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# The Bourbon Country Reader

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## WHAT THIS IS.

The name pretty much explains it. *The Bourbon Country Reader Issue Contents in Chronological Order* is a list of all the contents of every issue, in chronological order, from the beginning to the most recent issue. It lists the volume and issue number of each issue, the publication date, the headlines of all the stories in that issue, and where necessary there is a short description of what the story is about (when it isn't obvious from the headline). All product reviews are included too.

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## WHY VOLUME ONE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

When we started *The Reader* in 1993, it was an experiment. We had no idea if anyone would be interested. The design was very crude. (Considering how simple it still is, that's saying something.) After the first six issues, we had worked out the kinks and decided to keep going. We decided to bury the experimental first volume, for reasons both aesthetic and technical. In light of that decision, we resolved to republish in future issues all significant stories from those first six issues, which we did, so you're really not missing anything by not having Volume One.

Its contents are included in this document for the benefit of that tiny core of subscribers who have been here from the beginning.

## VOLUME ONE

### 1. Vol 1 No 1, (undated).

"Industry Consolidation Continues." Glenmore buys Medley and Fleishmanns, UD buys Medley, UD sells brands to Heaven Hill, which sells some to David Sherman, Midwest Grain Sells McCormick, Takara buys Ancient Age, Sazerac to market Blantons.

“Flavor Is A Matter of Taste.”

“Those Beams They’re Everywhere.” History of the Beam family.

“Bucket of Suds Is Really a Place for Bourbon Lovers.” An eccentric Chicago bar.

“It’s Your Water! (Maybe).”

“Portrait of J. B. Wathen”

REVIEW: Old Fitzgerald Bottled in Bond.

2. **Vol 1 No 2, October, 1993.**

“Unhealthy Products’ Tax Proposed for Healthcare Funding.”

“Abraham Lincoln, Born and Bred in Bourbon Country.”

“When Was This Whiskey Bottled?” Tips for determining when a whiskey was bottling by figuring out when the bottle was made.

“Lost Whiskeys of America: Old Crow.”

REVIEW: Old Charter 7-year-old.

REVIEW: Virginia Gentleman Bourbon

3. **Vol 1 No 3, December, 1993.**

“Why Do We Call It Bourbon?”

“Unhealthy Products Tax Update.”

“Rectification and the Whiskey War of 1906.”

“How Whiskey Won the War.”

REVIEW: Ten High Ten

4. **Vol 1 No 4, February, 1994.**

“Bourbon and Tennessee Whiskey Enter the NAFTA Debate.” Al Gore and Ross Perot slug it out on Larry King.

“Lost Whiskeys of America: James E. Pepper.”

“Ancient Age Wins Gold Medal.” At International Wine and Spirit Competition in London.

REVIEW: Old Rip Van Winkle.

5. **Vol 1 No 5, April, 1994**

“Before the Beginning. The Roots of Bourbon Whiskey in America.”

“EU ‘Distinctive Products’ Update.”

“What Is Whiskey? (The Basics)

“Cooking with Bourbon.”

“When Bottled Bourbon Was a Hot, New Idea.”

REVIEW: Old Grand-Dad 114.

6. **Vol 1 No 6, June, 1994**

“Beamish v. Beam. Tiny Irish Brew Stout Enough to Beat Big Bourbon.”

“Whiskey and Wood; a Marriage that Works.”

“Do Taoists Make Better Bourbon? Ask Doctor Dalton.”

REVIEW: McCormick Bourbon.

## **VOLUME TWO**

7. **Vol 2 No 1, August, 1994.**

“The Old Grand-Dad Story Is a Tale of Two Families.” They being the Haydens and the Wathens.

“James E. Pepper Returns to Eastern Europe.” By Michael R. Veach.

“Kentucky Bourbon Festival Is Just Around the Corner.”

“Free Custom Labels from Blanton’s”

REVIEW: Evan Williams Bourbon.

8. **Vol 2 No 2, January, 1995.**

“The Bourbon Renaissance. Has It Finally Arrived?”

“A Sampling Guide to American Whiskey.”

“How To Make Bourbon My Way, by Dr. James C. Crow.”

“Jack Daniel’s Adds Beer to Product Line.”

9. **Vol 2 No 3, May, 1995.**

“Barton Acquires Last of Glenmore Brands from Guinness.”

“Surprise! World’s Newest Bourbon Comes from Poland.”

“Bourbon Decanters Tempt Fans, But Does the Bourbon?”

REVIEW: Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit.

10. **Vol 2 No 4, August, 1995.**

“Collecting. A New and Intriguing Way to Enjoy Great Bourbon.”

“Big, New Bourbon Book Is a Thorough Delight.” *The Book of Bourbon and Other Fine American Whiskeys*, by Gary Regan and Mardee Haidin Regan.

“Some More Suggestions for Your Reading and Drinking Pleasure.” Healthy Drinking, Malt Advocate, Beer The Magazine.

“We Sure Hate to Say We Told You So But...” Taxes suggested for “fattening, low-nutrient foods.”

