

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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