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Jim Beam An American Whiskey

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Jim Beam is one of the big names of bourbon, so there's no surprise to find a big man behind it

Talk to him and you are tapping straight into the history of bourbon itself.

Today, Jim Beam is the world's biggest selling bourbon, but in 1934 things weren't so rosy. Pro

This was the distilling capital of the world before it was put out of business by the governme

Booker has now passed the reins to Jerry Dalton, the first non-Beam to be appointed master dis

There's a sequence of special quirks at work in Beam's two plants, but it's yeast that Jerry z

'Different yeasts produce different levels of fusel oil, which will ultimately have an effect

When you combine the special yeasts with the higher-than-average percentage of backset (which

But if Jim Beam White Label is the world's best-known bourbon, it's the firm's small batch ran

'Booker's is the only one that's bottled at the same proof at which it went into the barrel,'

If the style hasn't changed, the methods certainly have. Does today's high-tech approach of di

The techniques may be space-age, but the small batch range signals a return to a time when bou

TASTING NOTES

Jim Beam White Label 4-year-old

80°proof Lightly oaked, with some light spicy notes. Clean and sound. \* \*

Small batch range

Basil Hayden 8-year-old

80°proof Light and rye-accented, with plenty of lemon and tobacco leaf notes. Clean, with cris

Baker's 7-year-old

107°proof Richer, with a leather armchair kind of nose and lots of overripe fruit. Slightly bi

Knob Creek 9-year-old

100°proof Rich and sweet with honey, blackberry and spun sugar. Elegant and super-ripe, with a

Booker's 7-year-old

126.5°proof Amazingly complex without water, for such a powerful Bourbon - and a bit like a gr

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