REVIEW: I. W. Harper Gold Medal 15-Year-Old.

11. **Vol 2 No 5, December, 1995.**

“Maker’s Mark Announces \$18.5 Million Expansion Plan.”

“Brown-Forman Resurrects Historic Distillery.” Labrot and Graham Woodford Reserve, that is.

“New Bourbon Book Is a Little Too Eager to Please Distillers.” *The Book of Classic American Whiskeys*, by Mark Waymack and James Harris.

“Producers Unveil More New Bourbons.” Evan Williams Single Barrel Vintage, Henry McKenna Single Barrel, Elijah Craig Single Barrel, Bulleit and Thoroughbred.

REVIEW: Bulleit Bourbon.

12. **Vol 2 No 6, March, 1996.**

“Historic Stamping Ground Distillery to be Sold at Auction.”

“Whiskey Browns Among America’s Wealthiest Families.”

“Jim, Jack, Jerry, et. al. Those Beams, They’re Everywhere.”

“New 007 Drinks U.S. Whiskey.”

REVIEW: Evan William Single Barrel Vintage

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13. **Vol 3 No 1, July, 1996.**

“Seagram’s Draws Fire with New TV Ads for Crown Royal.”

“Follow-Ups to Past Stories Reported in *The Reader*.” Labrot and Graham restoration, collectible bourbon decanters, bourbon consumption statistics released.

“How Bourbon Whiskey *Really* Got Its Famous Name.”

“Maker’s Mark Gives \$250,000 to Charity.”

“R.I.P. Judge Noah Sweat Jr.” The author of an actual but very funny political speech about ‘the whiskey issue’ dies.

REVIEW: Henry McKenna Single Barrel.

14. **Vol 3 No 2, November, 1996.**

“Two-Percent of World’s Bourbon Is Destroyed in Fire at Heaven Hill.”

“Distillers Revise Code, End TV and Radio Ad Ban.”

“Exploring the 147-Year Heritage of W. L. Weller.” By Michael R. Veach.

“Bourbon Patron Emma Getz Dies.”

REVIEW: Two ‘Antiques’ and One Modern Bourbon from UD.

15. **Vol 3 No 3, February, 1997.**

“An Era Ends at Heaven Hill. Co-Founder George Shapira Dies.”

“Old Taylor Distillery Will Re-Open Soon, Say New Owners.” Stone Castle Properties buys Old Taylor site from Jim Beam.

“Jim Beam’s Parent Company to Exit Tobacco Business.” American brands sells its cigs.

“Bourbon Resources on the Net.”

“1996 Sales Leaders.” Jim Beam is #1, Jack Daniel’s is #2.

“Limestone Beer.”

“Like Ad Bans? Look to the East.”

REVIEW: Jacob’s Well Bourbon

16. **Vol 3 No 4, June, 1997.**

“Two Beverage Companies Merge, Create New Industry Giant.” Goodbye Guinness and Grand Met, hello Diageo.

“Spirits Advertising Controversy Continues to Brew.” President Clinton speaks out against the new spirits industry advertising code.

“Fall from Grace. The History of Old Crow Bourbon.”

“Heaven Hill Distilleries Introduces Bardstown Bourbon Society.”

REVIEW: Joseph Finch Rare Bourbon Whiskey.

17. **Vol 3 No 5, September, 1997.**

“Corn Juice Jamboree: A Tour of Kentucky’s Whiskey Country.”

“Corrections and Updates to Stories in Past Issues.” Diageo formation, Gary Regan and Paul Pacult on radio, spirits advertising on TV and radio.

REVIEW: Knob Creek Bourbon.

18. **Vol 3 No 6, June, 1998.**

“Mergers, Acquisitions and Name Changes Alter Bourbon Landscape.” Diageo is formed, Seagrams diversifies, American Brands becomes Fortune Brands.

“Abraham Lincoln, Bourbon Country’s Native Son.” Abe was born and raised part way in Kentucky, where his dad worked in a distillery. Later, Abe owned a liquor store.

REVIEW: Fighting Cock Bourbon.

## **VOLUME FOUR**

### **19. Vol 4 No 1, January, 1999.**

“Jack Daniel’s Fuels Success of Brown-Forman Beverages.” Profile of the Jack Daniel’s brand.

“Tasting Suites; Bourbon Tasting with a Purpose.” Ideas for thematic bourbon tastings.

“The ‘Split Personality’ of Four Roses Bourbon.” Dimly remembered here, Four Roses is a top seller overseas.

“Virginia Gentleman Introduces New Premium Expression.” 90-proof, 6-year-old.

“Labrot & Graham Restoration Wins National Preservation Award.”

“Wild Turkey Won’t Renew Agreement with Diageo.”

REVIEW: Van Winkle Family Reserve Rye

### **20. Vol 4 No 2, March, 1999.**

“Diageo Sells Distillery and Brands to Heaven Hill, Sazerac, Sherman.” Old Fitzgerald, Old Weller, Old Charter and Rebel Yell change hands.

