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Beam SUNTORY

COST OF THE MALTS

- **DEVIL'S CUT** VINTAGES 272161 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$29.95** Spirits 45.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- **BASIL HAYDEN KENTUCKY BOURBON** LCBO 326025 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$51.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Bourbon / American Whiskey 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- **JIM BEAM SIGNATURE CRAFT** VINTAGES 401565 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$60.00** Spirits 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- **MAKER'S MARK 46** VINTAGES 225565 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$54.80** Spirits 46.4% Alcohol/Vol.
- **KNOB CREEK BOURBON** LCBO 326009 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$46.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Bourbon / American Whiskey 50.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- **BOOKER'S KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON** LCBO 325993 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$69.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Bourbon / American Whiskey 65.1% Alcohol/Vol.
- **JIM BEAM DISTILLER'S MASTERPIECE** LCBO 1020131 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$349.98** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Bourbon / American Whiskey 50.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- **BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY BOURBON CREAM** VINTAGES 399295 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$34.95** Spirits, Liqueur/Liquor, Cream 15.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Welcome to our 4th Annual Bourbon Night

MENU

Cocktail: featuring **DEVIL'S CUT**

Welcome 1st Nosing: **BASIL HAYDEN**

2nd Nosing: **JIM BEAM SIGNATURE CRAFT**

Amuse Bouche: **BBQ Bourbon Pork Balls**
cooked with **JIM BEAM SIGNATURE CRAFT**

3rd Nosing: **MAKER'S MARK 46**

First Course: **Bourbon Chili**
cooked with **MAKER'S MARK 46**

4th Nosing: **KNOB CREEK BOURBON**

Main Course: **BBQ Ribs &**
Apricot Glazed Spatchcocked Chicken
cooked with **KNOB CREEK**

Side Items: **Bourbon-Braised Greens &**
Smashed Sweet Potatoes with Maker's Mark,
Chestnuts and Sage

5th Nosing: **BOOKER'S KENTUCKY STRAIGHT**
BOURBON

Dessert Trio:
Hazelnut & Bourbon Torte
Kentucky Pie
Magic Bourbon Bars
cooked with **BOOKER'S**

6th Nosing: **JIM BEAM DISTILLER'S MASTERPIECE**

Liqueur: **BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY**
BOURBON CREAM

Upcoming Dinner Dates

- Friday August 28th, 2015 - 8th Annual Premium - River Mill
- September 21st, 2015 - Campbeltown/Lowland - VIMY
- October 19th, 2015 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
- November 16th, 2015 - Highlands - River Mill
- December 14th, 2015 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
- January 25th, 2016 - Arran - Robbie Burns - VIMY
- February 22nd, 2016 - Islands - River Mill
- March 14th, 2016 - St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill
- April 18th, 2016 - Islay - River Mill
- May 16th, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill
- June 20th, 2016 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
- July 25th, 2016 - 5th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
- Friday August 26th, 2016 - 9th Annual Premium - River Mill
- September 19th, 2016 - Campbeltown/Lowland - VIMY
- October 17th, 2016 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
- November 21st, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill
- December 12th, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
- January 23rd, 2017 - Arran - Robbie Burns - VIMY
- February 27th, 2017 - Islands - River Mill
- March 20th, 2017 - St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill

Beam Suntory sales soar in Q1 following takeover

12th May, 2015 by Amy Hopkins

Beam Suntory has reported triple-digit sales growth in the first quarter of this year due to the success of its Japanese whisky and Bourbon brands.

Beam Suntory has reported 111% sales growth in the first quarter of 2014/16

On a reports basis, sales were up 111% following [Suntory's US\\$16 billion acquisition of Beam last year](#), and the [subsequent creation of Beam Suntory Inc.](#)

The firm noted a "strong performance" in the US and Japan,

where its Japanese whisky brands experienced 2% volume increase despite a "challenging comparison" to 2014 when demand temporarily surged ahead of a tax hike.

Maker's Mark and Canadian Club also delivered strong gains, while sales increased at double-digit rates for Knob Creek, Basil Hayden's, Hibiki and Laphroaig.

Beam Suntory plans to roll out Hibiki Japanese Harmony, which recently launched in Japan, across the US and other "key" global markets later in 2015.



Overall, the Hibiki brand grew volumes by 62% year-on-year in Japan.

