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2026 **INVESTMENT GUIDE**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Investors around the world are all trying to do the same thing. Make sense of the current state of the economy. Since concerns continue to grow about financial markets across the globe, investors are looking outside mainstream asset classes to keep their investments on track. With the bourbon boom only continuing to gain momentum over the past twelve months, there has never been a better time to incorporate CaskX investment offerings as part of a well-balanced diversification strategy.

We believe our innovative investment platform, along with our return-focused methodologies will continue to show unrivaled returns that outpace any other alternative asset on the market. With a dedicated team of brokers and world-class partnerships, CaskX provides investors with a service and journey unlike any other; from the purchase of casks to a range of exit strategies.

By allowing CaskX to introduce you to the world of whiskey cask investment you are choosing the perfect time to enter the rapidly growing, romantic and widely profitable market of whiskey investment.

To the prudent investor, whiskey possesses a rare opportunity.

JEREMY KASLER, CEO



CASK INVESTMENT: THE ULTIMATE WHISKEY EXPERIENCE

For anyone with even the slightest interest in whiskey, the idea of investing in entire casks of liquid that are silently maturing in a rickhouse has a very romantic allure. Each cask is a unique asset that has the potential to become a highly prized expression, even if the current acquisition price is that of an entry level release. Just as every bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or Macallan transitioned from clear commodity-grade liquid to the upper echelon of spirits, so too can a cask purchased by an investor transition to a masterpiece.

Purchasing a full cask is the pinnacle of whiskey, the ultimate experience. It's an opportunity to become the sole caretaker and decision maker for an expression which will one day leave its mark on the world - and possibly see its name written in the history books. By becoming a cask owner you have the chance to write your own chapter by determining what the whiskey you purchase will ultimately become.

Whether you hold the casks for a few years, or several decades; every choice and every decision is yours alone.

Regardless of what you decide, it will be an experience you'll never forget and will keep you coming back for more.

Thus we believe whiskey cask investments will allow for the achievement of better returns than investments in bottled whiskey.



THE CASE FOR WHISKEY CASK INVESTMENT

Whiskey cask investment represents a compelling and increasingly popular avenue within the alternative investment landscape, offering the opportunity to invest directly in whiskey at its most pivotal stage: maturation. This investment strategy involves acquiring whole barrels of new make whiskey which are then aged over time. The value of these casks is expected to appreciate as the whiskey matures, transforming raw spirit into a sought-after commodity that has the potential to yield significant returns upon sale. The longer you keep whiskey in the cask, the more complex the flavor profile, and the greater potential that a higher price will be paid for the whiskey when eventually bottled for sale, compared with whiskey that is aged for fewer years or has not developed as fully.

At the core of whiskey cask investment is the fact that whiskey only ages while inside the barrel, after whiskey is bottled the aging process stops. Bottled whiskey does not mature with age; its characteristics will remain the same indefinitely and any appreciation in the value of bottles will be solely dictated by changes in demand for the particular release. For this reason, we believe the investment in whiskey casks in the most compelling manner by which to invest in the American Whiskey and Scotch Whisky markets. By holding an investment in whiskey casks, investors may benefit from both an appreciation in value due to the maturation process as well as appreciation in value from increased market demand.



WHY DISTILLERIES SELL CASKS

Due to the many years required to mature whiskey, the casks have long been sold as a way for distilleries to generate the cashflow needed to fund operations. However, these casks have traditionally been difficult for private individuals to acquire direct and the secondary market is generally burdened by high fees and a lack of transparency. By partnering directly with carefully vetted bourbon and scotch distilleries, CaskX is making it easy for investors to access investment offerings from bourbon distilleries in the United States and scotch distilleries abroad. These investments play a critical role in the future success of the industry by providing three key benefits to distillery partners.

CASHFLOW

Any business, including both an established and new distillery, needs cash to run. Whiskey, however, needs to mature for a period of time before it develops the flavor profile that buyers demand. During this important time when the casks are aging, distilleries choose to sell new make and young casks in order to remain operational. This is where investors come in. Selling casks keeps the lights on for new, exciting distilleries, and investors make that a possibility.

INCREASED DISTRIBUTION

Independent bottling companies purchase casks from distilleries in bulk, blend the whiskey, bottle it, and build new brands. Most bottlers select only the finest casks and have built powerful product ranges centered around strict quality standards. By selling casks to these brands, the distillery can further grow their distribution and increase distillery recognition among consumers.

BRAND GROWTH

Beyond monetary aspects, selling interests in casks to investors and independent bottlers helps distilleries diversify and reach out further, which generally allows them to take their brand to the next level. Casks sales, auctions, and independent bottlers may add value to a brand, which can drive bottle and cask prices up.

CASKX INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

In order to build portfolios that we would expect to deliver stable growth for investors, CaskX provides access to investment opportunities from distilleries in two segments of the whiskey industry. Both categories offer distinct benefits as components within a well-diversified portfolio. With the differences in the optimal holding time between these investment types, investors can develop a strategy that properly aligns with their own individual objectives.

