



13 Generations of Artisan Wines & Spirits

Whiskey, Release II

Key Facts:

- Single malt distilled from PILSNER beer - a first in the history of whiskey distillation
- 100% Two-Row European Barley grown & malted in British Columbia
- No peat during malting - to emphasize the natural grain flavors
- Hops added to the mash: Nugget, Cascade & Eroica
- Double-distilled in 1000-gallon Alambic Charentais Pot Still
- Classical 7-Fraction distillation method for purity & smoothness
- Aged 6 years in custom-made new American White Oak barrels (charred to #3 Gator Skin); aged for 3 more years in stainless
- Bottled at 110 proof and not filtered
- Second release from Collector's Series—20,000 gallons of Pilsner distilled for 3.5 weeks straight (24/7) in 1999 by Miles & Marko Karakasevic (22 barrels total)
- Aged at variable temperatures; 5 barrels chosen & blended to share how the Whiskey is aging.



Technical Facts:

Alcohol:	55% ABV
Bottle Size:	750 ml / 12 Pack
Fruit Source:	California
Retail Price:	\$325 (California Suggested Retail)

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast (March 2011) “This whiskey reads like a cross between Bourbon and a fine Cognac, delivering rich aromas of caramel, espresso and crème brûlée. Although initially brisk and spicy the flavor fades to a long burnt-toffee finish and bracing bite. Feels warm and soft on the tongue.”

“It is a majestic whiskey, tasting of butterscotch and vanilla with apple fruit, but the main impression is of solidity, harmony and concentration.” LA Times Charles Perry

“The nose is incredibly complex with notes of honey, oak, cereal and an incredible spiciness, and the palate follows the nose to a tee. The body is huge, silky and highly textured, and the finish goes on forever...mastery of the craft..” Gary Reagan

Distillers' Notes: “Double-distilling two-row barley is a dream come true for me as a 13th generation distiller... With the addition of aromatic hops and the rich spice of new American White Oak barrels, this whiskey celebrates the ongoing creativity of our family's long distilling heritage.” Marko Karakasevic

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CHARBAY Whiskey Release II (120 Cases)

The in-depth notes that whiskey aficionados will appreciate for this must-have whiskey

A lifetime collector's series - In 1999, Miles and Marko distilled just 24 barrels of Whiskey. These barrels will be watched (and certainly tasted) over many years – they are an art endeavor, not an on-going production. Release I of the series was just *2 years old* when it was bottled at cask-strength (124.9 proof) & it was unheard of to taste a whiskey as smooth as a fine 15-year-old (80 proof) one.

A Break-through in Whiskey History - Little-known fact: Whiskey IS distilled beer! In this case, 12th & 13th Generation Distillers started with a great bottle-ready Pilsner from a Northern CA micro-brewery

Single-Malt – 100% European Two-Row Barley, grown & malted in British Columbia, which has much more concentrated flavors than the more mainstream 6-row barley, was first made by professional brewers into bottle-ready beer. **Choice hops** were added just before distillation – to add the floral & spice notes Marko envisioned in his mind. **No peat** was used during malting – our brewers, as well as Marko & Miles, the distillers, prefer to focus on the pure grain & hops flavors.

Classical 7-Fraction Pot Still Distillation: The Art Where “the Men Get Separated from the Boys” 99% of whiskey today is made in column stills at the expense of quality and, ultimately, taste. Why? It's consistent, yields the highest volume of whiskey, and, best of all, can be run on auto-pilot to create the millions of gallons that are consumed each year.

Miles & Marko use a classical Alambic Charentais Pot Still – no automation. Period. They separate (“cut”) the batch into 7 sections to find the ultimate “heart” of the distillation - an art passed down, not taught in any university. From 20,000 gallons of Pilsner, just 1,000 gallons of Whiskey results.

It took 3 ½ WEEKS (24/7) to distill. As you see, this not commercially viable – it's fine art.

Our Barrel-Aging Philosophy - Miles & Marko used custom-made new American oak barrels (Missouri & Pennsylvania), charred to #3 Gator Skin. They purposely age the barrels of Whiskey at variable temperatures to create added flavor complexities. For Release II, 5 barrels at nine years old were selected for their profile... these have six years of barrel aging plus 3 years in inert vessels (stainless steel). (Want to talk molecular? Call Miles.)

Cut with water that makes Fiji jealous – Ultra-soft...only 3 ppm (parts per million) dissolved solids remain in the water when Miles & Marko slide it into the whiskey. (Fiji water has 210 ppm)

Angel's Share - the amount of whiskey that evaporates while barrel-aging is between 3-4% per year. That amounts to TWO GALLONS lost per year out of each barrel.

Hand-produced entirely in-house by a legendary artisan family – from the label design, to the distillation, bottling, labeling, wax dipping, “coining” ...truly an exceptional story in a bottle.

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