Also in the market, imported whiskies including Jim Beam and Maker's Mark grew volume sales by 39%, with consumers using the products as part of a High Ball mix.

The group's RTD portfolio also grew 9% as its own brand of canned High Balls "gained market traction".

Overall, Suntory Holdings's alcoholic beverage arm, including wine and beer, grew 52.1% to 217.7 billion yen.

In its full year financial results for 2013/14, the Japanese firm [revealed its sales had soared by 20%](#) following its acquisition of Beam, however net profits fell 80%.

PAPPY VAN WINKLE 20YO TOPS CONSUMER RATINGS

19th December, 2014 by Amy Hopkins
<http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Buffalo Trace's coveted Pappy Van Winkle 20 Year Old is the whisky most highly rated by consumers, a new report has revealed.

Pappy Van Winkle 20 Year Old Bourbon has topped a recent consumer ratings poll

According to a new user report by Distiller, described as the world's only free whiskey companion, recommendation and discovery app, the expression was given an average rating of 4.76 in a one-5 star scale.

The rare Pappy Van Winkle 20 Year Old is followed by Irish whiskey Midleton Very Rare, which was given an average rating of 4.71, and high-strength Bourbon George T. Stagg Bourbon 2013, which was awarded an average rating of 4.60.



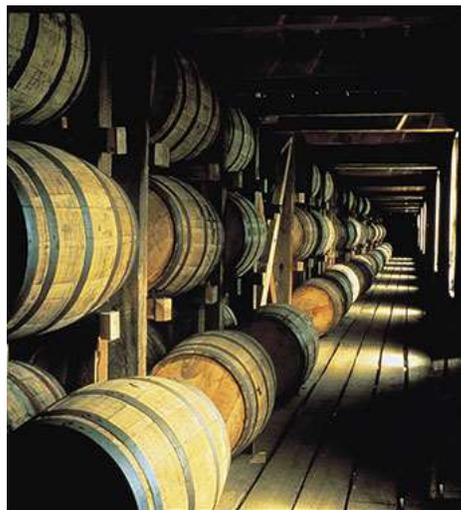
Distiller's report also lists which whiskies are the most collected among its users and which labels top consumer wish lists by regional category.

The Willett Family Estate Rye was the whiskey most added to users' wishlists, while the Scotch Lagavulin 16 was the most added to users' collections.

"This data is especially exciting as it goes above and beyond generic market and sales data to provide a true look at

consumer preferences at the peak of the whiskey boom from the most widely used resource of its kind," said Mikael Mossberg, CEO of Distiller.

"By looking at users' collections, wish lists, five star ratings, and more we're for the first time seeing what types of products whiskey consumers from all around the world are most drawn to in real time."



10. The Macallan 18 Year Old: Rating: 4.53
9. The Balvenie Portwood 21 Year Old: Rating: 4.54
8. William Larue Weller Bourbon (Fall 2013): Rating: 4.55
7. The Macallan 25 Year Old: Rating: 4.56
6. Pappy Van Winkle 23 Year Old: Rating: 4.56
5. Four Roses 125th Anniversary Bourbon: Rating: 4.57
4. Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 15 Year Old: Rating: 4.58
3. George T. Stagg Bourbon (Fall 2013): Rating: 4.60
2. Midleton Very Rare: Rating: 4.71
1. Pappy Van Winkle 20 Year Old: Rating: 4.79

Pappy Van Winkle heist may never be solved

11th November, 2014 by Amy Hopkins
<http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

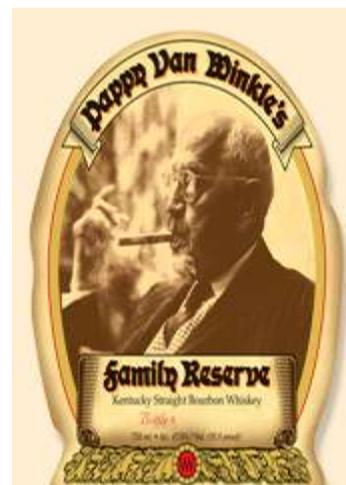
Police have confirmed their belief that US\$26,000 of Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon was stolen in an inside job "heist" at the Buffalo Trace Distillery, but claim they may never find the bottles.