“Heaven Hill, Burned Out in ’96, Is a Distiller Again.” Heaven Hill buys Diageo’s Louisville distillery.

“Bernheim Site Holds Almost 150 Years of Distilling History.” History of the Bernheim Distillery, now Heaven Hill.

### **21. Vol 4 No 3, May, 1999.**

“Change is Good at Wild Turkey: But Don’t Touch the Whiskey!” New distributor, new label, new advertising, same old whiskey.

“Heaven Hill Concludes Deal, Announces Plans.” Follow-up on Heaven Hill’s acquisition of the Old Fitzgerald brand and Bernheim Distillery.

“Jim Beam: Cool New Partners, Nosy New Neighbors.” Beam forms new distribution alliance as its parent company moves in next door.

“Woodford Reserve Now Official Derby Bourbon.”

REVIEW: Old Forester Bourbon

**22. Vol 4 No 4, August, 1999.**

“Leestown Company Is Now Buffalo Trace.” Sazerac changes the name of its Frankfort distillery.

“Like Bourbon, ‘The Colonel’ Is Uniquely Kentucky.” What do Colonel Sanders, Jim Beam and your humble editor all have in common?

“Industry Watch: Jim Beam, Diageo, Allied...the Usual Suspects.” A review of recent industry news.

“The Secret to Long Life? Avoid Cheap Whiskey!” So says John McMorran, age 110.

REVIEW: Ancient Age Barrel 107 Special Edition

**23. Vol 4 No 5, October, 1999.**

“Remembering the Father of the Modern Bourbon Industry. (Part 1)” First in a two-part biography of Edmund Haynes Taylor, Jr.

“Two Bourbons a Day Keep the Mortician Away.” New research on the health benefits of daily alcohol consumption.

REVIEW: Old Weller Antique

**24. Vol 4 No 6, March, 2000.**

“Remembering the Father of the Modern Bourbon Industry. (Part 2)” Second in a two-part biography of Edmund Haynes Taylor, Jr.

“Who Has All the Bourbon? Ask the KDA.” How much aging bourbon is there? It’s a matter of public record.

REVIEW: Woodford Reserve Distiller’s Select

## VOLUME FIVE

### 25. **Vol 5 No 1, May, 2000.**

“Old Fitzgerald and the Trouble with Bourbon History.” Revisionist history on the origins of Old Fitzgerald points out the problems of separating real history from marketing fluff.

“Colonels Gather to Celebrate Kentucky Derby.”

“Whiskey Marketing, Circa 1896.”

REVIEW: Jim Beam Bourbon

### 26. **Vol 5 No 2, August, 2000.**

“More Trouble with Bourbon History. Sally Campbell Replies.” More on the fascinating origins of Old Fitzgerald.

“Fire at Wild Turkey Destroys Warehouse, Kills Fish.”

“Kentucky Bourbon Festival 2000, September 14-17, Bardstown, KY.”

### 27. **Vol 5 No 3, November, 2000.**

“The Seagram Company’s Long Strange Trip Is Almost Over.” We look back at the history of Seagrams on the occasion of its sale.

“Heaven Hill Dedicates Bernheim Production Facility.”

“Tips for Tasting and Writing About Your Favorite Spirits.”

REVIEW: Jack Daniel’s Old No. 7 Tennessee Whisky

### 28. **Vol 5 No 4, January, 2001.**

“Mount Vernon to Reconstruct George Washington’s Distillery.” Archaeological excavation and reconstruction funded in part by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS).

“Diageo Acquires Four Roses Distillery in Seagram’s Deal.” Purchased from Vivendi Universal in partnership with Pernod-Ricard.

“You Asked It.” Is it possible to distill bourbon as a hobby?

“Was Dr. James C. Crow the Real Father of Bourbon Whiskey?”

REVIEW: W. L. Weller Special Reserve Bourbon Whiskey

29. **Vol 5 No 5, March, 2001.**

“Bonded Bourbon Still A Unique Whiskey Experience.” We explain bottled-in-bond.

“180-Year-Old Documents Reveal Early Distilling Practices.”

“Kentucky Bourbon Festival 2001 is September 12-18 in Bardstown.”

“You Asked It.” Can you give me any information about a bottle I found? It says “Frankfort Distillery, Antique Spiritus Frumenti, John B. Thompson.”

“Industry News: Diageo Reinvents Bars, Jim Beam Mixes with Absolut.”

REVIEW: Early Times Kentucky Whisky, Old Fitzgerald Bourbon.

30. **Vol 5 No 6, May, 2001.**

“Is This The ‘Golden Age’ of American Whiskey?”

“Who Is Fritz Maytag And What Is He Talking About?” Anchor Distillery’s Old Potrero.

“Poll Asks, What Would You Drink ‘In A Pinch?’”

REVIEW: Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

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“Yes, Virginia, They Do Make Bourbon in Virginia.” by Linn G. Spencer. All about A. Smith Bowman and their Virginia Gentleman Bourbon.

“Louisville Event Explores 100 Years of Bonded Whiskey.” Reporting for this story was provided by John Lipman, Linda Lipman and Mike Veach.

