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**BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY RELEASES 2011  
ANTIQUE COLLECTION**

**FRANKFORT, Franklin County, Ky (August 30, 2011)** The long wait is over! Buffalo Trace Distillery will release its 2011 Antique Collection in September. The much anticipated collection will once again feature five limited-release whiskeys of various ages, recipes and proofs. Here's what ardent fans can expect:

**Sazerac Rye 18 Year Old**

Last year's release was given a liquid gold award and a 97.5 rating in Jim Murray's 2011 *Whisky Bible*. This 2011 rye whiskey release is described as "intense spice with underlying sweetness and dry finish." Hopefully critics agree this batch is just as good, or better!

**Eagle Rare 17 Year Old**

The previous edition of this bourbon was honored with a Gold Medal at the 2011 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. The 2011 edition was distilled in the Spring of 1993 and has been aging on the 2nd, 3rd and 6th floors of Warehouses I and K. After 18 years and 7 months of aging under its belt, it brings to the table notes of leather, vanilla and tobacco.

**George T. Stagg**

The 2010 release of this long-time favorite was named "Spirit of the Year" by F. Paul Pacult in the 2011 *Spirit Journal*. The 2011 George T. Stagg was found in Warehouses H, I, and K. This uncut, unfiltered bourbon was distilled back in the winter of 1993 and weighs in at 142.6 proof—some bold stuff! This whiskey tastes of espresso, chocolate and vanilla.

**William Larue Weller**

William Larue Weller is the Antique Collection's uncut, unfiltered, wheated recipe bourbon. The previous edition was named "Bourbon of the Year" in Jim Murray's 2011 *Whisky Bible*. The 2011 offering was distilled in the summer of 1998 and aged on the fourth and fifth floors of Warehouses N, O, and P. This William Larue Weller release registers in at 133.5 proof – a lot stronger than last year! It tastes of honey, caramel, light toffee and pipe tobacco.

**Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye**

Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye is an uncut and unfiltered straight rye whiskey. The 2010 edition was named "Rye Whiskey of the Year" by Jim Murray in his 2011 *Whisky Bible*. This year's Handy was distilled in the spring of 2005, aged on the sixth floor of Warehouse K and weighs in at 128.6 proof. The flavor has been described as "Christmas cake and allspice. Bold and yummy."

The Antique Collection was introduced more than a decade ago and has become a cult favorite among whiskey connoisseurs. Since 2000 these whiskeys have garnered numerous awards from such notable publications as *Malt Advocate Magazine*, *Spirit Journal* and Jim Murray's *Whisky Bible*.

“It will be hard to top last year’s batch of awards,” said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley. “But we think this year’s collection has just as much to offer. I’m anxious to hear if everyone else agrees.”

These Antique Collection whiskeys will be available in limited quantities starting in late September. Suggested retail price is \$70 each. For more information visit [www.greatbourbon.com](http://www.greatbourbon.com) <<http://www.greatbourbon.com/>> or contact Kris Comstock at [kcomstock@buffalotrace.com](mailto:kcomstock@buffalotrace.com).

### **About Buffalo Trace Distillery**

Buffalo Trace Distillery is a family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The distillery's rich distilling tradition dates back to 1787 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won seven distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as *Whisky Magazine*, *Malt Advocate Magazine* and *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. It was named *Whisky Magazine* 2010 World Icons of Whisky “Whisky Visitor Attraction of the Year.” Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 200 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotrace.com](http://www.buffalotrace.com) <<http://www.buffalotrace.com/>> . To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracediakit.com](http://www.buffalotracediakit.com) <<http://www.buffalotracediakit.com/>>

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