

Bottle #1

Wiser's Dissertation



Producer: **J.P Wiser's**

Location: **Ontario, Canada**

ABV: **46.1%**

Tasting Notes

- Cherry
- Maple
- Caramel
- Apple
- Pear
- Cinnamon

The Geeky Stuff

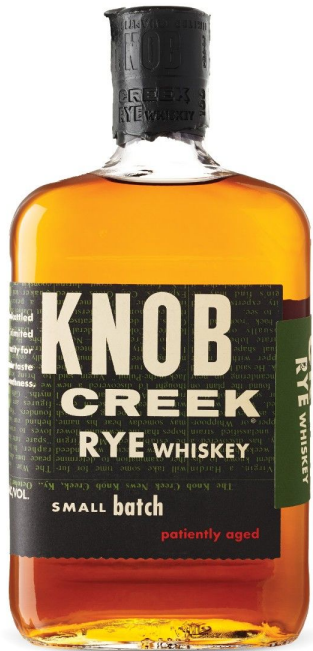
Dr. Don Livermore J.P Wiser's master blender has a PhD in distilling. During his doctoral research, he studied the effects of varying char levels on 114 barrels. These barrels were filled in 2005, and half were blended and bottled in 2016 resulting in Wiser's Dissertation.

Fun Fact

What fact could be funner than this whisky being made by a Dr. of Distillation?

Bottle #2

Knob Creek Rye



Producer: **Beam Suntory**

Location: **Clermont, Kentucky**

ABV: **50%**

Tasting Notes

- Caramel
- Ginger
- Spice
- Butter
- Brown Sugar

The Geeky Stuff

Although the mash bill is undisclosed it is commonly believed that the rye content in this whiskey sits around the 51% mark. The oldest age statements are 9 years old. Beam sources from barrels in prime locations in their warehouses when making this rye whiskey.

Fun Fact

Knob Creek's square bottles and newspaper inspired labelling is a homage to the bootleggers during prohibition who would stack their trucks with square bottles wrapped in newspaper.

Bottle #3

Michter's US1 Small Batch Bourbon



Producer: **Chatham Imports**

Location: **Kentucky, USA**

ABV: **45.7%**

Tasting Notes

- Dried fruit
- Cinnamon
- Rich spice
- Juicy fruit
- Black pepper
- Bread

The Geeky Stuff

Michter's distills at the lowest legal temperature a bourbon can. The result of this is less water added post-distillation. While this leads to a far lower yield, it gives a richer depth of flavour. Michter's also uses barrels that have been dried out for as long as 48 months to reduce the tannin levels imparted into the whiskey.

Fun Fact

Michter's legacy traces back to a distillery in Indiana founded in 1753 making it America's first whiskey company.

Bottle #4

Cardhu 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch



Producer: **Cardhu Distillery**

Location: **Speyside, Scotland**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Pear
- Brown Sugar
- Dried fruit
- Leather
- Cacao

The Geeky Stuff

This 12yr old single malt from the Speyside region is the backbone of many Johnnie Walker blends. The 12 year age statement means that the youngest age a single malt that goes into Cardhu can be is 12 years old.

Fun Fact

The highest selling single malt whisky in Spain is Cardhu 12.

Bottle #5

Craigellachie

13yr old Single Malt



Producer: **Craigellachie Distillery**

Location: **Speyside, Scotland**

ABV: **46%**

Tasting Notes

- Apples
- Popcorn
- Oily Malt
- Almond
- Subtle sulphur

The Geeky Stuff

This Speyside single malt is one of the few to still use a Worm Tub (essentially a long coil of copper pipe submerged in an enormous bath of cold water) when cooling vapours into liquid during distillation. This gives Craigellachie a heavier, more savory spirit due to higher amounts of sulphur.

Fun Fact

Craigellachie means “rocky hill,” in reference to the cliff overlooking the River Spey across from the Macallan Distillery.

Bottle #6

Talisker Distillers Edition Single Malt Scotch



Producer: **Talisker Distillery**

Location: **Isle of Skye**

ABV: **45.8%**

Tasting Notes

- Rich dried fruit
- Peat
- Apricot
- Sea salt

The Geeky Stuff

After 10 years of ageing this single malt is finished off for the last few months in Amoroso sherry casks (Amoroso is made by adding sweet, concentrated wine to Oloroso sherry). Talisker's Distillery is very much a product of its environment, embodying the characteristics of the rocky, storm lashed Isle of Skye.

Fun Fact

Talisker is the scotch used in Drambuie, the beloved Isle of Skye liqueur. Anyone for a Rusty Nail?

Bottle #7

Green Spot

Single Pot Still

Irish Whiskey



Producer: **Mitchell & Son (Midleton)**

Location: **County Cork**

ABV: **40%**

Tasting Notes

- Clove
- Apricot
- Cedar
- Green Apple
- Ginger

The Geeky Stuff

7-10 year old whiskeys matured in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks. Single Pot Still is considered to be the quintessential style of Irish Whiskey - these whiskeys must be produced by a single distillery, using a mixed mash of both malted and unmalted barley (at least 30% of each and up to 5% other cereals). The inclusion of unmalted barley generally results in a notably spicy and robust character.

Fun Fact

Of the many famed personages to have enjoyed a tip of Green Spot over the years, Irish avant-garde playwright Samuel Beckett is one of the most interesting! While living in Paris, he would have friends ferry it over by the case from Westport.

Bottle #8

Hibiki

Japanese Harmony



Producer: **Hibiki (Beam Suntory)**

Location: **Japan**

ABV: **43%**

Tasting Notes

- Honey
- Apricot
- Orange blossom
- Spice & black pepper
- Sandalwood
- Gentle smoke

The Geeky Stuff

A blend of single malts from Suntory's Yamazaki and Hakushu distilleries, along with grain whisky from their Chita distillery. Harmony is matured in 5 different types of cask, which include American oak, Mizunara oak, and ex-Sherry butts. This bottling is exemplary of the careful craft of blending, where layers integrate and overlap to produce a complex yet seamless whole.

Fun Fact

Harmony was introduced to the market as a replacement for the beloved Hibiki 12yr, which was discontinued. The 24 facets of this bottle represent the seasons of the Japanese calendar - carrying a whisky borne of time and careful attention.