BOOK REVIEW: *Hospitality – Kentucky Style*, by Colonel Michael Edward Masters.

REVIEW: Wild Turkey Russell’s Reserve Bourbon Whiskey.

“Chris Morris New Brown-Forman Master Distiller In Training.”

32. **Vol 6 No 2, October, 2001.**

“PREVIEW: Evan Williams Single Barrel – 1992 Vintage.”

“Beverage Alcohol Taxation Policies: Are They Fair and Reasonable?”

“New Bourbon Bread Mix Offers an Authentic Taste of Kentucky.”

“As Ad Sales Slump, TV Outlets More Receptive to Sprints Spots.”

“Bourbon Festival Goes On Despite Attacks, Pullouts.” Festival is affected by September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

33. **Vol 6 No 3, January, 2002.**

“Fallout from Seagram’s Sale Continues to Affect Bourbon Biz.”

“Louisville’s Vendome Practices Ancient Art of Still-Making.” Reporting provided by Linn Spencer.

“Two Distilleries Offer In-Depth Look at Bourbon-Making Process.”

“FOLLOW-UP: Booze Ads Coming to Network TV.”

REVIEW: Elijah Craig Single Barrel, 18-year-old.

REVIEW: Baker’s Bourbon.

34. **Vol 6 No 4, March, 2002.**

“‘What’s It Worth?’ Searching for a Secondary Market in U.S. Whiskey.”

“Jack Daniel’s Teams Up With Miller for New RTD Entry.”

“Guard Changes at Bardstown’s Oscar Getz Whiskey Museum.” Flaget Nally retires, Mary Ellyn Hamilton new curator.

“WhiskeyFest Chicago is Coming Soon: April 17, 2002.”

REVIEW: Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey.

35. **Vol 6 No 5, May, 2002.**

“TRANSITION: The Passing of Master Distiller Ernest W. Ripy, Jr.” Former Wild Turkey executive, son of Thomas Ripy.

“Paul Civils, One of the Last ‘Government Men’ in Kentucky.” About the federal government’s “storekeepers and gaugers,” who made sure taxes on whiskey were collected.

“FOLLOW-UPS: to Past Stories.” Jack Daniel’s Original Hard Cola. New “malternatives” regulations announced. NBC reverses position on spirits advertising.

“Mint Julep Is a Refreshing Summer Treat.”

“HISTORY: Fire Is Always a Danger in the Whiskey Business.”

“Filson Society To Taste Old Bourbon, Raise Money, June 7.”

REVIEW: Ezra B 15-year-old Single Barrel Bourbon.

**36. Vol 6 No 6, September, 2002.**

“Shawhan Family Bourbon Dynasty Is Little Remembered Today.”

“Potty Talk at Jim Beam Captures National Attention.” Distillery’s bathroom break policy makes national news.

“Holiday Releases from Buffalo Trace and Heaven Hill.” George T. Stagg, Eagle Rare 17-year-old, Sazerac 18-year-old rye, W. L. Weller 19-year-old, Evan Williams Master Distiller’s Select.

REVIEW: Willie Nelson’s Old Whiskey River Bourbon.

REVIEW: Old Charter Bourbon, The Classic 90.

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REVIEW: Very Very Old Fitzgerald; the Best Bourbon Ever?

REVIEW: Very Old Barton Bottled-in Bond Bourbon Whiskey.

“LETTERS: Buffalo Trace Whiskey Provenance Is Revealed.” Old Charter, Classic 90, George T. Stagg, Eagle Rare 17-year-old, Sazerac 18-year-old rye, W. L. Weller 19-year-old. Buffalo Trace President Mark Brown tells all.

REVIEW: Four Roses Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

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“Discovering the Pleasures of Refill Whiskey.”

LETTER: Achieving the Taste Target for Four Roses Bourbon.

REVIEW: George Dickel No. 12 Brand Original Tennessee Whiskey.

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“Jacob Myers, an Early Whiskey Distiller and So Much More.”

“The Search for Old Monongahela Rye” by Linda and John Lipman. Old Overholt, Large Distillery.

REVIEW: Eagle Rare 10-Year-Old Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey.

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“New Vintage of Evan Williams Single Barrel Hopes to Win Roses.” Preview event for 1994 vintage.

“August Fire Destroys 800,000 Gallons of Jim Beam Whiskey.”

“The Mint Julep, So Tasty And Yet So Misunderstood.”

“Brown-Forman Buys Jack Daniel’s UK Distribution Rights Back from Diageo.”

REVIEW: Evan Williams Single Barrel Bourbon, 1994 Vintage.

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“New Barton Bourbon Catches Flack from Brown-Forman.” Ridgewood Reserve 1792 versus Woodford Reserve.

“Name Game: Labrot & Graham Is Now Woodford Reserve Distillery.”

“Sazerac Company Buys Maker of Virginia Gentleman Bourbon.” A. Smith Bowman sold.

“Finally! More Stagg, and Other Antiques from Buffalo Trace.”

