AMERICAN WHISKEY (АМЕРИКАНСЬКИЙ ВІСКІ)

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American whiskey is distilled from a fermented mash of cereal grain. It must have the taste, aroma, and other characteristics commonly attributed to whiskey.

Some types of whiskey listed in the United States federal regulations are:

- 1. Bourbon whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 51% corn (maize) and aged in new charred oak barrels.
- 2. Corn whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 80% corn and is not aged, or, if aged, is aged in uncharred or used barrels.
- 3. Malt whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 51% malted barley.
 - 4. Rye whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 51% rye.
- 5. Rye malt whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 51% malted rye.
- 6. Wheat whiskey: made from mash that consists of at least 51% wheat.

These types of American whiskey must be distilled to no more than 80% alcohol by volume. Only water may be added to the final product; the addition of colouring or flavouring is prohibited. These whiskeys must be aged in new charred-oak containers, except for corn whiskey, which does not have to be aged. If it is aged, it must be in uncharred oak barrels or in used barrels. Corn whiskey is usually unaged and sold as a legal version of moonshine.

US regulations recognize other whiskey categories, including: Blended whiskey; Light whiskey; Spirit whiskey. Another important labelling in the marketplace is Tennessee whiskey, of which Jack Daniel's, George Dickel, Collier and McKeel, and Benjamin Prichard's are the only brands currently bottled. Whiskey sold as «Tennessee whiskey» is defined as bourbon under NAFTA and at least one other international trade agreement, and is similarly required to meet the legal definition of bourbon under Canadian law.