

Back in Black!

Belle Meade "Black Belle" Bourbon RE-RELEASE Black Friday: November 23, 2018 ONLY in Nashville, TN



Nelson Green Brier Distillery's 2018 Craftsman Cask Collection is returning to the one that inspired their line of super-limited cask finishes... Black Belle. In 2017, brothers Andy and Charlie Nelson released one barrel of this remarkable beer barrel finished Bourbon, and it set the internet on fire. Belle Meade "Black Belle" Bourbon spurred the idea of trying a hand at other experimental finishes, thus the Craftsman Cask Collection was born. On Friday, November 23, 2018 (Black Friday) Nelson's Green Brier Distillery will release just three barrels, exclusively at the distillery, for \$99.99 a bottle (750mL).

This 2018 release of Belle Meade "Black Belle" Bourbon has been aged for 10-11 years, and finished its aging for an additional 10-12 months inside of Imperial Stout barrels from **Blackstone Brewing** in Nashville, Tennessee. The journey? The barrels start as bourbon barrels at Nelson's Green Brier Distillery, where they are some of the few barrels selected to age a Single Barrel worthy bourbon. Once the Nelsons empty the barrels from the bottling process, they are then sent to Blackstone Brewing where they are filled with what becomes their Black Belle Imperial Stout. This 10.2% ABV stout is infused with cocoa nibs and rests in the used bourbon barrels for at least 7 months. After Blackstone Brewing dumps the barrel, they are sent back to the distillery, where they are filled again with bourbon, and rest for an additional 10-12 months. The result, Belle Meade "Black Belle" Bourbon, is a robust bourbon with chocolate and stout notes that smooth the palate, lengthen the finish, and bring even more complexity to the already stellar whiskey.