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Review: John B. Stetson Bourbon

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Don't let the New Jersey office location of Vision Wine & Spirits, the owner of this new whiskey, give you a scare. It's Kentucky Straight Bourbon, through and through.

Crafted using both rye and wheat in the mashbill (in addition to corn and barley, of course), the whiskey is double distilled in traditional copper pot stills and aged for four years in oak (though no age statement is officially offered). Bottling proof is slightly elevated at 84 proof.

The results are just as dandy as one of Stetson's namesake hats. On the nose: Some corn, and a bit of vaporous heat. Underneath, sugar, orange peel, and cherries. There's also some Irish whiskey-like banana character in the mid-palate, with a corn chip kicker on the finish. Stetson comes across as young Bourbon, but one with a bit of pedigree. Both the rye and wheat character come through, which is quite a delight. It isn't brash or rough, just still a little wet around the ears. On the whole, it's enjoyable, but it hasn't quite come into its own just yet. I'd love to try this at 5 1/2 or 6 years old.

84 proof.

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