

Parker's Heritage Collection

**First Edition, 1996 vintage,
61.3%**

There are two noteworthy items regarding this whiskey. It's the first barrel-proof whiskey released by Heaven Hill for the U.S. market. It's also the first of what will be an ongoing series of releases under the "Parker's Heritage Collection" label. This one is rich, with thick toffee, molasses, vanilla fudge, and Heath bar. It's also well balanced, with underlying exotic spice, summer fruit, dusty corn, and tobacco to balance the sweeter notes. Long, soothing, finish. A nicely matured bourbon of character and pedigree. (Originally reviewed in Volume 16, No. 4)

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