BOURBON BARREL INVESTMENT

CaskX partners with both established and emerging distilleries in the United States who have a history in producing and marketing premium bourbon. In 2023, CaskX surpassed sales of more than 20,000 bourbon casks from a combination of distilleries varying in size and production capacity. Given the increasing preference for single barrel and select bourbon releases among affluent consumers, combined with rising international demand, the bourbon industry has experienced significant growth over the past 10 years¹. And, most industry experts are predicting continued growth in demand over the next few years.¹ There are stringent federal regulations governing production, transportation and distribution of each barrel, which both the distilleries and CaskX must comply. Casks can only be sold to those holding wholesale permits and CaskX then sells interests in the casks for investment purposes. Thus, you will receive a warehouse receipt evidencing your interest in the casks in which you invest and CaskX will execute your instructions with the distillery when you are ready to exit.

SCOTCH WHISKY CASK INVESTMENT

CaskX has access to an extensive inventory of single malt whisky casks from a broad selection of distilleries across Scotland. Building a portfolio of Scotch Whisky holdings offers the opportunity to experience the romanticism of the iconic expressions in an entirely new way and, have the potential to benefit from the growth in value for the Scotch Whisky as it matures. Investments are held securely in a government bonded warehouse under the strict oversight of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) which verifies the provenance and ownership rights for each cask.

BOURBON 101

By definition, bourbon is a “distinctive product of the United States” and adheres to specific rules, as stated by the U.S. Congress in 1964:

- It can only be made in America.
- The mash bill must contain at least 51% corn.
- The distillate must be put into a new, charred oak barrel (or cask).
- It is distilled no higher than 160°F.
- It is put into a barrel no higher than 120 proof.
- It is bottled at no less than 80 proof.

While bourbon does not have to be made strictly in Kentucky, a vast majority of it is, and most likely it's the names you know best, from Jim Beam to Pappy Van Winkle.

Early American settlers from Ireland and Scotland brought with them their distilling knowledge to use in the New World, so they began distilling the grains that grew best in the new land, which was corn. Bourbon's first boom was in the early 1900s, as distilleries began to sell their bourbon in bottles. However, Prohibition, which lasted 1920-1933, shut down nearly all of the distilleries throughout America. Bourbon made a slow comeback in the 1940s and quickly gained popularity again in the 1950s-1970s.

With the country's thirst quickly changing from brown spirits to clear spirits like vodka, bourbon went through a slow period in the 1980s that lasted until the early 2000s. Thanks to a renewed focus on classic cocktails and distilleries releasing high-end, limited-edition products, bourbon rose in popularity once again.

While we believe bourbon fever has spread all throughout the United States and the world, for that matter, the bourbon mecca continues to be found in Kentucky. In fact, millions of tourists take a journey on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® each year¹, and Kentucky distilleries are both multiplying in numbers and expanding in size.

The bourbon boom is showing no signs of slowing down anytime soon, and in fact its numbers in output, revenue and investment are only growing.¹

SCOTCH 101

Scotland is one of the oldest, more structured whisky making countries in the world. Overseen by the Scotch Whisky Association, Scotch whisky rules are firm and unwavering. This means the category can sometimes hinder creativity, however, drinkers and collectors understand that if a cask or bottle contains Scotch whisky then all the information surrounding production, ingredients, and branding will be accurate due to the strict regulatory scheme.

As the biggest whisky category in the world in terms of sales, distribution, and popularity,¹ Scotch whisky has countless distilleries and brands in order to keep up with demand. The distilleries are broken down into five geographical areas: Highlands, Lowlands, Speyside, Islay, Campbeltown. The Islands are an extra, "unofficial" region of Scotch whisky. As mentioned, the regions are broken down by landmass in Scotland, with clear borders. Some attempt to break the regions down by flavor profile, however, with every distillery creating a unique product, they simply cannot be boxed in and defined by having the same flavor profiles because they stand in the same area of Scotland. Similarities do exist, but not significant enough to define each distillery.

By definition, Scotch Whisky must adhere to the following rules:

- Wholly produced at a distillery in Scotland from water and malted barley (to which only whole grains or other cereals may be added).
- Distilled at an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 94.8% (190 US proof).
- Wholly matured in an excise warehouse in Scotland in oak casks of a capacity not exceeding 700 litres for at least three years.
- Retaining the color, aroma, and taste of the raw materials used in, and the method of, its production and maturation.
- Containing no added substances, other than water and plain (E150A) caramel colouring.
- Comprising a minimum alcoholic strength by volume of 40% (80 US proof)

BOURBON VS SCOTCH

While bourbon and scotch are both considered whiskey, the spirits are quite different in mash bill, cask requirements, aging, environment, and even in the way each spell the word “whiskey.” The general rule of thumb is, if a country has an “e” in its name, such as in America or Ireland, then it’s spelled whiskey. But if it doesn’t have an “e,” as in Scotland and Japan, it’s spelled whisky.

