

1. Pappy Van Winkle Collection

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 23 Year

This is the crown jewel — ultra-aged and extremely rare, known for its deep oakiness, heavy caramel, and leathery richness. Bottled at 95.6 proof, it remains the ultimate trophy bottle for any bourbon lovers' shelf.

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 Year

Many bourbon lovers consider the 20 Year the sweet *spot* for both age and drinkability. It's bottled at a gentler 90.4 proof and brings a rich, velvety character that showcases classic wheated bourbon sweetness, balanced with deep wood and vanilla.

Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 15 Year

Often called the best *drinker* of the Pappy line, the 15 Year comes in hotter at 107 proof, giving it boldness while keeping the luscious wheated softness. It's a favorite among serious bourbon fans for having the richest flavor intensity without being overwhelmed by oak.

Van Winkle Family Reserve Rye 13 Year

One of the rarest bottlings, the 13-year-old rye is a cult classic, prized for its mellow spice and layered complexity. Bottled at 95.6 proof, it offers a softer, older-school rye character compared to the sharper ryes of today — a glimpse into how Kentucky rye used to taste before the modern revival.

Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 Year "Lot B"

Elegant and easy-drinking, "Lot B" offers a beautiful balance of soft caramel, gentle oak, and mellow sweetness. Bottled at 90.4 proof, it's celebrated for its smooth, approachable profile while still carrying the signature richness that defines the Van Winkle legacy.

Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year

This is the bold, youthful cousin of the line — a 10-year wheated bourbon that brings plenty of punch and a little more edge. Bottled at 107 proof, it still has the DNA of the older Pappy's, but with brighter caramel, baking spice, and a less smoothed-over feel, perfect for those who like their bourbon lively.

2. Weller Full Proof

From Buffalo Trace Distillery:

William Larue Weller developed his original bourbon recipe with wheat, rather than rye. Bottled at the same 114 proof the spirit was when it entered the barrel, this non-chill filtered wheated bourbon forgoes chill filtration to preserve all the naturally occurring residual oils and flavors that occur during the distillation and aging process. A hard-to-find bottle to enjoy alone or with friends!

3. Stagg KY Straight Bourbon

Another hard-to-acquire, sought-after bourbon from Buffalo Trace.

From the Distiller:

George T. Stagg built the most dominant American distillery of the 19th century, during a time known as the Gilded Age of Bourbon. Uncut and unfiltered, this robust bourbon whiskey ages for nearly a decade and boasts the bold character that is reminiscent of the man himself.

4. Blanton's Original Single Barrel

Perhaps the most recognizable bottle of bourbon from the Bluegrass!

From the distiller:

Taken from the center-cut or middle sections of the famous Warehouse H, Blanton's Original Single Barrel was once designated for ambassadors, dignitaries, and Colonel Blanton's family and friends. Today, everyone has access to the world's first single barrel bourbon. Best served neat or on the rocks.

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6. TKC Single Barrel Straight Bourbon, signed by Wes Henderson

Owner of The Kentucky Castle, co-founder of Angel's Envy Wes Henderson's 2025 limited release of the exclusive TKC Single Barrel Straight 9 Year Bourbon, Barrel 2.

7. Woodford Reserve Master's Collection Batch 121.2 Proof

From the distiller:

Batch Proof is a celebration of Woodford Reserve's proprietary process – blending barrels into a batch and then bottling the whiskey at its actual proof, straight from the barrel. Batch Proof is crafted using the same grain bill and process as Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon. The 2024 edition is 121.2 Proof. Batch Proof, however, takes Woodford Reserve's trademark flavor range of sweet vanilla and toasted oak to a whole new level offering consumers the privilege of tasting Woodford Reserve in its purest form (not the standard 90.4 for which Woodford is known).

8. True Story Finished Bourbon and True Story Rye, signed by founder Wes Henderson

From the distiller:

True Story Bourbon: *The bourbon matures slowly in oak casks previously used for white moscatel fortified wine, imparting True Story with a distinctive character featuring sweet pomegranate flavors balanced by delicate floral notes and subtle oak undertones. 90 proof.*

True Story Rye: *This blend of straight rye whiskeys matures in both Amburana and sherry casks. The Brazilian Amburana hardwood instills hints of cinnamon, while the sherry-infused oak adds notes of raisin for a balanced sweet-and-spicy flavor. 100 proof.*

9. Knob Creek 12 Year and McAfee's Benchmark No 8

From reviewer Jacob Grier on **Knob Creek 12 Year:**

The twelve year version is a rounder, richer bottling of Knob Creek 9, though still with a distinctive kick and spice notes. It's a welcome addition to the line, and great for sipping.

McAfee's Benchmark No 8 is distilled by Buffalo Trace. Another great for sipping bourbon, aged at least 36 months. This is BT's mash bill #1 (the same low rye mash bill as Buffalo Trace, Colonel Taylor, Stag, and Eagle Rare, and Old Charter).

10. A signed bottle of Kentucky Wildcask Bourbon, and private tour of the James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits at the University of Kentucky

This bottle is from the first batch of **Kentucky Wildcask Bourbon**, distilled by the students at the Beam Institute! Private tour for up to eight guests at the James B Beam Institute on the University of Kentucky campus.

About the Distiller:

Established through a generous, \$5 million gift from Suntory Global Spirits in 2019, the James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits at the University of Kentucky is the bourbon industry's research and development vehicle. The Beam Institute offers multidisciplinary research strengths to ensure sustained competitiveness of Kentucky's spirits industry and its supply chain. A further commitment is to develop the state's workforce and provide opportunities for economic growth via process efficiency and outreach. In creating exceptional teaching, research and outreach programs, the Beam Institute is a leader for Kentucky's spirits industry from farm to product.

11. A Rare Bourbon Tasting from Justin's House of Bourbon

Tasting includes Pappy! - at Justin's House of Bourbon in Lexington or Louisville!