Jim Beam Distillery, established in Clermont, Kentucky.  
[www.jimbeam.com](http://www.jimbeam.com)

**1797** - George Washington's Mount Vernon Distillery, established in Mount Vernon, Virginia. Burned down in 1814 and reopened in 2007.  
[www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

**1838** - Woodford Reserve Distillery, established in Versailles, Kentucky.  
[www.woodfordreserve.com](http://www.woodfordreserve.com)

**1847** - MGP Distillery, established in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.  
[www.mgpingredients.com](http://www.mgpingredients.com)

**1864** - Jack Daniel Distillery, established in Lynchburg, Tennessee.  
[www.jackdaniels.com](http://www.jackdaniels.com)

**1877** - George Dickel Distillery, established in Tullahoma, Tennessee.  
[www.georgedickel.com](http://www.georgedickel.com)

**1879** - Barton 1792 Distillery, established in Bardstown, Kentucky.  
[www.1792bourbon.com](http://www.1792bourbon.com)

**1884** - Old Prentice Distillery, established in Frankfort, Kentucky.  
<https://fourrosesbourbon.com>



**1885** - Maker's Mark Distillery, established in Loretto, Kentucky.

[www.makersmark.com](http://www.makersmark.com)

**1909** - Sagamore Spirit Distillery, established Baltimore, Maryland.

<https://sagamorespirit.com>

**1910** - Four Roses Distillery, established in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

<https://fourrosesbourbon.com>

**1935** - A Smith Bowman Distillery, established in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

<https://asmithbowman.com>

**1935** - Heaven Hill Distillery, established in Bardstown, Kentucky.

[www.heavenhill.com](http://www.heavenhill.com)

**1935** - Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey Distillery, established in Bardstown, Kentucky.

[www.kentuckybourbonwhiskey.com](http://www.kentuckybourbonwhiskey.com)

**1935** - Willett Distillery, established in Frankfort Kentucky.

[www.kentuckybourbonwhiskey.com](http://www.kentuckybourbonwhiskey.com)

**1940** - Old Rip Van Winkle Distillery, established in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

[www.oldripvanwinkle.com](http://www.oldripvanwinkle.com)

**1940** - Wild Turkey Distillery, established in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

<https://wildturkeybourbon.com>

**1982** - St. George Distillery, established in San Francisco, California.

[www.stgeorgespirits.com](http://www.stgeorgespirits.com)

**1989** - Spirit Lab Distilling, established in Charlottesville, Virginia.

<https://spiritlabdistilling.com>

**1993** - Anchor Distilling, established in San Francisco, California.

[www.hotalingandco.com](http://www.hotalingandco.com)

**1994** - Top of the Hill Distillery, established in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

[www.southerngracedistilleries.com](http://www.southerngracedistilleries.com)



**1996** - Bend Distillery, established in Bend, Oregon.  
[www.benddistillery.com](http://www.benddistillery.com)

**1997** - Ransom Spirits Distillery, established in Sheridan, Oregon.  
[www.ransomsprits.com](http://www.ransomsprits.com)

**1999** - Leopold Bros. Distillery, established in Denver, Colorado.  
[www.leopoldbros.com](http://www.leopoldbros.com)

**1999** - Lexington Brewing & Distilling Co., established in Lexington, Kentucky.  
[www.lexingtonbrewingco.com](http://www.lexingtonbrewingco.com)

**1999** - Newport Distillery, established in Newport, Rhode Island.  
<https://newportcraft.com>

**1999** - Vermont Spirits Distillery, established in Quechee, Vermont.  
<https://vermontspirits.com>

**1999** - Woodstone Creek Distillery, established in Cincinnati, Ohio.  
[www.woodstonecreek.com](http://www.woodstonecreek.com)

**2000** - McClintock Distillery, established in Frederick, Maryland.  
[www.mcclintockdistilling.com](http://www.mcclintockdistilling.com)

**2000** - Triple Eight Distillery, established in Nantucket, Massachusetts.  
<https://ciscobrewers.com>

The previous pages list American Whiskey distilleries from 1773 to 2000, but many more (too many to list) have been founded since 2000. These are an extract from my book "Whisk(e)y Timeline" that lists every Whisk(e)y distillery in the world. All of my books are available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), just type my name in and they will appear.