And, that’s just the beginning of the differences. While a bourbon mash bill predominately contains corn, a scotch mash bill is often 100% malted barley. Another major contributor to the difference in taste is the use of peat as a heat source to dry the barley. Peat, which is partially decayed vegetation and organic matter found in Europe, instills the smoky flavors that are a signature characteristic of many of the most popular scotch brands.

Bourbon distillate must be put into new, charred oak barrels to age, while scotch is put into used barrels, thus toning down the intense flavors imparted by the barrel onto the spirit. And finally, one of the biggest differences between scotch and bourbon is age. There is no law stating how long bourbon must age in a barrel, but to call it “straight bourbon,” it must rest at least two years. Most distilleries age their bourbon at least four years, and many believe bourbon’s sweet spot lies between six and 12 years. Of course there are older bourbons – like the highly coveted Pappy 23-Year – but these are quite rare in the bourbon world, as the longer the bourbon stays in the barrel, the more oak notes it picks up to the point that the flavor is no longer preferable.

Scotch, on the other hand, must be aged at least three years in used casks, but a majority of it ages for much, much longer – anywhere between 15 and 50 years. The two main reasons for this are the colder climate of Scotland creating less evaporation and the fact that the spirit is aging in used barrels.

From an investment perspective, the difference in time required to mature the two types of spirit are a major factor in determining which opportunity is best suited to an investor’s portfolio.

WHISKEY MARKET OVERVIEW

The unexpected growth of the whiskey industry over the past 10 years has kept distilleries running at full capacity, but it's still not enough. While we understand that expansions are underway, we do not believe these will yield significant increases in capacity for years, and even then we expect it will take many years before additional output could have a meaningful impact on available stocks. Assuming demand for whiskey continues to grow, the years required to mature whiskey means that it is challenging for distilleries to ramp up production to meet demand. In whiskey production, there is no substitute for time and no way of going back in time to put more whiskey in the barrel.



THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN BOURBON MARKET

In examining the state of the American Whiskey industry it becomes clear that many similarities exist between the American Whiskey and Scotch Whisky industries, with American Whiskey following a similar trajectory to that which has evolved in Scotch Whisky over the past 10 years. The only difference is that American Whiskey is just beginning its ascent. Based on this assessment, even as American Whiskey production volumes ramp up and inventory expands, the current barrel count of 13 million¹ is a far cry from the 22 million barrels of Scotch Whisky that are aging today².

This fact, combined with the relative infancy of American Whiskey on an international scale creates a market that continues to be ripe with opportunity. Over the course of the next 12 months we anticipate accelerated growth in American Whiskey sales across global markets, with large increases coming from Europe and Asia. As major brands push marketing initiatives for American Whiskey within these regions we expect a major shift in consumer preferences towards American Whiskey. We predict that these increased sales will result in nearly 2 million barrels being bottled in 2025. While this is less than the 2.8 million barrels we expect to be produced in 2025, this causes no concern due to the trailing nature of American Whiskey production. American Whiskey produced today will only be bottled in approximately 4 years, at which time based on current projections, we estimate over 3 million barrels will be bottled annually. It is for this very reason that distilleries continue to expand production even as inventory rises.

In addition, we expect a continued trend towards the bottling of American Whiskey that has been allowed to age for longer periods of time as consumers shift to more premium offerings. This change in consumer behavior will have a significant impact on the final volume of bottles which can be derived from current barrel inventory due to the aging process. The angels share, or the amount of liquid lost annually due to evaporation, has a larger impact as barrels mature into older ages. This means that even if demand were to remain stable, a higher volume of barrels would be required for bottling premium expressions as compared to the bottling of lesser aged varieties.

Lastly, American Whiskey is becoming a preferred drink over other alcoholic beverages. In 2022, spirits overtook beer in terms of market share in the United States., accounting for 42.1% of the beverage alcohol market, compared to beer's 41.9%.³ The total sales of wine still eclipses bourbon even as wine sales have begun to fall over the past 2 years but American Whiskey is even pulling in wine consumers. This trend indicates a shift in consumer preference towards spirits, including American Whiskey, over traditional beverages like beer and wine.

All of the data points to one conclusion: we don't expect the American Whiskey boom to slow down any time soon. The unprecedented surge is only continuing to build steam as multiple factors align to push demand for American Whiskey to all-time highs. We predict that 2025 and 2026 will both be record years.

BOURBON BY THE NUMBERS

According to the Kentucky Distillers' Association, an organization that represents Kentucky distilleries, bourbon is an \$8.94 billion signature industry in Kentucky that generates more than 23,000 jobs. Nearly a third of all distilling jobs in America are located in Kentucky, and an average salary is around \$94,000, which is up 21% since 2009.

The rapid industry expansion shows no sign of slowing up based on the numbers reported by the KDA. In fact, there are more than \$3.3 billion in capital projects that are planned to be completed in the next 5 years on top of \$1.9 billion in capital spending that was already completed since 2016, bringing the 10 year total to more than \$5.2 billion.

