

Whisky ADVOCATE

95

Knob Creek 12 year old

50%

Until now, most Knob Creek has been bottled at 9 years of age or younger for good reason: There's no guarantee that bourbon will taste good after a dozen years in the barrel—let alone great. This one is richly complex from the start: York Peppermint Pattie, raisins, baking spice, dark chocolate-covered cherries, iced tea, and tobacco barn appear on the nose, followed by a chewy, full palate laden with cinnamon, allspice, and ginger, and perfectly balanced with sweet berry cobbler, chocolate ganache, and caramel. The finish goes on and on. Add in a fair price and excellent availability as part of Knob Creek's core lineup, and only one question remains: What are you waiting for?

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