

Mart's Bourbons

Angel's Envy Bourbon Finished in Port Wine Barrels (86 proof)

Caramel, raisins, maple syrup and a hint of red wine is found on the nose. The finish brings more raisins with a bit of heat and sweetness.

Balcones Texas Pot Still Bourbon (92 proof)

Honey, sweet cream, candied pecans, sandalwood and leather with some heat.

Basil Hayden (80 proof)

Light vanilla, new wood, and peaches mingle together and form the entirety of the palate. The 80 proof makes this incredibly easy to sip, a good summertime bourbon.

Bib & Tucker (92 proof)

An oakey base, the palate has some hints of cinnamon and liquorice stands out the most. Some rye spice rounds out the palate. Overall the bourbon has a young feel to it with some heat.

Booker's (121 - 131 proof)

Quick upfront hit of the sugars from the wood, along with hints of vanilla and raisin. Right after that initial taste, instantly warmed, the heat of the bourbon quickly encompassing every corner. This then morphed into the taste of aged wood and light leather.

Buffalo Trace (90 proof)

Sweet and mellow with notes of brown sugar, vanilla, and toffee. The palate might be too sweet for some, but probably very enjoyable for most. Light amounts of oak and rye spice round out the palate.

Breaker Wheated Bourbon (90 proof)

Subtle char smoke and barrel spices, dark fruit, maple, vanilla. The whiskey is soft and moderately full, ends with a slightly dry finish. *

Eagle Rare 10 Year (90 proof)

Its complexity starts with fruit flavors of dark cherries, red apples, caramel and hints of cinnamon, clove and allspice.

Four Roses Single Barrel (100 proof)

Flavor Burst. Upfront heavy dose of rye spice immediately followed by honey, peaches, and subtle hints of brown sugar and light oak. Truly a delicious tasting bourbon.

Four Roses Small Batch Select (104 proof)

The sip starts with a very prominent yet enjoyable blend of spices. Layers of heavy summer fruits blend nicely with a bold peppery blend which are joined by oak and vanilla. Even with all of the spice, the sip delivers a creamy mouthfeel. Overall it's delicious and easy to appreciate.

Henry McKenna 10 Year Bottled in Bond (100 proof)

Classic bourbon flavors of caramel, toffee and vanilla, a sweet bourbon, then the rye kicks in with hints of menthol, wood spices, citrus.

Knob Creek 120 Small Batch (120 proof)

Very rich and creamy sweetness. You'll definitely notice the 120 proof, but you'll focus more on the great flavor. The palate consists of citrus, vanilla, maple syrup and brown sugar.

Knob Creek 12 Year (100 proof)

Rich oak combined with a hint of leather pops right away. Searching deeper are sweeter touches of vanilla and marshmallow along with a sprinkling of white pepper.

Knob Creek Twice Barreled Rye (100 proof)

Rye spice, vanilla, and smoky oak quickly appear with white pepper and light anise hiding in the background. The double barrel effect is in full play. It adds a nice twist to your average rye experience.

Larceny (92 proof)

A delicate cinnamon spice pops at first, with baking spices and nutmeg in tow. Honey sweetness contrasts the spice notes. The sip is quite tame, approachable, and enjoyable overall. *

Makers 46 (94 proof)

A nice buttery palate presents heavy oak, caramel, cinnamon, and light fresh baked wheat bread. It's very well balanced and really enjoyable. *

Makers Mark Cask Strength (108 proof)

Buttery full-bodied mouth feel that coats your tongue. Notes of caramel, toasted nuts and cinnamon provide a wonderfully flavored sip. Deeper hints of allspice, dark fruit and a touch of molasses round it out. A richer blast of flavor than standard Makers. *

Makers RC6 Limited Release (108 proof)

The palate is sweet and yet, also dry, which is a combination that works here. A dry oak and toasted brown sugar is dominant and mixes with black pepper, cinnamon bark, canned fruits, and raisins. The higher proof works well in pulling out these flavors yet also allows them to remain well balanced and finishes dry. *

Makers Select (109 proof)

Lots of butter, toffee, toasted sugar, and baked raisins in syrup are all noticeable, and are layered on top of an ever present base of oak. Extremely rich and deep in flavor. It drinks more like a sub-100 proof bourbon than one that's almost 110 proof. It has an extremely smooth mouthfeel. *

New Riff (100 proof)

The whiskey has a light and silky mouthfeel, yet one that still delivers plenty of flavor. Spicy and sweet, with orange zest, black pepper, tobacco leaf, and touches of honey and vanilla are also noticeable. Rye spice comes in large waves as I swirl the sip around my mouth.

