



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.

In this issue, as it's almost American Independence day (July 4th). I look at Knob Creek Bourbon, a small batch bourbon produced by Jim Beam . Whereas the law demand that a Bourbon has to be aged for a minimum of two years, this bourbon is aged for nine years.

I have to state up front, (as most of you already know) that my preference is for Single malt scotch, I have difficulty with the sweetness I get from Bourbons, and unfortunately that's the case with the Knob Creek, the sweetness tends to almost overpower all the flavors. I am open to any Bourbon drinkers, suggesting a Bourbon I should try, that isn't overly sweet?

You can buy this Bourbon for around \$30.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Nutty, caramel sweetness

Palate - Sweet, rich, toffee and a little spice

Finish - Long with vanilla and nuts



If you have a personal favorite and you would like it to feature in future "Slange" newsletters, please let me know. I can be contacted at my website www.scot-talks.com

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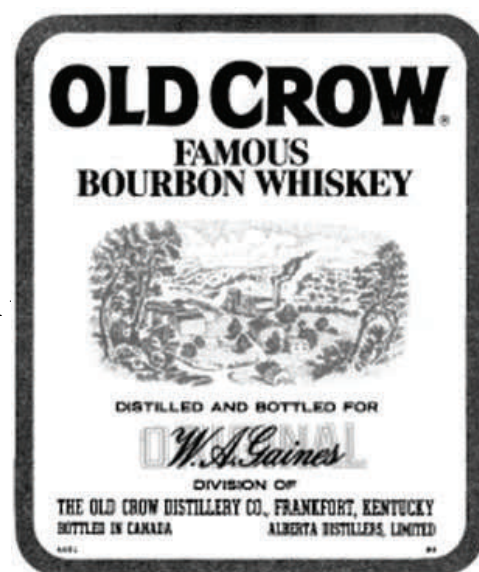
Jack & Jim

According to the Jack Daniel's web site, founder Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel was born in September, 1850, although seemingly no one knows the exact date because the birth records were destroyed in a courthouse fire. If the 1850 date is correct, he may have become a licensed distiller at the age of 16, as the distillery claims a founding date of 1866. Other records list his birth date as September 5, 1846, and in his 2004 biography *Blood & Whiskey: The Life and Times of Jack Daniel* author Peter Krass maintains that land and deed records show the distillery was actually not founded until 1875. Daniel was one of thirteen children, of Welsh and Scottish descent.



Old Crow is named in honor of Dr. James C. Crow, the Scottish Chemist who invented the sour mash process now used by all bourbon distillers. In this process, a small amount of the previous batch is left behind to help activate the work of the yeast in the new batch. In 1823, a gentleman physician, Dr. Crow, arrived in Glenn's Creek Kentucky. Crow brought his scientific and medical to what had been a very rough-and-tumble process and the results were astounding. He was able to achieve a consistency of quality never before imagined, one which would give a distiller the ability to make production commitments that could actually be met.

Dr. Crow soon moved to the town of Millville on Glenn's Creek and for the next twenty years he was in charge of the Oscar Pepper Distillery (later to become Labrot & Graham) on McCracken Pike. Later he went to work for the Johnson Distillery a couple miles north on Glenn's Creek Road.





Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. With each issue of the newsletter I will add in another Whisky to the flavor map. This Issue; [Knob Creek](http://www.knobbcreek.com). For more information go to <http://www.knobbcreek.com>





Top 20 Bourbons for around \$30

By Justin Thompson, Editor in Chief "The Bourbon Review"

OK. So I get asked all the time, "What's your favorite Bourbon", and my answer is usually one of two responses.

Response A: "What Bourbon are you buying me" or Response B: "That's like asking a mother with 100 kids who her favorite child is."

But after thinking about it for a while, I really enjoy a Bourbon that's almost always on the shelf and is around \$30. So I give you, my favorite Bourbons that are around \$30.

No one should ever complain about receiving these as a gift nor should you worry about how someone enjoys them/mixes in them if you are entertaining. Basically, these are low-maintenance Bourbons, which should be the atmosphere in which Bourbon should always be enjoyed.

In no particular order or rank, here are my favorite 20 around \$30.....that are usually available.

Bulleit Bourbon: Great on the rocks or in cocktails.

Larceny: Another solid "wheater" if you want something a little different than Maker's.

Four Roses Small Batch: Bolder and spicier than their Yellow Label. Beautiful bottle.

Maker's 46: Spicier than the original with a sleeker bottle.

1792: Big flavors to be found in this one.

Jim Beam Signature Craft 12 Year: A great Bourbon at just over \$30.

Bowman Brothers: If you like Buffalo Trace, you'll like this one.

Eagle Rare 10 Year: 10 year-old Bourbon for \$30. Sign me up anytime.

Elijah Craig: The only thing better than getting a 10 year-old Bourbon for \$30 is one that is 12 years-old.

Woodford Reserve: Always a crowd pleaser.



Top 20 Bourbons for around \$30 Cont.

Elmer T Lee: This one is getting tricky to find. But is still around \$30 so I had to include it.

Henry McKenna Single Barrel: 100 proof and 10 years-old. Pretty good value.

Jefferson's Very Small Batch: The lesser complex of the Jefferson's line, but still solid.

Lexington: If you want to save \$15 and like Basil Hayden's this is a good fill-in.

Old Forester 86: I'm referring to the 1.75/half-gallon for those large gatherings.

Old Grand Dad 114: Very bold Bourbon. Closer to \$25 in some markets.

Knob Creek: Aged 9 years and 100 proof. Can't go wrong there.

Russell Reserve 10 Year: One of the best pours for just over \$30 a bottle.

Johnny Drum Private Stock: 101 proof and sourced for Willett, who knows great whiskey when they taste it.

Evan Williams Single Barrel: It's 10 years-old and a single barrel and is almost always just under \$30.

<http://gobourbon.com/top-20-bourbons-around-30>