Police have admitted they may never recover \$US26,000 of Pappy Van Winkle stolen in a suspected inside job. In October last year, 65 cases of 20-year-old Pappy Van Winkle were found to be missing from the distillery after workers noticed a palette of the sought-after Bourbon had been "hollowed out".

At the time, authorities and the distillery said they [believed the theft was an inside job at the distillery.](#)

Initial reports suggested police believed the crime was committed over the course of several months, but now claim the bottles were most likely taken as part of a large-scale heist involving at least two senior employees.

Speaking to [WLKY](#), Franklin County Sheriff Pat Melton said that he does not believe the stolen bottles will be recovered, [despite an offer of US\\$100,000 for information](#) that leads to an arrest.



"It's just not in Kentucky. A few states away but I think it's gone," Melton told the news site. He also said he believes the heist took place during normal operating hours.

In November 2013, Kentucky principal Chris Pickett was named a person of interest in police investigations, but was [later cleared of any wrong-doing](#).

"The increase in sales, coupled with the aging process and evaporation loss, leads to a shortage with no end in sight," the statement continued. "Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to catch up!"

The comment comes as the Kentucky Distillers' Association reported [stocks of Bourbon have returned to levels not seen since the 1970s](#).

According to the group, more than five million barrels of Bourbon worth US\$1.9 billion are currently resting in Kentucky, an increase of 150% in the last 15 years.

Nine charged over Wild Turkey and Pappy thefts

22nd April, 2015 by Amy Hopkins <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Nine people have been charged with forming a criminal ring that stole more than US\$100,000 worth of Bourbon, allegedly orchestrating the high profile thefts of Wild Turkey and Pappy Van Winkle casks.

Nine people have been accused of forming an organised crime ring which involved the theft of more than US\$100,000 worth of Bourbon

A grand jury in Frankfort, Kentucky, has accused the group of lifting supplies over the past seven years, relying on help from workers at two Kentucky distilleries, [Reuters](#) reports.

Police uncovered the syndicate, reportedly formed by people who knew each other through softball, after five stolen barrels of Wild Turkey Bourbon worth US\$30,000 were [discovered in the backyard of Buffalo Trace worker Gilbert Thomas Curtsinger](#).

Curtsinger, described as the "ring leader" of the group, appeared at Franklin County District Court last month charged with receiving stolen property over US\$10,000, four counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Following investigations by police officers and the state Attorney General's office, Curtsinger is thought to be part of a long-running organised plot to sell the barrels.

Mark Searcy, who worked at the Wild Turkey Distillery, was also named among the list of accused.

The grand jury also charged Julie Curtsinger, Ronnie Lee Hubbard, Dusty Adkins, Christopher Preston, Joshua Preston, Robert McKinney and Shawn Ballard for engaging in organised crime.

"You don't expect employees to steal from you," Sheriff Pat Melton told [Reuters](#). "Obviously, this was a case where you had employees that made some very poor decisions."

Authorities linked the discovery of the Wild Turkey barrels to the [theft of US\\$26,000 worth of rare Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve Bourbon](#) – which authorities have long thought to be the result of an inside job.

The theft was discovered in October 2013 after distillery workers noticed a palette of Pappy Van Winkle had been "hollowed out", with a total of 65 cases missing. Police said at least some recently recovered Bourbon casks could be linked back to the high profile case.

Sheriff Melton added that all recovered Bourbon casks would be destroyed after the case goes to trial, however some unopened bottles could be returned to their producers.

Pappy Van Winkle is owned by Buffalo Trace, while Wild Turkey is owned by Italian drinks group Gruppo Campari. Neither could be immediately reached for comment.

Effects of Bourbon shortage now being felt in US

12th November, 2014 by Becky Paskin <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Liquor stores and bars across the US are now beginning to feel the effects of the Bourbon shortage "with no end in sight", according to one producer.

The full effects of the Bourbon shortage are now taking hold in the US, despite increased investment in distillation

Buffalo Trace Distillery warned last year of a shortage of its flagship Bourbons Eagle Rare and Buffalo Trace as demand for the whiskey outpaced supply.

In May 2013 it [warned consumers that they may find it difficult to locate bottles of the brands](#), but has now said the full force of that shortage is only just being felt.

In a statement, Buffalo Trace Distillery said: "Last year we warned consumers that a shortage was looming, but many markets across the nation are just now feeling the full effects."

