

TASTING METHOD

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN SINGLE MALT?

It must be made solely in the US.

The mash bill (recipe) must consist of at least 51 percent malted barley, though most distillers use 100 percent barley.

It must be produced and aged entirely by one distillery,

It must be aged in *new* charred oak barrels, just like bourbon, rye and the like, but unlike Scotch, which largely relies on pre-used bourbon barrels in a strange symbiosis with American whiskey. * no time limit though means it could visit new oak and immediately go on to older / flavoring casks & maybe unenforceable

Scotch has a minimum age of three years. Bourbon tends to be at least two. American Single Malt can be as young as distillers like.

It follows other American guidelines for maximum strength entering the barrel (62.5 percent alcohol) and minimum strength entering the bottle (40 percent alcohol).

RHETORIC 22 YR 45.2%
Tullahoma, KY

Tastes of toasted oak, dark chocolate with ripe banana and baking spices of clove and anise. The finish is long and woody ending with dark chocolate notes.

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Using this method you could look for three distinct sets of flavors or tastes in whisky

1st AROMA / NOSE

* Breathe over your glass with mouth & nose open to allow as much air as possible to reach your olfactory nerves! Swallow the air, and then slowly exhale and let your mind wander while deciding on the flavors you taste.

2nd PALETTE / TASTE

* Take a sip to your mouth, swirl & “chew” the spirit as you coat the inside surfaces of your mouth, again breathe through, swallow and exhale, again decide on tastes, flavors & textures.

3rd DILUTE & RE-TASTE

* Take the straw in your water glass and put your finger over the top, transport the water to your whiskey glass and drop in. The addition of a drop of water is known as “cracking” the spirit. This allows molecular bonds to break, freeing up a new range of aromas & flavors to be tasted and noted!

Remember that there can be a difference between Tasting & Drinking with friends. When you have an opportunity to try a new spirit, brand or label, try these steps. When drinking a “jack & coke” at happy hour its not as needed...

AMERICAN WHISKIES



Every Bourbon is an American Whiskey

HOWEVER!

Not Every American Whiskey is a Bourbon!

TRINITY HALL IRISH PUB

*Dallas' Whiskey Pub
Over 300+ Whiskies available
on the good days, sometimes
fewer after the weekend, with
best selection on delivery days!*

ALIBI WHISKEY 45%
Auburndale, FL

Alibi is a blended whiskey that does not require elaborate tasting notes a heavy char and molasses on the nose, with a bit of vanilla, prominent corn taste on the palette, and nutty flavors as well.

Distiller's notes

KNOB CREEK RYE 50.0%
Celrmont, KY

Color is gold to light amber
Expansive aromas of herbs,& rye
Bold rye spiceiness with undertones of vanilla & oak
Warm and smooth with spice through-out!

Distiller's Website

LARCENY BOURBON 46.0%
Fitzgerald Distillery, KY

Larceny is a smooth, small batch, sipping bourbon that uses wheat as the secondary grain rather than the more conventional choice of rye.
Color: Bright new copper
Aroma: Fresh bread and toffee, with a note of butterscotch
Taste: Buttery caramel and honeyed notes, with a rich mouthfeel

BERNHEIM WHEAT 43.0 %
Bardstown, KY

Aged 7 Years

Color is a brilliant copper
Aroma mildly sweet with hints of vanilla and honey Taste hints of toffee, berries, & spice with fresh mint
Finish is soft toasted oak, elegant and warm

Distiller's notes

WIDOW JANE RYE 45.5%
Brooklyn, NY

Aroma: Cardamom, rum raisin, tropical pineapple, orange peel, sugar cane
Front: Vanilla, clover, orange peel, maple and brown sugar
Mid: Smoked maple, almond, apricot
Finish: Tannic but even, white pepper, basswood

Distiller website

WIDOW JANE BOURBON 45.5%
Brooklyn, NY

This 10 year whiskey is aged to perfection. It drinks like a 20 year bourbon with its deep cherry notes, light tannic finish.

Aroma: Butter, Cream, Toffee
Front: Cherry Wood, Olive Oil
Mid: Oranges
Finish: Burnt Orange and Spice
After Glow: Light tannic fuzz

Distiller's website