The numbers regarding bourbon are shocking

- With over 12 million barrels currently aging, there are more than two barrels of bourbon for every person living in Kentucky.
- Kentucky distilleries filled more than 2.6 million barrels in 2023.
- Kentucky exported \$508 million in bourbon and other spirits in 2023. The total of American Whiskey exports is now over \$1.3 billion.
- More than 2.5 million tourists visited Kentucky distilleries in 2023.
- According to the IWSR, American Whiskey represents 14.3% of the total spirits volume in the United States. Bourbon alone is 8.7% of this value.
- IWSR predicts bourbon will grow at a rate of 5.6% annually in volume and value in the next five years.



BOURBON BY THE NUMBERS (CONTINUED)

The table below from the Kentucky Distillers Association demonstrates the changes in the bourbon industry from 2009 through 2023.

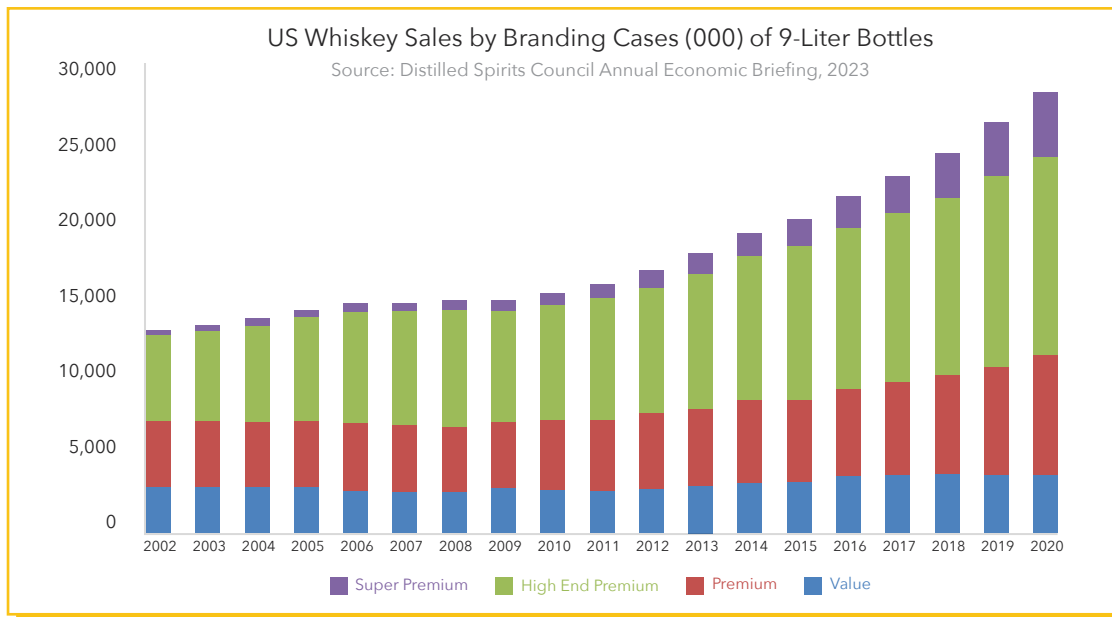
CATEGORY	2009	2023
Distilleries	19	100
Counties With A Distillery	8	42
Production (Barrels filled)	794,091	2,698,900
Bourbon Inventory (barrels)	4,600,962	12,591,119
Total Inventory (Bourbon + other spirits)	5,012,648	13,265,787
Tax-assessed value of inventory	\$893,432,418	\$6,746,280,153
Tax-assessed property values	\$378,000,000	2,260,000,000
Barrel taxes paid	\$9,544,573	\$45,210,284
Average pay per job	\$77,007	\$93,845
Jobs generated	9,848	23,133
Payroll	\$441,850,386	\$1,631,438,312
Output	\$5,400,000,000	\$8,997,494,178
Total taxes paid (production & consumption)	\$125,113,764	\$357,455,093
Employment spin-off factor	3.109	3.310
Kentucky Bourbon Trail Visits	298,621	2,547,444

BOURBON REVENUE & VOLUME CONTINUE TO RISE

The bourbon sector has consistently demonstrated robust growth, both in volume and value, even amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic. The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for bourbon in the U.S. from 2016 to 2021 was an impressive 8% in volume and 11% in value, highlighting the increasing consumer preference for premium offerings within the category.¹

The “Annual Economic Briefing” released in February by the Distilled Spirits Council examined sales of spirits within the United States and beyond. This year’s report highlighted the changing dynamics of the market as consumers move toward premium offerings and buyers in international markets are drawn to American Spirits.

This report shows how the American whiskey market has witnessed growth over the past two decades. With sales increasing from 1.7 billion liters in 2003 to 11 billion liters in 2022, the market has experienced notable 2,015% growth. This surge has propelled American whiskey to become a top contender, ranking among the top 5 revenue-generating spirits (\$5.1 billion in 2022) and boasting the third-highest volume of sales (170 million cases in 2022) in the U.S. This success extends beyond domestic borders as well, with exports to key markets like the UK and Australia thriving, reaching a combined export value of \$1.3 billion in 2022. In 2023 alone, revenues for American Whiskey were up 3.8% driven by increases in the “High End Premium” and “Super Premium” segments.²



BOURBON IS GOING GLOBAL

While demand for bourbon domestically within the United States remains strong, the biggest catalyst for growth over the next 10 years is expected to be international markets. In 2023, just 17.82% of bourbon was exported outside the United States.¹ Europe, Asia and even the Middle East are just beginning to fall in love with the nuanced flavors of bourbon and American Whiskey. This can be seen in terms of rising exports, an increase in the number of bourbon bars and greater access to bourbon in these markets. As availability of bourbon becomes more widespread within these regions, experts predict that exports will grow to rival domestic demand.

