

## WHISKEY FAMILY

All beverages were tested "Neat", but would taste similar with an ice cube.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes what I consider the best all-around "Neat" beverage in this family.  
Those with a hash (#) are worthy considerations within their respective sub-group.

### **New World**

#### BOURBON WHISKEY [sweeter flavor]

##### Kentucky Style (corn)

Ancient Age Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey =  
Moderate burn. Toffee taste. Descent "kicky" mixer.

Black Powder =  
Slight burn. Light flavor, with a hint of peach.

# Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (90 proof) =  
Bold, but smooth. Complex dry spice and leather flavor. Flavor lingers.

Early Times Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey =  
Moderate strength. Slightly oily. Has a slightly bitter, slightly lower quality, taste.

Hayes Parker Reserve Small Batch Bourbon Whiskey (90 proof) =  
Moderate burn. Slightly oily. Light flavor without much character. Alcoholic.

Jim Beam 4yo Kentucky Straight Bourbon =  
Very mild without much burn. Slightly oily. Tastes watered down however.

\* Jim Beam Black 8yo Kentucky Straight Bourbon (86 proof) =  
Smooth. Semisweet at first, then the barrel taste grows and lingers. Elegant.

Kentucky Gentlemen Blended Kentucky Bourbon =  
Burns. Alcoholic. Bitter low quality bourbon taste. Bad aftertaste.

Knob Creek Small Batch 9yo Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (100 proof) =  
Moderate strength. Husky taste. Mix of sweet and barrel, with other flavors hinted.

Makers Mark 6yo Bourbon Whiskey (90 proof) =  
Moderate strength. Sweet flavor like corn syrup. Malted wheat aftertaste.

Watkins Select =  
Mild. Balanced flavor. Thin at first, but aftertaste grows somewhat fuller.

Wild Turkey Kentucky Straight Bourbon (101 proof) =  
Initially smooth and flavorful, but then burning hits. Aftertaste make me ill.

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Tennessee Style (charcoal filtered corn)

Coulsons Blended Whiskey =

Very slight burn. Definite low quality whiskey taste. Aftertaste is a bit metallic.

# Jack Daniels Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey =

Very smooth. Light, with an interesting charred-barrel background taste.

Jack Daniels Old #7 =

Strong sweet whisky taste, neither harsh nor smooth. The "Bud Light" of whiskey.

Jim Beam Jacobs Ghost White Whiskey =

This stuff is bad Moonshine. Tastes like oily rubbing alcohol.

Seagram's Seven Crown Blended Whiskey =

Tastes Canadian. Alcoholicly with slight barrel flavor. Famous as a mixer with 7-Up.

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RYE WHISKEY [light-bodied and fruity]

Canadian Style (grain)

Black Velvet Canadian Whiskey =

Moderate burn, but not harsh. A bit of a cottony taste.

Canadian Club Premium Extra Aged Blended Canadian Whiskey =

Moderate burn. A bit sweet, buttery and smokey. Dry flavor. Ends quickly.

# Canadian Mist Blended Canadian Whiskey (3x) =

Some burn, but not harsh. Sweet and spicy. Satisfactory for use in mixed drinks.

Coulsons Blended Canadian Whiskey =

Burns. Tastes watered down. Alcoholic. Hint of over-ripe black cherry.

Crown Royal Blended Canadian Whiskey =

Has a yucky sickly sweet taste. Makes me ill.

# Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye =

Smooth. Lots of spice flavors along with a rye taste. Decent Neat, better mixed.

Ellington Canadian Whiskey =

Strong medicinal taste. A bit sweet.

Ellington Reserve Canadian Whiskey =

Strong medicinal taste. A bit oily.

LTD Canadian Whiskey =

Some burn. A sweet "knockoff" bourbon flavor. Mild, then numbs your mouth.

McAdams Blended Canadian Whiskey =

Burns. Tastes like water with some bad, sweet oaken flavoring added. Alcoholic.

Seagram's VO Canadian Blended Whiskey =

Mild. Lots of faint smells and flavors, such as brown baking spices. Drinkable Neat.

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American Style (rye)

# Bulleit Straight Rye Whiskey =

Mild. Moderate rye taste. Drier, with just a hint of maple. Better Neat.

Copper Pony Rye Whiskey =

Harsh. Spoiled flavor, like a disappointing Canadian. Limited supply.

Old Overholt Strait Rye Whiskey =

Mild. Burnt shoe smell. Slightly sweet cinnamon and hay flavor. Fades fast.

Winchester Rye Whiskey =

Slight burn. Mediocre spicy flavor. Horrific metallic aftertaste. Limited supply.

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## Old World

IRISH WHISKEY [light bodied and toasty]

# Bushmills Original Blended Irish Whiskey (3x) =

Not burning, but will cause mouth to go numb if undiluted. A bit sweet like honey.

Jameson Blended 7yo Irish Whiskey (3x) =

Mild on the tongue. Light flowery aroma. Spoiled nutty flavor. Taste is very bland.

Wolfhound Irish Whiskey =

Mild. Monotone apple and butterscotch flavor. Minor spoiled nutty aftertaste.

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## SCOTCH WHISKY [smokey and barley-like]

# Chivas Regal 12yo Blended Scotch Whisky =

Slight burn. Smokey. Very slight sweetness. Decent Neat or in a mixed drink.

# Cutty Sark Blended Scotch Whisky =

Smooth. Very light barrel taste in mouth. After swallow flavor grows and lasts.

Dewars "White Label" Blended Scotch Whisky =

Slight burn. Has an odd and distasteful aftertaste.

Glenmorangie Lasanta, Sherry Cask Finish =

Some burn. Fruity sherry and whisky flavor. Good, but expensive.

Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban, Port Cask Finish =

Slight burn. Very compatible port and whisky flavor. Very good, but expensive.

Highland Park Dark Origins =

Smooth. Slight sherry and spice taste. Peaty aftertaste. Nice, but very expensive.

Inver House Green Plaid Very Rare Blended Scotch Whisky =

Some burn. Too young and watery. Very light caramel flavor. A bit alcoholly.

Johnnie Walker Red Label Blended Scotch Whisky =

Smooth. Tastes (non-derogatorily) somewhat like the glue on paper envelopes.

Johnnie Walker Black Label 12yo Blended Scotch Whisky =

Mild. Tastes nutty and (non-derogatorily) somewhat like recently cut lumber.

Justerini & Brooks Rare Blended Scotch Whisky =

Burns. Dark cask taste. A bit of a damp-dirt aftertaste.

# The Black Grouse Blended Scotch Whisky =

Mild. Very slight sweetness, overlaid with a dominating peat-smoke taste.

The Glenlivet 12yo Single Malt Scotch Whisky (english) =

Slight burn. Unusual taste, with overtones of stale hazelnuts. I don't care for it.