The distillery, owned by Sazerac, has increased distillation, added more bottling lines and hired a full-time barrel allocation manager in an attempt to produce more liquid to meet demand.

However, with most Bourbons needing between 8-10 years to fully mature, the distillery can't predict when the shortage will end.

KENTUCKY'S BOURBON DISTILLERIES TRIPLE IN TWO YEARS

22nd October, 2014 by Becky Paskin - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

The number of distillers in Kentucky has tripled in two years to the most seen in the state since the repeal of Prohibition.

There are over 5.3 million barrels currently ageing in Kentucky warehouses

The boom in American whiskey in recent years has led to the creation of 21 new licensed distilling companies in the state since 2012, bringing the total number operating in Kentucky to 31.

Distilling output has grown 53% in the last two years, while ageing whiskey stocks are now at their highest levels in 40 years, with over 5.3 million barrels resting in Kentucky.

According to a new six-month study by the University of Louisville's Urban Studies Institute, in conjunction with the Kentucky Distillers' Association (KDA) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, the industry is experiencing "momentous growth".

The findings have led the KDA to label the current boom as the "golden age of Bourbon".

Steve Beshear, governor of Kentucky, said: "We all knew the Bourbon renaissance was taking this iconic industry to new levels, but this data is absolutely phenomenal.

"The amount of progress is unrivalled and unparalleled. This proves the Bourbon boom is real and producing results for all Kentuckians."

The state's distilling industry contributes US\$3bn to Kentucky's economy every year, up two-thirds in just two years, and employs over 15,400 people.

Kentucky now has the eighth largest distilling industry in terms of the number of operating distilleries, ranking behind Washington, New York, Colorado, Oregon and Texas.

The KDA claims the top five distilling states have more "relaxed" regulations and lowered entry costs, making it easier for new companies to establish themselves than in Kentucky.

"It's clear that we still have work ahead of us," added Beshear. "We have the most distilleries since Prohibition, yet we're losing ground in attracting new companies as other states modernise their alcohol and tourism laws to make it more appealing to locate there."

David Adkisson, president and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, added that Kentucky's title as the US's largest Bourbon producing state could easily topple.

"We are fortunate to have a thriving Bourbon industry today, but what happens if our historic monopoly starts to slip away?" Adkisson said. "Suddenly, we only produce 80 or 85 percent of the world's Bourbon. We can't afford to let that happen.

"We made great strides this past legislative session to nurture new growth, but we must be proactive as other states look to capture more of our signature spirit."

Suntory to double Beam sales on Bourbon growth

9th February, 2015 by Becky Paskin <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Suntory intends to double Beam's spirits sales to US\$10 billion in the next five years, as it capitalises on the projected growth of Bourbon and American whiskey.

Suntory is basing its projected company growth on the back of anticipated continued demand for Bourbon over the next five years

The Japanese drinks group, which [bought Beam in 2014 for US\\$16bn](#), has ambitious plans to almost double its overall revenue to 4 trillion yen (US\$34bn) by 2020.

Suntory president Takeshi Niinami told [Reuters](#) the majority of that growth could be made off the back of projected demand for Bourbon and other brown spirits.

Global sales of Bourbon are [predicted to soar by 19.3% to 45 million cases in the next five years](#), according to the IWSR – the fastest rate of growth expected from any spirit category.

Beam recorded double-digit growth of its leading whiskey brands, Jim Beam (10%) and Maker's Mark (15%) in its 2012/13 full-year financial results.

Following the takeover by Suntory, Beam CMO Kevin George told *The Spirits Business* that the American spirits group would always be ["first and foremost a Bourbon company"](#), despite Suntory's large footprint in Japanese whisky.

Despite such a focus on Bourbon and its anticipated growth, Niinami did not rule out the possibility of further acquisitions along the way.

"I am not ruling out acquisitions as possibility. There could be small ones along the way," he said. "But we can exceed 4 trillion yen without an acquisition of Beam's scale, one that would be worth hundreds of billions of yen."

Niinami was appointed president on 1 October 2014, marking the first time the role has been given to someone from outside the group's founding family.

JIM BEAM TO RELEASE BOURBON 'INFUSED' WITH SCOTCH WHISKY

31st October, 2014 by Becky Paskin - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Beam Suntory has blended Bourbon with Scotch whisky to create a new hybrid whisky offer named Jim Beam Kentucky Dram.

