

Bottle #1

Four Roses



Producer: **4 Roses**

Location: **Lawrenceburg, Kentucky**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Sweet & creamy aroma
- Marmalade / citrus zest
- Honey
- Cinnamon
- Oak and spice on the finish

The Geeky Stuff

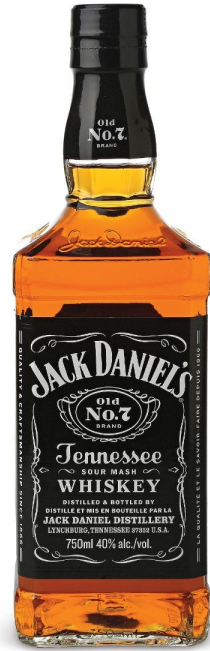
Four Roses produces 10 different Bourbons using 2 different mash recipes and 5 different yeast strains. Their standard bourbon which we are tasting today is a blend of those bourbons. This is Kentucky Straight Bourbon: the fermented mash from which it is produced is at least 51% corn; it cannot be distilled higher than 80% ABV; it is aged in charred virgin american oak barrels for at least 2 years at an ABV not exceeding 62.5% .

Fun Fact

The Four Roses distillery was originally built in 1910 with Spanish Mission style architecture and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bottle #2

Jack Daniel's



Producer: **Jack Daniels**

Location: **Lynchburg, Tennessee**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Light and sweet
- Subtle dry spice and nuttyness
- Banana
- Cereal
- Toasted Oak

The Geeky Stuff

Jack Daniel's uses a mash bill of 80% corn, 12% rye and 8% malted barley. The spirit is filtered through 10 feet of sugar maple charcoal in what's known as the Lincoln County process. This form of filtration is what makes Tennessee Whiskey its own unique category.

Fun Fact

Jack Daniel's home county of Moore is a "dry" county so you can't purchase this whiskey at any restaurants or stores there!

Bottle #3

Canadian Club 100% Rye



Producer: **Beam Suntory**

Location: **Ontario**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Vanilla & toffee
- Clove
- Pepper
- Jammy fruits
- Toasted cereal
- Warm oak

The Geeky Stuff

Aged in three different barrels: new American White Oak, ex-bourbon, and ex-Canadian whisky. The blend of whisky from both new and refilled barrels gives Canadian Club 100% Rye a profile that balances the oak aging attributes (such as vanilla) with a more grain-forward profile (cereal notes).

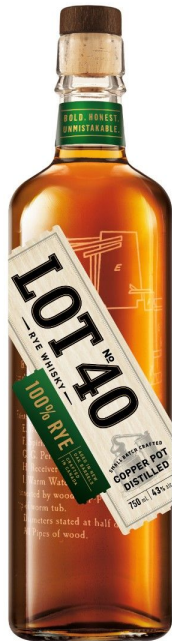
Fun Fact

Although this bottling is distilled from 100% rye, Canadian “Rye” doesn’t actually legally require a minimum percentage of rye grain, unlike American Rye, which requires the use of at least 51% rye grain.

Bottle #4

Lot No. 40

Rye Whisky



Producer: **Hiram Walker & Sons**

Location **Ontario, Canada**

ABV: **43%**

Tasting Notes

- Earthy Spice
- Caramel
- Fig
- Orange peel
- Cardamom
- Lingering rye spice

The Geeky Stuff

This 100% Rye whisky is produced using a continuous copper pot still (a hybrid of copper pot and column still), before being aged in new oak barrels. This method of distillation allows Lot 40 to capture the full dynamic range of the rye grain, with spicy, fruity, and herbaceous notes.

Fun Fact

Lot no. 40 refers to the lot where the original distiller Joshua Booth's farm was built. The whisky was resurrected by a Booth family descendent in the 1990's.

Bottle #5

Writer's Tears



Producer: **Writers Tears Whiskey Company**

Location: **Ireland**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Honey
- Citrus peel
- Vanilla
- Green apple skin

The Geeky Stuff

Writer's Tears is a copper pot Irish Whiskey produced at an undisclosed distillery. Aged in ex-bourbon casks, it is a blend of single pot still and triple distilled Whiskeys. This light whiskey is a good introduction into the category of Irish Whiskey.

Fun Fact

Writers tears was one of Ian Buxtons '101 Whiskeys to try before you die'

Bottle #6

Te Bheag



Producer **Praban, Na Linne**

Location: **Scotland**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Peat
- Coffee
- Saline/Brine
- Caramel
- Spice

The Geeky Stuff

A blended scotch whisky from the Isle of Skye. It is a safe guess that one of the peated malt whiskies in this blend would be Talisker, as it is also produced on the Isle of Skye. Te Bheag includes various malts between 5 - 11 years of age, some of which have been matured in ex-Sherry casks.

Fun Fact

It's pronounced 'chey veck' not 'tea bag' and is the colloquial expression in Gaelic for a 'wee dram'

Bottle #7

Johnnie Walker Black Label



Producer: **Johnnie Walker & Sons**

Location: **Scotland**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Spice
- Treacle
- Cereal
- Creamy toffee
- Long fruity finish

The Geeky Stuff

Johnnie Walker Black label is a 12yr old blended whisky containing 30-40 different malts. Blended Scotch Whisky is one of 5 categories of Scotch Whisky (the others being Single Malt, Single Grain, Blended Malt and Blended Grain), produced by blending malt whiskies and grain whiskies. Johnnie Walker Black label is one of the most recognizable bottles of whisky in the world, with its roots tracing back to at least 1909.

Fun Fact

It is claimed - but not proven - that 6 bottles of Johnnie Walker spirits are sold every second.

Bottle #8

Toki



Producer: **Beam Suntory**

Location: **Japan**

ABV: **43%**

Tasting Notes

- Orchard fruit
- Thyme
- Honey
- Green Apple
- Citrus especially grapefruit

The Geeky Stuff

A blended whisky from Suntory's 3 distilleries Yamazaki, Hakushu and Chita. Toki differs from Suntory's other famous blend Hibiki as it's mainly Hakushu single malt and Chita grain whiskey. Japanese whisky is often believed to be a master demonstration of blending whiskies.

Fun Fact

Toki means 'time' in Japanese.