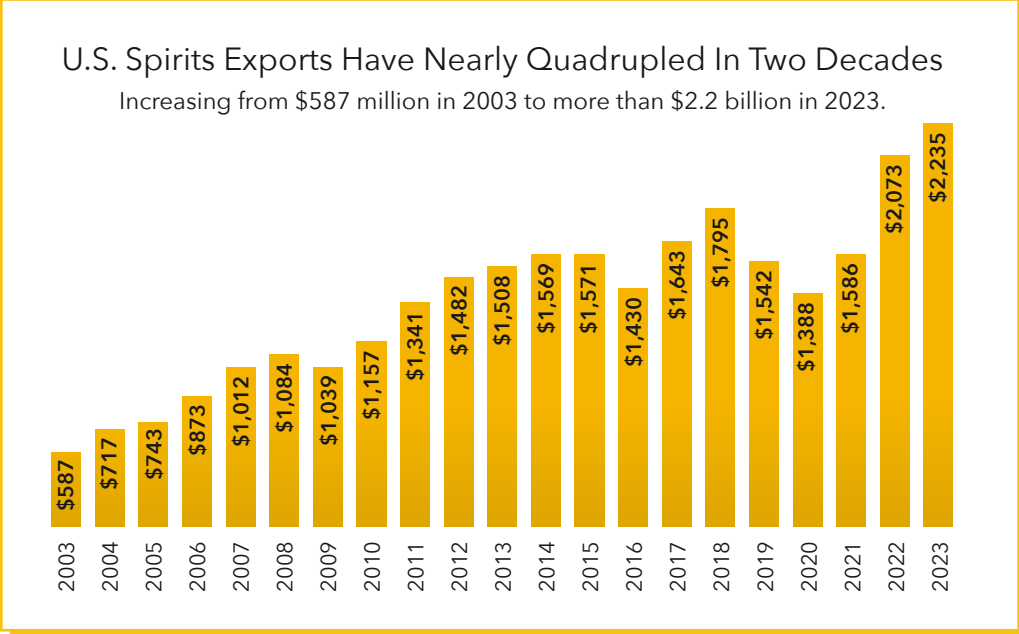
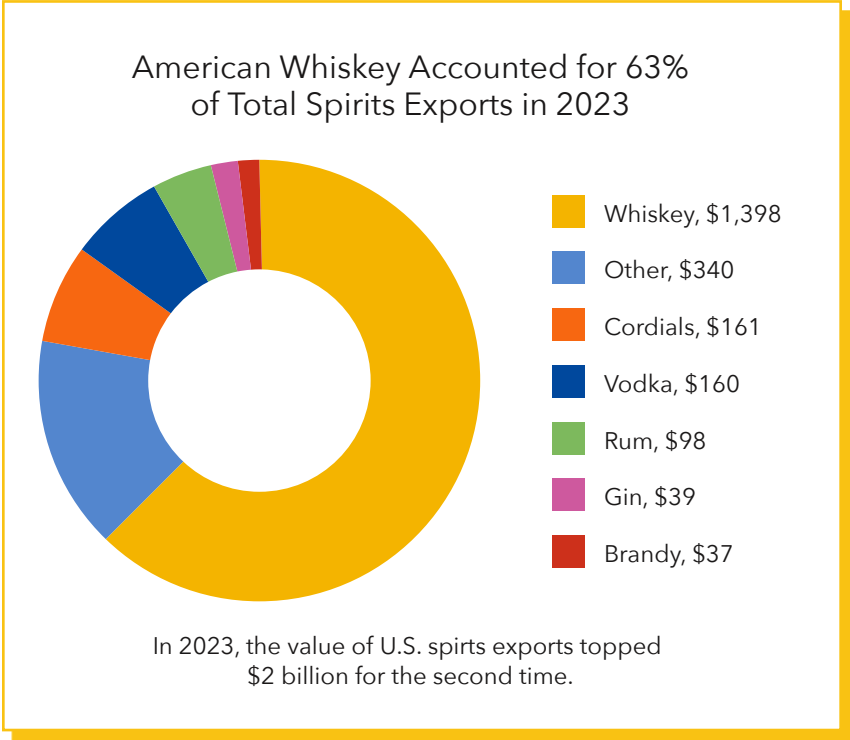
The imposition of tariffs by the EU in 2020 combined with logistical challenges that came about as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a brief pause in international growth.² This setback has since been reversed and bourbon is once again growing rapidly on a global scale. In 2022, the last period for which data is available, Kentucky distillers shipped \$508.5 million of product abroad according to the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division.¹ Distilleries in other states contributed to raise the total of United States whiskey exports to over \$1.3 billion with a compounded annual growth rate projected to be 11.44% over the next 5 years.³ Canada, Australia, Japan, Spain, United Kingdom and Germany lead the way, together accounting for 71% of the value of all Kentucky spirits exports.¹ For United States whiskey as a whole the European Union, Australia, Japan, United Kingdom and Canada combined for 78% of exports.² This growth trajectory underscores the global appetite for bourbon, with sales expanding significantly across various regions and segments.

