



**The  
Rendezvous  
Room**

*at the Mellwood*



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In 2023, the newest installment in the history of The Mellwood Tavern began with the opening of The Rendezvous Room. This addition to the Mellwood Tavern, named to celebrate the building's origins, is located on the newly renovated second floor. The bar, styled with an eye to the it's post-prohibition roots, celebrates the past and ushers the historic gathering spot into the future. The Rendezvous Room welcomes patrons by serving a wide selection of Kentucky bourbons and signature bourbon cocktails in a warm and timeless atmosphere. Welcome to The Rendezvous Room!



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# Whiskey by the Drink

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**1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS**

**Wild Turkey Master's Keep Voyage \$50**

10 year old bourbon finished in Jamaican rum casks

106 proof / 53 abv

**Blanton's SFTB \$50**

12 year old bourbon, Single Barrel

Barrel #635 / Warehouse H / Dump date 7-1-22

128.8 proof / 64.4 abv

**Weller \$50**

C.Y.P.B. - Craft Your Perfect Bourbon was created based on the feedback of 100,000 bourbon fans 8 years old, wheated, aged on the top floor of warehouse and proof between 90-99

47.5 abv, 95 proof

**2023B Stagg \$45**

Unfiltered Straight Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey

Minimum 4 years old, Rumored to be 7-9 years

127.8 proof / 63.9 abv

**2022A Stagg \$45**

Unfiltered Straight Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey

Minimum 4 years old, Rumored to be 7-9 years

132.2 proof / 66.1 abv

# Whiskey by the Drink

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**1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS**

**2023 King of Kentucky \$65**

16 year old bourbon, Single Barrel

Bottle 21 of 88

63.75 abv

**2022 Old Carter \$55**

Straight American Whiskey, Small Batch 10, Bottle 31 of 2621

Barrel Strength, 131.8 proof, 65.9 abv

**2023 Woodford Reserve Master's Collection \$60**

Blended Barrels bottled at actual proof

Batch Proof 127.7 proof, 62.35 abv

**2023 Old Forester Birthday Bourbon \$40**

Twelve years old, Barrelled 2011, Bottled 2023

96 proof, 48 abv

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**1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS**

**2022 Old Forester Birthday Bourbon \$40**

Eleven years old, Barrelled 2011, Bottled 2022  
96 proof, 48 abv

**2021 Old Forester Birthday Bourbon \$40**

Twelve years old, barreled 2009, Bottled 2021  
104 proof, 52 abv

**2023 Old Forester 117 Series \$65**

Batch 1, BIB, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky  
100 proof, 50 abv

**2022 Old Forester 117 Series \$65**

Batch 1, 1910 Extra Old, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky,  
Double-Barreled  
93 proof, 46.5 abv

**2022 Old Forester 117 Series \$65**

Batch 1, Whiskey Row Fire, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky  
Double-Barreled 18 months  
100 proof, 50 abv

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**2022 Old Forester 117 Series \$65**

Batch 1, 1910 Extra Extra Old, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky,  
Double-Barreled 24 months  
93 proof, 46.5 abv

**2022 Hidden Barn Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey \$45**

Batch #5, 7 Select Barrels distilled by Royce Neeley  
& blended by Jackie Zykan  
106 proof, 53 abv

**Registered Distillery One \$35**

Small Batch, KSBW finished with Brazilian Amburana Wood  
110 proof, 55 abv

**Kentucky Owl KSRW \$50**

Small Batch, 10 years old, Bottled May 2020,  
Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey  
114 proof, 57 abv

**Kentucky Owl KSBW \$40**

Blend of Straight Bourbons 4-11 years old,  
St. Patrick's Day Edition  
100 proof, 50 abv

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**1 1/2 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS**

**Old Rip Van Winkle \$20**

10 years old, handmade bourbon

107 proof, 53.5 abv

**Van Winkle Special Reserve \$50**

12 years old, Lot B, KSBW

90.4 proof, 45.2 abv

**Weller \$40**

Full Proof William Larue Weller developed his original bourbon with wheat, not rye, and bottled at the same proof as it exited the barrel

114 proof, 57 abv

**Weller \$25**

12 years old, KSBW

90 proof, 45 abv

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1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS

**Elmer T Lee \$40**

Single Barrel, Sour Mash  
90 proof, 45 abv

**Colonel EH Taylor Jr \$25**

Small Batch, KSBW, BIB  
50 proof, 100 abv

**Horse Soldier \$20**

Forged in Fire, Small Batch Bourbon Whiskey, 2 years old  
87 proof, 47.5 abv

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**1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS**

**Rock Hill Farms \$30**

Single Barrel, Buffalo Trace Mash Bill #2, 12-15% Rye  
100 proof, 50 abv

**Basil Hayden TOAST \$20**

Toasted Barrel, New Mash Bill with brown rice, Crafted by Freddie Noe  
80 proof, 40 abv

**Elijah Craig TOASTED BARREL \$20**

Small Batch KSBW finished in toasted new oak barrels  
94 proof, 47 abv

**Old Forester Rye Single Barrel \$30**

Unfiltered, Barrel proof, 65% rye, 20 malted barley, 15% corn  
124 proof, 62.0 abv

# Whiskey by the Drink

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1 1/4 OUNCES OF RARE, UNIQUE & SINGLE OFFERINGS

## **Old Forester 1910 Old Fine Whisky \$20**

Commemorates the first doubled barreled whiskey

Barreled at 100 proof as it was in 1910

93 proof, 46.5 abv

## **Old Forester 1897 BIB \$20**

Commemorates the Bottled in Bond Act passed in 1897

100 proof, 50 abv

## **Old Forester Statesmen \$20**

Commemorates the 2017 movie release of KINGSMAN: The Gold Circle

Hand selected casks from the warmest areas of the warehouse

95 proof, 47.5 abv



# House Cocktails

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## **Mellwood Old Fashioned**

Bourbon, Demerara Syrup, Bitters, Orange, Cherry

## **Bourbon Daisy**

Bourbon, Lemon Juice, Pomegranate Syrup, Simple Syrup, Tonic

## **Manhattan**

Bourbon, Sweet Vermouth, Bitters, Cherry

## **Daquiri**

Aged Rum, Lime Juice, Simple Syrup

## **Dark & Stormy**

Dark Rum, Ginger Beer, Lime Juice

## **Mellwood White Russian**

Vanilla Vodka, Kahlua, Milk

## **Tom Collins**

Gin, Lemon Juice, Simple Syrup, Club Soda

## **Margarita**

Tequila, Blue Agave, Triple Sec, House Sour Mix

## **Aperol Spritz**

Aperol, Champagne, Soda

## **Grateful Dead**

Clear Liquors, Triple Sec, Black Raspberry Liqueur, House Sour

# Grapes

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## **Bubbles**

J. Roget American Champagne Brut Split \$12

JP Chenet Split \$9

## **White**

Santa Marina, Pinot Grigio, Italy \$9 / \$25

Kim Crawford , Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough \$12 / \$35

William Hill, Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$8/

## **Red**

Caymus, California, Cabernet \$15/ \$40

Kenwood Six Ridges, Alexander Valley, Cabernet \$15/\$40

Bello Glos, California, Pinot Noir \$15 / \$40