REVIEW: Yellowstone Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

42. **Vol 7 No 6, February, 2004.**

“Forty Creek Canadian. American Whiskey from North of the Border.” Distiller John K. Hall and his Barrel Select and Three Grain Canadian Whisky.

“Catch the Wave. The Era of Craft-Distilling May Be Here at Last.” Maytag, Anchor Distilling, Old Potrero. American Distilling Institute, Bill Owens. St. George Spirits. Clear Creek Distillery, McCarthy’s Oregon Single Malt.

“Jo Ann Beam, Family Champion, Dies at Age 70.”

“The Restoration of Washington’s Distillery: A Progress Report.” Mount Vernon archaeological excavation and reconstruction funded in part by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS).

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43. **Vol 8 No 1, April, 2004.**

“Ridgewood Reserve Is Out, Ridgemont Reserve Is In.” Name dispute between Barton Brands and Brown-Forman (Woodford Reserve) is decided.

“Whiskey Fans Mourn Frederick Booker Noe II, 1930-2004.”

“Henderson Retires As Brown-Forman Master Distiller.” Lincoln Henderson is succeeded by Chris Morris.

“The Official State Whiskey of Alabama Is Made in Kentucky.” Kenny May’s Conecuh Ridge named Official State Spirit by Alabama legislature.

REVIEW: Bulleit Bourbon Frontier Whiskey.

44. **Vol 8 No 2, August, 2004.**

“Eight American Whiskey Distilleries View for Tourists’ Favor.”

“Doc Kraus, Executive at Barton and Jim Beam, Dies at 92.”

“Our Aging Whiskey Stock Is Over-Taxed, Says Jim Beam.”

“Record Auction Price Paid for Jim Beam Decanter.” Artist Jeff Koons *Jim Beam J. B. Turner Train* sells for \$5,495,500 at auction.

“Independent Bottlers Face Drought of Extra-Aged Whiskey.”

REVIEW: Maker’s Mark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

45. **Vol 8 No 3, October, 2004.**

“What *Is* Really in That Bottle of Woodford Reserve Anyway.” We visit Woodford Reserve and meet with Chris Morris and Dave Scheurich.

“Web Zine Busts Jack Daniel’s for Black Label Proof Cut.” Jack cuts proof from 86 to 80, displeasing *Modern Drunkard* editor Frank Kelly Rich.

46. **Vol 8 No 4, December, 2004.**

“Are Changing Tastes Changing the Taste of American Whiskey?” Drinkers drive trend to extra-aging.

“Owner of Conecuh Ridge Arrested for Illegal Sales.” Kenny May in trouble with Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control.

“Corrections to *The Reader* Story About Woodford Reserve.”

“Super-Sensitive Palates Do Exist, Scientists Identify ‘Supertasters.’”

REVIEW: Four Roses Single Barrel Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

47. **Vol 8 No 5, March, 2005.**

“What Do You Have To Do To Get A Good Wheated Bourbon?” We taste and think about wheaters from Stitzel-Weller, Maker’s Mark, Buffalo Trace and Heaven Hill, including Van Winkle, Old Fitzgerald and W. L. Weller.

“Jim Beam, Now At 10,000,000 Barrels And Counting.”

“WhiskeyFest To Be Held April 13 At Hyatt Regency.”

“Twisted Spoke Hosts ‘Legends of Bourbon’ April 12.”

“Buffalo Trace Announces Special ‘Spring Stag.’”

48. **Vol 8 No 6, May, 2005.**

“Jim Beam To Own Maker’s Mark When Allied Sale Is Completed.” Pernod-Ricard and Fortune Brands buy and divide Allied Domecq.

“Sam Kennett Cecil Dies; Hall-of-Fame Distiller, Historian.”

“Dave Pickerell Talks About Stills and Making Wheated Bourbon.”

“Maker’s Completes Triple Crown Series.” Special bottle to honor 1978 winner Affirmed, to raise money for Lexington’s Kentucky Horse Park.

REVIEW: Ridgemont Reserve 1792, From the Barton Distillery.

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“Another One Bites the Dust: Allied-Domecq Is Sold for Parts.” Acquisition by Pernod-Ricard and Fortune Brands is completed.

REVIEW: Bernheim Original Straight Wheat Whiskey.

“Gary Gayheart, Master Distiller at Buffalo Trace, Retires After 36 Years.”

“Major Whiskey Brands Are Racing to Enter Marketing Mainstream.” Jim Beam, Jack Daniel’s and Crown Royal sponsor auto racing.

### **50. Vol 9 No 2, December, 2005.**

“Fact or Fiction. Is There Any Difference in Bourbon Country?” We debunk ad claims.

“Who’s On First? Evan Williams and Elijah Craig?”

“There’s No Recipe Like an Old Recipe: Jim Beam and Bulleit.”

“A Founding Fathers ‘Firsts’ Fight: Weller Takes Aim at Maker’s.”

“The Fitzgerald Identity: How Old Fitz Got Its Name.”