TOP 5 American Whiskey Export Markets



1. European Union	\$705
2. Australia	\$121
3. Japan	\$106
4. United Kingdom	\$86
5. Canada	\$76

BOURBON IS GOING GLOBAL



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THE STATE OF THE SCOTCH WHISKY MARKET

Every second more than 43 bottles of Scotch Whisky are shipped from Scotland to more than 160 countries around the globe. Laid end to end the total number of casks in Scotland would stretch 290,000 miles, or 11 times around the surface of the Earth.

In 2023, according to Polaris Market Research, an organization that analyzes the spirits markets, total global whiskey revenue experienced a gain of 3.4% over 2022 to hit \$83.28 billion. Leading the charge is the scotch whisky industry that alone generated more than \$9.2 billion in total revenue in 2022 with more than \$7.2 billion of that being from exports, according to The Scotch Whisky Association. The United States market is now importing over \$2.6 billion of scotch per year, and other countries across Asia and America are seeing outstanding rises in the import of scotch as well.

Since 2020, exports of single malt scotch have continued to experience robust growth that shows no sign of slowing as demand for whisky has continued to rise over the same period.

As demand for scotch whisky continues to grow and distilleries struggle to ramp up production, we believe the need for casks of matured liquid will only continue to increase across the industry.



KEEPING THE HISTORY & TRADITION OF FINE WHISKY ALIVE

Scotch whisky, often revered as the gold standard of whisky, boasts a rich history and tradition that continues to thrive today. With 151 operating distilleries across Scotland, each one is dedicated to crafting exceptional expressions that honor centuries-old practices while embracing modern innovation.

Scotch whisky's journey to prominence began in the early days of Scottish distillation, believed to have started as early as the 15th century. Monks were among the first to distill whisky, using it for medicinal purposes. By the 17th century, whisky production had become a common practice in Scotland, and the spirit began to evolve in complexity and popularity.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were transformative for Scotch whisky. The introduction of the continuous still by Aeneas Coffey revolutionized the production process, allowing for greater efficiency and consistency. This period also saw the blending of malt and grain whiskies to create a smoother product, making Scotch whisky more accessible to a global audience.

By the mid-20th century, Scotch whisky had cemented its reputation as the premier whisky globally, often referred to as the "gold standard." This status was achieved through rigorous adherence to quality, tradition, and innovation. Distilleries in Scotland meticulously follow strict regulations to ensure every bottle of Scotch whisky meets the highest standards.

Today, Scotch whisky distilleries continue to honor their heritage while incorporating modern techniques to enhance their offerings. Each distillery brings its unique touch to the whisky-making process, from the selection of local barley to the maturation in oak casks for a minimum of three years.

The dedication to quality is evident in the diverse range of expressions produced. From the smoky, peaty flavors of Islay malts to the rich, complex profiles of Speyside whiskies, Scotch whisky offers something for every palate. Distillers strive to create innovative expressions that push the boundaries of flavor while maintaining the integrity of traditional methods.

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SCOTCH BY THE NUMBERS

According to the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), scotch whisky is a \$32.72 billion industry that generates more than 41,000 jobs. The economic impact of the industry can not be understated as each employee working in the industry contributes more than \$350,000 to the United Kingdom economy. In fact, 26% of total international exports from Scotland are Scotch Whisky. That's 2% of all exports from the entire United Kingdom.

The rapid industry expansion shows no sign of slowing up based on the numbers reported by the SWA. In fact, there are more than \$3.3 billion in capital projects that are planned to be completed in the next 5 years on top of \$1.9 billion in capital spending that was already completed since 2016, bringing the 10 year total to more than \$5.2 billion.

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\$7.2 Billion

Exports

\$20.6 million

Most expensive cask sold

1.35 billion

Bottles shipped annually

1.9 million

New casks filled, 2023

2 million

Visits to Scottish Distilleries, 2022

22 million

Casks maturing in Scotland

151

Operating Scotch Whisky Distilleries

41,000

People employed in Scotch industry

A GLOBAL SPIRIT

Scotch Whisky is truly a global spirit with mass appeal as both a spirit and status symbol in markets around the world. Expressions have taken a prominent place in auctions and commanded prices that have far exceeded estimates. The ability for expressions to be aged to older ages has contributed even further to the rarity and prestige of Scotch. The largest import market for Scotch is the United States, valued at nearly \$1 billion. In terms of regions, Asia-Pacific was the most valuable export region, with exports worth \$2.3 billion. Throughout 2023 significant growth was seen in markets such as China, Singapore, and Taiwan.

