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MAKER'S MARK HERITAGE 2011

Limited Edition | Kentucky Bourbon

Heritage 2011 is the commemorative magnum release for the distillery's anniversary year — the same wheated mash bill that has defined Maker's Mark since 1958, in 1-litre format. 45% volume. Hand-dipped red wax, individually numbered. WHAT IS THE MASH BILL? 70% corn, 16% red winter wheat, 14% malted barley — wheat replacing the rye of conventional Kentucky bourbon to soften the spice and lift the corn sweetness. Aged in new charred American oak rotated through the rickhouse — Maker's Mark famously rotates barrels manually to even out the temperature variation between floors. Bottled at 90 proof, the same proof point used since the original release. HOW TO SERVE BOURBON? Straight in a Glencairn or rocks glass or in a an Old Fashioned or a Manhattan with La Quintinye Vermouth Royal Rouge, or a Mint Julep in summer. At the table it pairs with grilled chicken with bourbon-honey glaze, pecan pie, aged cheddar with caramelised onion jam, or a Connecticut-shade cigar with a gentle wrapper.

Tasting notes

Color
Warm amber gold.

Aroma
Soft vanilla, caramel, red winter wheat sweetness, baking spice, light oak, orange and cinnamon.

Taste
Smooth, round caramel, honey, cacao, peaches, soft wheat, vanilla, gentle wood spice.

Finish
Medium, warm caramel, vanilla, soft oak, lingering wheat sweetness.

MAKER'S MARK DISTILLERY Bill Samuels Sr. bought the Burks' Distillery in Loretto, Kentucky, in 1953 and began production the following year. Julian "Pappy" Van Winkle and Ernest Ripy (Wild Turkey) contributed to the original recipe. His wife, Margie, named the whiskey, drew its label and devised the wax-dipped closure; the first bottles reached the market in 1959. The distillery is a National Historic Landmark. Bill Samuels Jr. led the company until his retirement in 2011, when his son Rob took over as president.