“Oldest Registered Distillery in the United States: Jack Daniel’s.”

### **51. Vol 9 No 3, March, 2006.**

“The Real Bourbon County, Kentucky; Yesterday and Today.”

“Acquisitions Lead to Corporate Name Change at Jim Beam.”

“Questions:” rules for bourbon name, use of malted barley in bourbon.

REVIEW: Old Fitzgerald Bottled-in-Bond Bourbon, Circa 1970.

### **52. Vol 9 No 4, June, 2006.**

REVIEW: Rittenhouse Very Rare 21-Year-Old Single Barrel Rye.

BOOK REVIEW: Alexander Hamilton Was a Wanker. Review of *The Whiskey Rebellion: George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and the Frontier Rebels Who Challenged America's Newfound Sovereignty* by William Hogeland.

"Mississippi River Town to Get New Bourbon Distillery."

"April Storm Damages Warehouse C at Buffalo Trace."

**53. Vol 9 No 5, August, 2006.**

"Mystery, the 253-Year Story of A. H. Hirsch 'Pot Still' Bourbon." The history of Michter's.

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"Part II: A. H. Hirsch, the Man, the Mystery and the Whiskey." More Michter's.

"Heaven Hill Launches Rittenhouse 21-Year-Old ... for \$150 a Bottle."

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**55. Vol 10 No 1, January, 2007.**

"The New American Craft Distilling Movement. Is There A Point?" We dissect the sometimes questionable practices of American craft distillers, especially with regard to whiskey-making.

**56. Vol 10 No 2, March, 2007.**

"What Is Whiskey? Just Another Name For Rum, Say Indians." India wants the European Union to allow its sugar cane distillate to be sold as whiskey in Europe. Meanwhile, some people still won't acknowledge that America makes whiskey too.

"Were There Beams In Ohio? Oh Yes! The Untold Story. (Part I.)"

"Pernod Ricard Sells Indiana Distillery to Angostura Parent."

"Historic Expansions Come To Bourbon Country."

**57. Vol 10 No 3, May, 2007.**

"BT Installs New Micro Distillery, Promises More Experiments." Buffalo Trace says new micro distillery will be online later this year.

“The Beams Of Ohio During The War Of 1812 (Part II).”

“Indian Beverage Group UB Buys Scottish Whiskey Producer W&M.” UB’s United Spirits, with acquisition of Whyte & Mackay, becomes world’s #2 spirits company.

REVIEW: Jack Daniel’s Single Barrel Tennessee Whiskey.

**58. Vol 10 No 4, July, 2007.**

“Big Dog: Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Whiskey, By-The-Numbers.” A comprehensive tour of the Jack Daniel’s Distillery and Bluegrass Cooperage, with all the stats that are fit to print.

REVIEW: Woodford Reserve Master’s Collection Sonoma-Cutrer Finish. Woodford Reserve debuts a new limited edition, all pot still, Chardonnay-finished bourbon.

**59. Vol 10 No 5, September, 2007.**

“Non-Distiller Producers; Make The Brands, But Buy The Whiskey.” A list of the main non-distiller producers of American whiskey, along with their products.

“New York State Legalizes Auctions Of Rare Whiskey.” And auction house Christie’s announces December liquor auction.

“New Limited Edition Bottlings From Heaven Hill And Four Roses.” Heaven Hill announces the first release in its new Parker’s Heritage Collection, named for Co-Master Distiller Parker Beam. Four Roses introduces Four Roses Barrel Strength in honor of Master Distiller Jim Rutledge.

REVIEW: Mellow Corn Bottled-In-Bond Straight Corn Whiskey.

**60. Vol 10 No 6, November, 2007.**

“Blame Canada (Dry): The Twisting Tale of Kentucky River Distillery.” Once located on the site of the Union’s Camp Nelson, Kentucky River played a role in the last days of Stitzel-Weller. Today, Wild Turkey bourbon ages in the six warehouses that remain.

“At Jim Beam, Jerry Dalton Retires, Fred Noe Gets Labeled.” Fred Noe’s portrait is added to the Jim Beam label, as he is named 7<sup>th</sup> generation family distiller and bourbon ambassador.

“Tennessee Seizes Jack Daniel’s Collection Worth \$1,000,000.”

REVIEW: Wild Turkey Russell’s Reserve Straight Rye Whiskey.

## **VOLUME ELEVEN**

### **61. Vol 11 No 1, February, 2008**

“The George Dickel Story; or How to Run Out of Whiskey, Part One.” We look for the historical roots of the 2007 retail shortage of Dickel No. 8.

“Ralph Dupps, Builder of George Dickel Distillery, Dies at 90.”

“American Whiskey Exports Top \$1 Billion for First Time.” The Distilled Spirits Council reports record 2007 U.S. spirits sales too.

“Lynchburg Store Owner Indicted in Jack Daniel’s Case.”

“Angostura to Invest \$25 Million in KY Distillery, Cooperage.”

“Are Micro-Distilleries Abusing the Title of Master Distiller.”