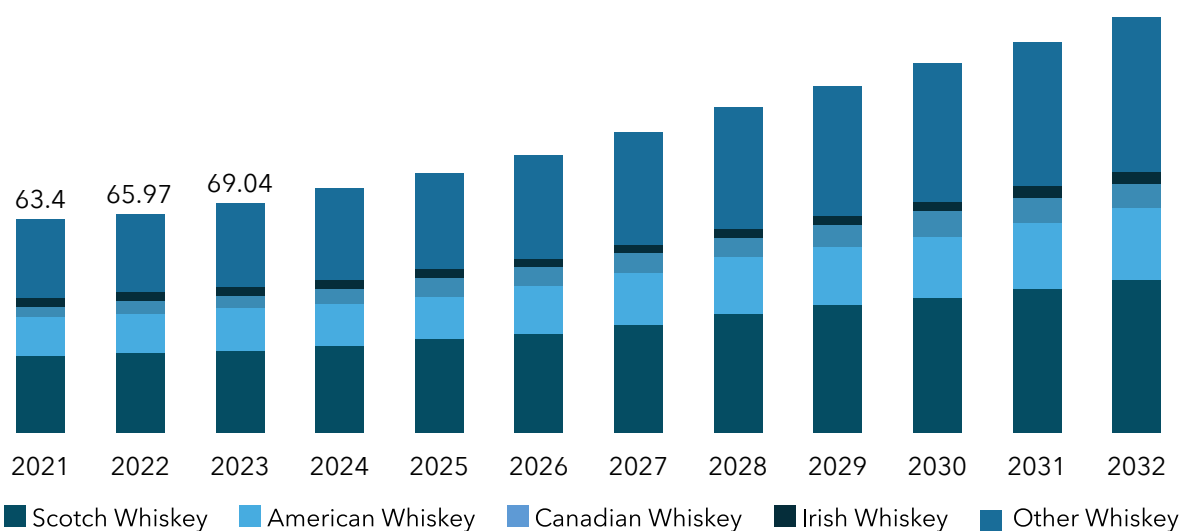
The largest export destinations for Scotch Whisky (defined by value) in 2023 (vs 2022) were:

Location	2023
United States	\$1,263.29
France	\$612.27
Singapore	\$488.27
Taiwan	\$440.47
China	\$303.55
India	\$281.59
Germany	\$254.47
Spain	\$237.67
Japan	\$219.59
Turkey	\$169.21

SCOTCH WHISKY REMAINS STRONG

The growth of the Scotch Whisky industry remains strong even as it has entered a more mature stage of development. The limited production of distilleries combined with increased interest from key export markets has created an environment in which aged expressions continue to be in short supply. The expected annual appreciation for scotch whisky casks is projected to be 12.85% per annum, presenting a powerful opportunity to offset the impact of inflationary pressures that are mounting globally. An increased desire for single cask single malts and other types of premium expressions has also had a profound impact on casks as independent bottling companies seek to purchase casks from individual investors.

Whiskey Market Size, By Product, 2021-2032 (USD Billion)



CONTINUED APPRECIATION

Since 2013, valuations for American Whiskey casks have appreciated on average 13.85% per year, depending on the distillery and age. Scotch Whisky casks have appreciated on average by 11.51% per year. In comparison to other asset classes, American Whiskey Barrels and Scotch Whisky Casks have outpaced nearly every other category during the period 2013 to 2023 as set forth in the table below.

American Whiskey Barrels⁴	364%
Scotch Whisky Casks⁴	297%
Bottled Whisky²	280%
S&P 500¹	171%
Wine²	146%
Watches²	138%
Art²	105%
US Property³	100%
Classic Cars²	82%
Handbags²	67%
Coins²	56%
Furniture²	40%
Jewelry²	37%
Gold¹	30%
Colored Diamonds²	8%

THE CASK INVESTMENT PROCESS

Purchasing an investment in whiskey casks is a straightforward process that offers a level of simplicity not common among other types of tangible assets. The fact that investments in casks can be transferred without the physical transportation of the assets streamlines transfers such that investors can expect transactions to be complete in as little as one week.

1. OPEN AN ACCOUNT: During this step CaskX ensures that investors meet the required qualifications to purchase whiskey cask investments. In the United States, investors must meet accredited investor requirements as set forth by the SEC. Once an account has been established, CaskX can begin sharing details about specific cask offerings.

2. CASK SELECTION: At this point investors review available cask investment opportunities to identify offerings that match their financial objectives. Investors are presented with the story, brand value, historical performance, secondary market performance and future projected growth in order to analyze the investment from every perspective.

3. ACQUISITION: After selecting an appropriate investment, the investor remits a reservation fee in order to secure the investment in the cask portfolio in which they have chosen. After full payment is received, the investor receives evidence of the investment through a warehouse receipt and the warehouse records are updated to reflect the investor's investment in the cask.