Jim Beam Kentucky Dram, a Bourbon "infused with Scotch" will be rolled out next summer

The new innovation from the US whisky group will be released as a travel retail exclusive come June 2015.

Jim Beam Kentucky Dram is described as a "premium Bourbon infused with Highland Scotch whisky", which is bottled at 40% abv in one-litre bottles.

It is thought Kentucky Dram is the first product to combine Bourbon and Scotch whisky, and arrives after a string of hybrid spirit launches in recent months, including [Grey Goose VX](#), [Jinzu](#), [Absolut Tune](#), [Saar Gin](#) and [The One whisky](#).

Mariska van Beukering, marketing manager for Maxxium Travel Retail, told *The Spirits Business*: "Jim Beam Kentucky Dram is a premium Bourbon based on the legends which inspired Jacob Beam. This is the first of a new range, so each year we look forward to introducing something related to the legends that Jim Beam was created with.

"It's all about trading up," she added. "We have the Jim Beam Signature Craft as the premium one in the range and Kentucky Dram will just build on that."

While Van Beukering couldn't disclose the level of Scotch in the product, she remarked: "The Scotch definitely comes out in the taste".

The expression will be rolled out through Beam Suntory's bolstered travel retail arm, which will separate from Maxxium Travel Retail in Europe come 1 April.

"We see growth for Jim Beam being tremendous with the line extensions we have for the flavours, which are building on the brand more and more. We see now consumers are moving now into something authentic, a little bit different."

It will be presented in a unique gift box with the neck of the bottle poking out the top.

Jim Beam Kentucky Dram will retail for E34.99.

Jim Beam flagship Bourbon now bottled in India

10th November, 2014 by Amy Hopkins <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Beam Suntory has begun bottling its flagship Jim Beam Bourbon in India, just months after the product first launched in the country.

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As reported by the [Economic Times](#), this is one of the few instances where Jim Beam is to be bottled outside of its domestic US market.

The spirit is now bottled in Rajasthan, where group's blended Scotch whisky brand Teacher's is also produced, and locally-bottled versions of the brand are now being distributed in Bangalore, Gurgaon and Kolkata.

Now that bottling operations take place in India, the cost of the brand has reduced by between 20% and 25% in the country, costing Rs 1,250 (£12.70) in Gurgaon.

It was revealed in August this year that [Jim Beam would be distributed in India for the first time](#), with company bosses claiming its price point places it in a competitive position to standard Scotch and premium vodka.

Beam Suntory said it expected Jim Beam to become its "second pillar of growth" behind Teacher's.

Neeraj Kumar, director of marketing and sales, Beam Suntory India, said: "India is an exciting emerging market for premium international spirits and the number of new consumers is growing steadily.

"Indians are the biggest consumers of whiskies in the world and new consumers entering the category are searching for flavourful expressions of whiskies.

"Along with Teacher's, India's most loved Scotch whisky, we expect Jim Beam to become the second pillar of growth for us."

Jim Beam was first introduced to the Indian market through a limited, exclusive appearance at Delhi International Airport in July.

Jim Beam currently sells 6.9 million cases worldwide, according to *The Spirits Business* [Brand Champions](#) report, making it the second-largest American whiskey behind Jack Daniel's at 11.5m cases.



Most expensive Bourbon sold in US fetches \$25k

24th November, 2014 by Amy Hopkins <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

A new distillery has sold its first bottle of Bourbon for more than US\$25,000, reportedly breaking the US record for the most expensive bottle of Bourbon purchased at auction.

The most expensive Bourbon sold at auction in the US has been bought for more than US\$25,000

According to [The News-Enterprise](#), Boundary Oak Distillery – which is the [first Bourbon distillery based in Kentucky's Hardin County in more than 100 years](#) – has sold its first bottle of Bourbon for US\$25,500 at an online auction.

The distillery, which recently started production, will donate the proceeds of Bottle No.1 Batch No.1 to the choice charity of the buyer, who has chosen to remain anonymous.

Brent Goodwin, owner and master distiller of Boundary Oak, said the Kentucky Distillers' Association informed him their records suggest the highest price paid for a bottle of American whiskey at auction was US\$25,000.

The first barrel of Boundary Oak Bourbon will be available in two years' time, with the rest of the stock aged for a minimum of four years.

The online auction also sold the distillery's bottles two to 10, which were purchased for between US\$275 and US\$575.