### **62. Vol 11 No 2, April, 2008**

“The George Dickel Story; or How to Run Out of Whiskey, Part Two.” The biography of Victor Shwab and the history of the Dickel brand up to almost, but not quite, the present; including the 90s overproduction period and 1999 distillery shutdown.

### **63. Vol 11 No 3, June, 2008**

“The George Dickel Story; or How to Run Out of Whiskey, Part Three.” The Dickel story from 1999 through today.

“Case of Rare, Seized Jack Daniel’s Bottles May be Settled Soon.” The defendant, Randy Piper, plumber, may take a plea and forfeit some of his \$1 million collection. A trial date hearing is scheduled for August.

REVIEW: Stranahan’s Colorado Rocky Mountain Straight Whiskey.

REVIEW: City Grocery Bourbon Jelly.

### **64. Vol 11 No 4, November, 2008**

“The Next, Great Whiskey Glut Could Be Sooner Than You Think.” We are entirely devoted to examining the future outlook for American whiskey.

### **65. Vol 11 No 5, January, 2009**

“Jack Daniel’s Case Settles, But Its Meaning To Collectors Is Unclear.” In December, the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission settled with Jack Daniel’s collector Randy Piper. Most of his million-dollar collection will be returned.

“As ‘Value’ Spirits Go To Sazerac, Barton Brands Is History.” We look at the sale of brands and production facilities to Sazerac and remember Barton Brands, which was founded in 1933 and died this month.

REVIEW: (rī)<sup>1</sup>—Pronounced ‘Rye One’—Straight Rye Whiskey.

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“CMDK To Revive W. Kentucky’s Rich Distilling Heritage, Part One.” In this first of two parts, we look at the Medley family’s whiskey-making history in Owensboro, Kentucky, up to the acquisition of one of that family’s distilleries by Angostura.

“A Tale of Two Distilleries, And What It All Means.” International drinks executives predict that a distillery built in Louisville in 1992 would be, “the last American whiskey distillery ever built.” Were they right?

“Garrison Brothers Distillery Makes First Texas Bourbon Whiskey.” Dan Garrison is making bourbon in Hye, Texas, but you can’t have any, yet.

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**67. Vol 12 No 1, June, 2009**

“With Angostura, Straight Bourbon Meets Army Strong, Part Two.” We conclude our examination of the effort by Angostura Limited to revive bourbon-making in Owensboro, Kentucky, and meet the man in charge, Lieutenant Colonel Derek Schneider.

“Bardstown Legalizes Sunday Sales, Nelson County Likely Next.” You may now buy bourbon whiskey on Sunday in the Bourbon Capital of the World®.

“Why Higher Alcohol Taxes Are A Bad Way To Solve Econ Woes.”

**68. Vol 12 No 2, September, 2009**

“25 Stops That Should Be On The Kentucky Bourbon Trail.”

“Former Jack Daniels’ Master Distiller Jimmy Bedford Dies.”

REVIEW: A Sampling of 2009’s Final Limited Edition Releases.

**69. Vol 12 No 3, October, 2009**

“The Case for Reviving the Fine Art of Whiskey Blending in America.” The U.S. is the only whiskey-making culture that primarily makes and sells straight whiskey. Considering that the rest of the world buys mostly blends, are American producers missing an opportunity?

“CORRECTION: The Original Location of Jim Beam’s Distillery.”

BOOK REVIEW: *Bourbon in Kentucky, A History of Distilleries in Kentucky*, by Chester Zoeller.

**70. Vol 12 No 4, December, 2009**

“Decoding The Bottom Shelf; The Quest For Good, Cheap Bourbon.” Shopping tips for find good whiskey on a budget.

“New Day For An Old Bird; Wild Turkey Looks Forward.” We interpret one of the public record documents filed when Gruppo Campari bought Wild Turkey back in April.

“Perception Trumps Reality In Talk Of Rye Renaissance.” Are rye whiskey sales actually booming? Not so much.

Review: 2009 Antiques Weller Bourbon and Handy Rye.

**71. Vol 12 No 5, February, 2010**

“Peoria, Illinois; Onetime Whiskey Capital of the Prairie Remembered.” In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Peoria made a lot of whiskey, more than Kentucky even.

“KDA Releases First Bourbon Economic Impact Report” The report was prepared by University of Louisville economist Paul Coomes.

REVIEW: Woodford Reserve Master’s Collection Seasoned Oak.

**72. Vol 12 No 6, May, 2010**

“Maker’s Mark 46, First New Maker’s in 50 Years, Debuts Soon.” We report the complete, inside story of its development.

“The Unlikely Story of How Light Whiskey Saved Bourbon.” International conglomerates try to turn bourbon into scotch, little Kentucky distillers fight back and win. Oh, those nutty 1960s.

BOOK REVIEW: *Splash of Bourbon*, by David Dominé. We like this new cookbook.

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**73. Vol 13 No 1, July, 2010**

“George Washington’s Distillery Is Back In Business ... Sort Of.” July 1, 2010, marked the first public sale of whiskey made at George Washington’s

Mount Vernon distillery since it burned down in 1814. But Washington's distillery is not operating as promised.

