

# IRISH WHISKEY

## FLIGHT

A

### Bushmills, 1608, 46% abv

A blend of three different types of whiskey -- malt whiskey, grain whiskey, and a third component which is said to be a malt whiskey produced from crystal malt. Brewers and homebrewers know crystal malt well, a slightly caramelized version of malted barley. Its rich texture suggests a decent malt content for a blend. Layers of sweetness (honeyed vanilla, rummy molasses, toasted marshmallow) are balanced by toasted nuts, dried fruit, and dark chocolate. Very dynamic and with plenty of grit. Smartly bottled at 46%

B

### Jameson, 40% abv

Meet the undisputed driver of the Irish whiskey resurgence. The nose is light, with baked apple strudel, toasty staves, and hints of the bourbon and sherry cask influence. There are discernible pot still elements contributing a fruity character and plenty of weight. This dominant triple distilled whiskey is smooth, sure, although that characteristic improves noticeably up the range. Expect Braeburn apples, raspberry, strawberry, currants, and mixed peel, with a short finish of cinnamon spice and a dull fruit note.

*I'd rather be*  
SOMEONE'S SHOT OF  
**WHISKEY**  
THAN EVERYONE'S  
CUP OF TEA

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C

### Pogues Black, 40% abv

The official whiskey of the Celtic punk band, The Pogues, comes from West Cork Distillers, an independent distillery located in Skibbereen in County Cork. The whiskey is a blend of 50% 10-year old single malt and 50% 5-7 year-old single grain whiskey aged in ex-sherry and ex-bourbon barrels respectively. It was originally only available in England and Ireland, but has just launched in the US as of March 2016.

D

### Writer's Tears, 40 % abv

Writers Tears is named for the esteemed Irish writers and playwrights of the 19th century who sought inspiration and comfort in their local watering holes. The whiskey is produced using the same methods as original 19<sup>th</sup> Century Irish distillers, a blend of triple distilled malt and pot still whiskey. Both of those types are made solely in copper pot stills, and all the whiskey is matured in ex-bourbon barrels.

Writers' Tears is a unique vatting of Single Malt and Single Pot Still whiskeys. Distilled from 60% Pot Still and 40% Malt (No Grain). Writers' Tears is triple distilled, non-peated and matured and aged in American Oak bourbon casks. A gold Medal winner at the International Spirits Challenge in London. It has also been added to Ian Buxton's publication "101 Whiskeys to try before you die"

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