

## Rye Ask Rye?

### Your guide to Blackbird's new whiskey program

Whiskey is, unapologetically, a man's drink.

Not to say women don't drink it, and well; but whiskey is the firebrand of spirits — they don't call the non-matured varietals "ruckus juice" for nothin' — and as such it belongs to the lower and surlier angels of men.

So if it's this aqua vitae you seek, belly up to the pine at [Blackbird](#).

They've just recently expanded their whiskey selection to a liver-kicking sixty labels.

Below, the pours you should be seeking.



#### The Upgrade Bourbon

Blackbird's well pour is Evan Williams. Don't do it. For an easy upgrade, go for the house's hand-selected EW Single Barrel Reserve. It's clean, floral, semi-sweet and it's the best shot of Evan you'll find in the city. [Read up on Evan Williams](#).



#### The Sweetheart

Michter's US Single Barrel — which calls Bardstown, KY home — is an excitable and fiery rye, but it can be tamed with a cube of ice, releasing the barrel's caramel and vanilla undertones and showing it for the big softy it is. [Mmm, check out this Michter's](#).



#### The Fake Local

St. George's Breaking & Entering is a California immigrant — hand-selected in Kentucky then smuggled away and blended by the boys from Alameda. The result is a bourbon with cherry at its edges, smoothed to perfection by oak age. [More on St. George's](#).



#### The Lost In Translation

Make it Suntory Time with this Hibiki 12 Year. Finished in a plum cask, you'll get leather and oak alongside a rose-petal sweetness. This is a laid-back sipping whiskey, but it'll take fizzy water without losing flavor. No word on QT with Scarlett Johansson, sadly, [but it is relaxing](#).



#### The Rye Guy's Rye

If you're looking for a rye without a hint of the candy — read: corn or barley — and without a trace of anything other than, well, rye, turn to Vermont's WhistlePig, aged ten years. It's all rye, all day, every damn day. Think spice, no sugar. [Read more](#).



#### The Better Bushmills

For the Bushmills man, we suggest the 16 year. The flavors open up in maturation, revealing a mellow smokiness and a hint of reclaimed lumber (sounds weird, tastes tasty). This isn't your college whiskey. It's grown up — like you — and no longer passes out with its shoes on. [Read up](#).