THE THELEN RESERVE



TYPES OF Bourbon



Label terms, barrel finishes and tasting notes



STRAIGHT BOURBON
Aged at least two years in new, charred oak barrels. No added color or flavor.



SMALL BATCH
The maker blends selected barrels. Batch size varies by producer.



WHEATED BOURBON
Wheat takes rye's usual place beside corn and can lend a softer flavor.



HIGH-RYE BOURBON
More rye in the corn-based recipe can give the whiskey a peppery bite.



BARREL PROOF
If a barrel yields 120 proof, 118 is the lowest bottling proof for this label.



CASK STRENGTH
Another name for barrel proof. The strength can vary from one barrel or batch to the next.



SINGLE BARREL
Bottled from one barrel. Its flavor can differ from the next barrel's.



BOTTLED-IN-BOND
One distiller, one distillery, one distilling season. At least four years old. Bottled at 100 proof.



DOUBLE OAK
A second oak barrel can deepen the flavors of toast, caramel and vanilla.



FINISHED BOURBON
The whiskey rests in a second cask, such as one that once held port wine.



MAPLE FINISH
A barrel that once held maple syrup can lend a gentle maple sweetness.



CHERRY FINISH
Cherry can be a tasting note. Some makers also finish the whiskey with cherrywood.



HONEY FINISH
A barrel that once held honey can lend the whiskey a floral, honeyed finish.



COFFEE FINISH
A cask that held coffee beans can leave a roasted, espresso-like note.



CHOCOLATE FINISH
A cocoa note can linger after a sip, even when no chocolate was added.



CITRUS FINISH
Think orange peel or lemon zest when a bright citrus aroma lingers after a sip.



SPICED BOURBON
Cinnamon and clove can be tasting notes. Added spices make a flavored drink.



SMOKED BOURBON
Smoke can start with the grain. Peat-smoked malt can give bourbon a smoky aroma.



APPLE FINISH
A former apple brandy barrel can lend notes of orchard fruit to the whiskey.



BACON FINISH
Bacon fat-washing gives a bourbon cocktail a smoky, savory finish.

A barrel finish is where whiskey rests next. A tasting finish is what lingers after a sip.

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