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**BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY RELEASES  
2012 ANTIQUE COLLECTION**

**FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Sept. 4, 2012)** At long last, Buffalo Trace Distillery is releasing its 2012 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:

**Eagle Rare 17 Year Old**

The previous edition of this bourbon was honored with a Gold Medal at the 2012 International Wine and Spirits Competition. The 2012 edition was distilled in the spring of 1993 and has been aging on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors of Warehouses I and K. After nearly two decades of aging under its belt, it has been described as dry and delicate, with hints of leather, almonds and tobacco.

**George T. Stagg**

The 2011 release of this perennial favorite was named the "Number One Spirit in the World" by F. Paul Pacult in the 2012 *Spirit Journal* for the second year in a row, as well as the "Second Finest Whiskey in the World" in *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible*. The 2012 George T. Stagg was found in Warehouses H, I, K and L. This uncut, unfiltered bourbon was distilled back in the spring of 1995 and weighs in at 142.8 proof—some strong stuff! This whiskey tastes of rich dark chocolate, coffee and vanilla.

**Sazerac Rye 18 Year Old**

Last year's release won a double gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. This 2012 rye whiskey release was aged in Warehouses K and is described as intense spice with underlying sweetness and dry finish.

**Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye**

Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye is an uncut and unfiltered straight rye whiskey. The 2011 edition was once again named "Rye Whiskey of the Year" in *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible*. This year's Handy was distilled in the spring of 2006, aged on the fifth floor of Warehouse O and weighs in at 132.4 proof. The flavor has been described as cinnamon, dark fruit, allspice, lingering.

**William Larue Weller**

William Larue Weller is the Antique Collection's uncut, unfiltered, wheated recipe bourbon. The previous edition was the recipient of a double gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. The 2012 offering was distilled in the spring of 2000 and aged on the

second and fourth floors of Warehouses I and P. This William Larue Weller release registers in at 130 proof. It tastes of dark vanilla, almond and plum.

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 *Whisky Advocate Magazine*, *Spirit Journal* and *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible*.

“Every year the excitement and anticipation of these whiskeys grows,” said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley. “We’re excited as well to finally be able to share them, and look forward to seeing what critics and consumers alike think about them.”

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) 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*, *Whisky 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.buffalotracedistillery.com](http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com). To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit [www.buffalotracedmediakit.com](http://www.buffalotracedmediakit.com)

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