"A History Of The Cincinnati Whiskey Industry – Part One." In 2011, a last vestige of Cincinnati's once thriving whiskey industry will close its doors for good. In Part One of this history we look at Cincinnati's late 19<sup>th</sup> century heyday.

"A Modest Proposal: A Break For All-Whiskey Blends." By legal definition in the USA, a blended whiskey may be either a mixture of several different types of whiskey, or a mixture of straight whiskey with vodka. We think they each need their own name.

**74. Vol 13 No 2, September, 2010**

"A History Of The Cincinnati Whiskey Industry – Part Two." Cincinnati, Ohio, was once the center of a thriving distilled spirits industry and launched one of the post-Prohibition era's most successful distilled spirits companies. This is part two of two.

"New Bourbon Releases, Rumored and Confirmed." Fall is the season for special, limited edition releases. We taste a few and talk about the rest.

"The Slight Distilling History of Tell City, Indiana." This small Ohio River town best known for its furniture manufacturing once made a lot of whiskey too.

**75. Vol 13 No 3, December, 2010**

"Anniversary: The Modern Whiskey Began 150 Years Ago." The modern era of American distilling began in 1860 as a by-product of the American Civil War, which began in that year. That's the premise, anyway. Not coincidentally, 1860 also was the year in which the Early Times brand was established by Jack Beam, Jim Beam's uncle. Today it is owned by Brown-Forman, which is itself 140 years old (born in 1870).

"REVIEW: Angel's Envy Bourbon and WhistlePig Straight Rye." We review two new products by two new companies, each the brainchild of a veteran distiller. The Louisville Distilling Company's Angel's Envy Bourbon was created by former Brown-Forman master distiller Lincoln Henderson, while WhistlePig Farm's WhistlePig Straight Rye is fronted by Dave Pickerell, former master distiller at Maker's Mark.

**76. Vol 13 No 4, February, 2011**

"Yeast, Beams, And The Forgotten Heritage of 'Practical Distillers.'" The history of Beam family distillers and the Beam family yeast at the Jim Beam and Heaven Hill Distilleries.

“Wyoming Whiskey: ‘It’s In Mother Nature’s Hands.’” Steve Nally, formerly master Distiller at Maker’s Mark, has been making and barreling bourbon in Kirby, Wyoming for about 18 months. When he’ll have some to sell is anyone’s guess.

“REVIEW: Line Extensions Of Top Brands Prove Bourbon’s Vigor.” We taste Old Crow Reserve, Maker’s Mark 46, Early Times 354, and Knob Creek Single Barrel and assess their significance.

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“Inside a Canadian Distillery; Get to Know America’s Other Whiskey.” The Reader visits the Canadian Mist Distillery in Collingwood, Ontario.

“Michter’s ‘Barrel-a-Day’ Stills Moved to New Home in Ohio.” Installed at Michter’s in 1976, the Vendome-built barrel-a-day distillery was in Kentucky from 1996-2011. They’re now in Northeastern Ohio in the hands of a micro-distiller.

REVIEW: Two New Ryes, Bulleit 95 Rye and Redemption Rye. Two more whiskeys made at Lawrenceburg Distillers Indiana (LDI) come to market.

**78. Vol 13 No 6, June, 2011**

“Antique Bourbon, ‘Distilled in the Slow Old Fashioned Way.’” In which is told the history of Antique Bourbon, established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, died in the 21<sup>st</sup>.

“‘Corn Squeezins.’ A Recollection By Jerry O. Dalton.” The retired Beam and Barton Master Distiller shares some reminiscences about Booker, Baker, and corn.

REVIEW: Four Roses 2011 Limited Edition Single Barrel.

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**79. Vol 14 No 1, August, 2011**

“Evan Williams Single Barrel Vintage Is Critical & Popular Hit.” The story of this remarkable series, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, with emphasis on the transition from DSP-31 (Bardstown) to DSP-1 (Bernheim in Louisville).

“The Old Overholt Story; Straight Rye’s Grand Old Man.” The story of Abraham Overholt, who started distilling commercially in 1810; his grandson Henry Clay Frick; and the venerable straight rye brand to this day.

REVIEW: Three Recent Micro-Distillery Whiskeys: Smooth Ambler Yearling Bourbon, New Holland Double Down Malt 'Brewers' Whiskey,' and Great Lakes Distillery's Kinnickinnic Blended Whiskey.

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"Small Barrels Produce Lousy Whiskey,' Says Buffalo Trace." We taste 5-year-old bourbon aged in 5 gallon, 10 gallon, and 15 gallon barrels. It *is* lousy.

"Joe Dangler: A Real Virginia Gentleman Retires."

"Long Gap Between Reader Issues Explained." The editor broke his wrist.

"How The Great Whiskey Glut Launched Bourbon's Renaissance."

REVIEW: Abraham Bowman Limited Edition Virginia Whiskey. Parker's Heritage Collection Cognac Finished Bourbon.