Earlier this year, a nine and a half foot long train sculpture filled with Jim Beam Bourbon, created by famed contemporary artist Jeff Koons, [sold at auction for US\\$33.8 million](#).

In January, a six-litre decanter of The Macallan M [broke the Guinness World Record for the most expensive whisky](#) sold at auction, fetching US\$628,000 at Sotheby's in Hong Kong.

Jim Beam targets tourism with second KY Stillhouse

11th December, 2014 by Becky Paskin <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Jim Beam is to build a "visitors' experience" in the heart of Louisville, Kentucky to take advantage of growing Bourbon tourism.

The Jim Beam Stillhouse in Clermont, Kentucky
The Jim

Beam Urban Stillhouse will be the brand's second permanent visitors' centre in the state, complementing the existing site in Clermont.

As tourism to Louisville and its Bourbon distilleries increases, Jim Beam intends to "establish a highly visible presence" for the brand in the town with the opening of the centre on 4th Street.

Greg Fischer, Louisville Mayor, said: "This project is another example of the growth of Bourbonism in Louisville. Our city's Bourbon experiences are attracting a new type of tourist and that leads directly to economic growth and job creation. The Urban Stillhouse also expands the Bourbon experience down Fourth Street, creating a density of spirits tourism locations downtown."

The new Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse, located beneath Beam Suntory's Louisville offices, will feature a small working distillery, bottling line, tasting room and shop.

Kevin Smith, vice president, Kentucky Beam Bourbon Affairs, added that the centre will "serve as a trailhead for the increasing number of visitors to Kentucky's Bourbon distilleries".

The new centre is due to open in 2015, and will be open weekdays, weekends and evenings.



Bourbon Sweet Potato Bisque with Brown Butter Cinnamon Sugar Croutons

Source: Yummy/How Sweet It Is

Serves: 2-4

Total Time: 45 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pinch of red pepper flakes
- 3 Tbsp. bourbon
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed (about 1.25 pounds, peeled and cubed)
- 2 cups low-sodium vegetable stock
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup half and half
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

Ingredients - Croutons

- 4 slices whole grain bread, cut into cubes
- 2 Tbsp. brown butter
- 1/2 Tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Heat a large pot over medium heat and add olive oil and butter. Add onions with pepper flakes and a pinch of salt and stir to coat, then cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for another minute. Increase heat slightly and add bourbon, stirring well. Let cook for 2-3 minutes.

Add sweet potatoes, stock, and water to the pot. Cover and let simmer for 25 minutes, until sweet potatoes are soft.



While sweet potatoes are boiling, add bread cubes to a baking sheet. Toss with cinnamon and sugar, then brown butter, and bake for 8-10 minutes until golden. Remove and set aside until soup is finished.

After sweet potatoes are soft, carefully pour the entire mixture into a high-powered blender and pureed until smooth and creamy, about 5 minutes. You can use an immersion blender but the soup may not be as smooth. Transfer creamy soup back into the pot over low heat. Stir in half and half, salt and pepper, then taste and season additionally if needed. Serve with croutons on top.

Bourbon Pecan Chicken

Source: allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1/4 cup clarified butter, melted
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 2/3 Tbsp. bourbon whiskey
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small cubes
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions



Directions

Stir together the pecans, bread crumbs, and 2 Tbsp. of clarified butter. Spread the mixture out on a plate. Press the chicken breasts into the mixture to coat on both sides. Heat the remaining 2 Tbsp. of clarified butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Place the coated chicken breasts in the pan, and fry on both sides until nicely browned and chicken meat is cooked through, about 10 minutes per side.

In a small saucepan, whisk together the Dijon mustard, brown sugar, bourbon, soy sauce, and Worcestershire sauce until smooth. Bring to a simmer over medium-low heat, then remove from the burner, and whisk in the 3/4 cup of unsalted butter one piece at a time. Do not return to the heat.

Arrange the chicken breasts on a large serving plate. Pour the sauce over the chicken, and sprinkle with green onion.

Bacon Bourbon Barbecue Chicken Kebabs

Source: Morgan at hostthecoast.com, adapted from The Slow Roasted Italian

Ingredients

- 16 oz. barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1" pieces
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. ground white pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 Tbsp. paprika
- 3 Tbsp. packed dark brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. smoked paprika
- 6 slices raw bacon, cut into small pieces



Directions

Light the grill and heat to medium-high.