Noahs Mill (114 proof)

Very dry bourbon, floral notes and the characteristics of gin.

Old Forester 1870 Original Batch (90 proof)

This a bourbon that actually tastes like it smells. It's a delightful mingling of vibrant fruit flavors. The sweetness from the caramel and an agreeable amount of oak makes this an easy to enjoy bourbon.

Old Forester 1897 Bottled in Bond (100 proof)

A great mix of sweet and spicy. Dark fruit is most prominent, with hints of caramel, vanilla, and just the right amount of oak rounding it out. The sweetness here is balanced by a nearly perfect spice note. It coats the mouth nicely making for a great mouthfeel. Overall well-rounded and quite balanced.

Old Forester 1910 Old Fine Whisky(93 proof)

The sugars from the char are really evident. The palate is initially very sweet with a heavy layer of burnt caramel and vanilla. Hidden deep beneath are dark berries along with toasted marshmallows. All of these flavors rest upon a layer of oak. It's extremely rich and enjoyable.

Old Forester 1920 Prohibition Style (115 proof)

It's big, bold, and immediately likeable. The richness of barrel char and dark chocolate play against the sweetness of caramel and creme brulee. There's a nuttiness to it as well, along with some smokiness and a hint of coffee. A bourbon's bourbon.

Old Forester Statesman (95 proof)

The whiskey immediately comes out of the gate making a positive impression with its spicy sweet and fruity flavors. Cherry, confectioners' sugar, cocoa, light banana, and caramel combine to create a robust and delectable experience. The flavors work well together, and while they don't make the flavor palate overly complex on its surface, they work in tandem with its proof to create an excellent easy-sipping bourbon.

Redemption Wheated Bourbon (94 proof)

Very pleasant spice, perhaps due to its 96 proof. It offers soft vanilla, walnut, and gentle floral notes on the palate, and a lingering, warming finish, highly enjoyable. *

Rowans Creek (100 proof)

Well balanced nose with orange, fresh cut oak and cherries. Palate has a pleasant mouth feel with more cherries coming through along with baking spices and maple. The finish is moderate and brings back the orange on the nose with some char to balance it out.

Russell's Reserve Single Barrel (110 proof)

This one is smooth and silky, with a sweetness that belies the burst of cinnamon and spice. The spice surges to life in the back of your throat and radiates out leaving a meandering finish filled with oak, just a suggestion of mint on the tail end and slight burn.

Sazerac Rye (90 proof)

Fruit flavors composed of sweet apricots, orange peel, and plums meet more traditional notes of caramel and vanilla. Light barrel char teases in the background, along with a mix of raisin and anise underneath. It has a light body and light flavors, but the reward is worth the effort.

W.L. Weller Special Reserve (90 proof)

The wheat grain makes this bourbon sweet and a very pleasant sip. The vanilla and caramels really come through more as they hit the tongue. It's not a very complex sip, but a pleasant one. *

Widow Jane 10 Year (91 proof)

The palate starts with rich caramel and vanilla mixed with light orange and cherry. Very smooth with some rye spice and pepper which commingle nicely with the flavors. A really rich and tasty sip.

Willett Pot Still Reserve (94 proof)

A balance of caramel, vanilla, spices and citrus. Caramel is most prominent, with hints of dark fruit and oak.

Woodford Double Oaked (90 proof)

Oak and sweet vanilla are the dominant flavors here with strong hints of coconut and peanuts, also subtle hints of leather, caramel, and dried dark fruits. Double Oaked comes across rich, robust, smooth and tasty.

* Indicates a wheated bourbon, wheated bourbons are usually a smoother bourbon.