In a small bowl, combine the barbecue sauce and bourbon. Mix well.

In a food processor, combine the kosher salt, white pepper, onion powder, paprika, garlic powder, dark brown sugar, smoked paprika, and bacon. Pulse until completely smooth.

Put the chicken thigh pieces in a bowl and then rub with the bacon paste. Once well-coated, thread the chicken thigh pieces onto skewers (pre-soaked, if they're wooden).

Place the kebabs on the preheated grill. Cook for about 5 minutes per side, or until nearly cooked through.

Brush the kebabs with the bourbon barbecue sauce and cook for an additional minute on each side.

Serve with the remaining barbecue sauce.

Notes: You will have plenty of leftover barbecue sauce to serve the skewers with, and then some. If you'd prefer not to have leftover sauce, you can reduce the amount of barbecue sauce by half and have just enough.

Bourbon to grow faster than any other spirit

21st January, 2015 by Becky Paskin <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Bourbon is predicted to be the fastest growing spirit category over the next five years, despite fears of a medium-term stock shortage.

Bourbon producers are investing heavily in ensuring they have enough stock to meet continued demand over the next five years

The category sold 37.8 million nine-litre cases in 2014 – up 22.8% during the last five years – driven by strong global consumer demand for brown spirits and flavoured innovations.

While sudden high demand for Bourbon has prompted [some distillers to issue warnings of stock shortages](#), producers are investing heavily in building new fermenting, distilling, maturation and bottling facilities to ensure they meet continued demand in the future.

While the rate of growth is predicted to slow down over the next five years to 2018, a new report by drinks trade show Vinexpo and the IWSR predicts sales will still soar by 19.3% to 45m cases – the fastest rate of growth expected from any spirit category,

According to the report, Bourbon is set to soar by 25.8% to almost two million cases between now and 2018 in the UK alone. World spirits consumption in millions of nine-litre cases

(Source: IWSR/Vinexpo)

Cognac Following close behind Bourbon with a predicted growth rate of 12.7% over the next five years is Cognac and Armagnac, which is expected to defy the Chinese anti-extravagance measures that are currently debilitating the category.

According to the report, consumption of Cognac and Armagnac grew 11.1% in the last five years to 2013, despite falling sales in China in recent years.

The prediction is supported by [recent findings from the Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac \(BNIC\)](#), which show volume sales between August-December 2014 are steady against the same period in 2013.

Tequila

Also expected to deliver strong growth in the next five years is Tequila, which is shedding its slammer image in favour of premiumisation to appeal to a more "millennial" consumer.

The IWSR and Vinexpo predict consumption of Tequila will grow by 11.7% between now and 2018 to 30.4m cases.

The only two categories predicted to show declines in the next five years are rum (7.6%) and gin (-4.8%), both of which are a result of consumers in the Philippines and India switching to healthier, low calorie and more premium drinks.

Vinexpo is a key international event for the global wine and spirits industry, with shows held in Bordeaux, Hong Kong and Japan. Vinexpo 2015 will be held in Bordeaux on 14-18 June.

RANK	CATEGORIES	2014	2013	Est 2015	Est 2018
1	BAUJ	1103.3	1215.3	+84%	+27%
2	VODKA	483.6	486.1	+85%	+85%
3	BRANDY	187.2	194.5	+32%	+13%
4	RUM	143.1	132.2	+27%	-15%
5	SCOTCH WHISKY	88.0	96.8	+88%	+88%
6	LIQUEURS	81.4	83.5	+84%	+28%
7	BOURBON	37.8	45.3	+22%	+19%
8	GINGERBEER	47.0	44.8	-7%	-4%
9	TEQUILA	27.3	31.4	+75%	+17%
10	COGNAC/ARMAGNAC	10.8	12.2	+11%	+12%
	OTHER SPIRITS	78.7	82.9	+5%	+5%

Reservation policy

- Our contract with the Officer's Mess Kitchen requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. Each month an invitation will be sent out to all members of the Society in the first week of the respective month in

which the dinner will be held. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. After that members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 21st, 2015 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 21st, 2015. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me (613-634-0397).

- Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21st, 2015 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is available, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.

- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 21st, 2015 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).

- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21st, 2015, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Please drink responsibly.

Just a note because we care.

Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding, Roberto



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