4. STORAGE & INSURANCE: Storage and insurance fees for up to 8 years for bourbon investments and 10 years for scotch investments is included in the purchase price of the investment, allowing investors to avoid any additional outlays during the applicable term of their investment. While the recommended holding period is 5 to 8 years for most cask investments, if an investor chooses to hold a cask for a period longer than 8 or 10 years, as applicable, then an annual storage and insurance fee will apply after the initial period expires. Casks are insured against physical loss and damage at the purchase price for the investment. If there is an insurable loss related to scotch, the insurance company will pay any insurance proceeds directly to the investor. In the case of an insurance loss related to bourbon, CaskX uses the insurance proceeds to purchase a suitable replacement investment for the investor or, if a suitable replacement is not available, pays the insurance proceeds to the investor.

5. MONETIZATION: The investor may instruct CaskX to attempt to sell the casks to another investor at any time, after the one year holding period required by the SEC. CaskX monitors the changes in the value to investor holdings and communicates those changes so that investors can make portfolio changes based on market conditions.

CONSISTENT RETURNS

Whiskey as an investment has shown stability in performance over the past few years as demonstrated by the Knight Frank Luxury Investment Index and WhiskyStats.net. The consistent levels of appreciation is a key characteristic that makes whiskey cask investment an excellent choice for investors looking to diversify their portfolio with an asset that we believe to be generally resilient across economic cycles.

Since whiskey prices began being tracked in early 2010 by WhiskyStats.net, prices across major categories have appreciated by more than 12% per year¹, with results varying by distillery and age. Based on estimated cask values provided by industry sources, bourbon casks have seen even higher rates of appreciation of approximately 13.85% per year.

Of particular significance, the Knight Frank Wealth Report shows this appreciation in whiskey prices has statistically been un-correlated to stock and bond markets. This is an important consideration for investors seeking a diversified portfolio that moves independent of financial markets.



Average revenue growth since 2010 of more than 12% per annum.



Capital growth is un-correlated to stock and bond markets.

“LIQUID GOLD” OFFERS PROTECTION FROM MARKET CONDITIONS

The annual Knight Frank Wealth Report shows that whiskey sales do not typically demonstrate the volatility we have seen in equity markets, commodities, property or precious metals. In bullish periods for financial markets we typically have seen whiskey cask prices appreciate steadily; while in times of economic slowdown or recession, prices have remain consistent as well. Importantly, whiskey cask prices have not historically fallen even in periods of sustained market turbulence.

For example, during the Global Financial Crisis in 2008 and 2009, whilst share markets plunged around the world and more than halved in value, prices for whiskey casks remained steady.¹

The same behavior was exhibited in the first quarter of 2020, as concerns over the spread of coronavirus caused stock markets to fall by over 30% worldwide², in one of the fastest declines on record. Amidst this turbulence, whiskey casks continued to grow in value as the intrinsic value of the holdings remained unchanged.



Historically, whiskey casks have never observed significant fluctuations in value.



Whiskey casks have observed capital growth even during market declines and economic recession.



During the covid induced market decline of 2020, whiskey appreciated by more than 4% from 2019.¹

STRICT OVERSIGHT & STRINGENT REGULATIONS

Across major whiskey producing countries, stringent regulations have been enacted to protect the safety of consumers and ensure spirits are tracked in order that tax revenue can be collected when bottling commences. While these regulations were not created specifically to protect investors, they provide an investor with confidence as to the provenance of each asset purchased. Whereas many tangible assets must undergo an extensive evaluation to verify authenticity, the requirements that whiskey casks be tracked from time of distillation until bottling makes ownership issues less likely than other types of asset classes.

In the United States all whiskey production falls under the three tier system whereby every distillery must receive a federal license before production can begin. Upon receiving the license the distillery must comply with strict laws governing distillation, storage, transportation and bottling of all spirits. Every cask must continue to be stored at one of these licensed facilities for the term of their investment and can only be sold to those with a wholesale permit, who can then resell the casks for investment purposes. Distilleries are careful to always ensure compliance due to the significant penalties levied for any discrepancies.

Scotch Whisky has a different regulatory structure, but one which provides a similar level of protection for investors. Every cask of whisky that is distilled by a licensed distillery must remain in a government bonded warehouse throughout the maturation process. Records of these casks are maintained by both the warehouse and the HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs). This system ensures that the provenance of each cask can be verified such that any bottle labeled as Scotch can be traced back to its origin.

CaskX requires that all partner distilleries, warehousing facilities and investment offerings adhere to appropriate legal requirements.



Bourbon whiskey cask investments are protected by legal requirements of the United States 3-tier system.



Scotch whisky cask investment must remain in government bonded warehouses under oversight of HMRC.



CaskX requires that distilleries, warehousing facilities and investment offerings adhere to appropriate legal requirements.

DISTILLERIES ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND

The huge growth across the bourbon industry has made it increasingly common for casks to be bottled at younger ages thereby reducing the pool of casks that are left to mature to more advanced ages. For a long-term investor there is a significant opportunity for an increased return on your investment by holding casks for 10, 15 or even 20 years. We believe that the thought of these older vintages will put a gleam in any whiskey enthusiast's eye and we expect, but cannot guarantee, they will be more than willing to pay a premium to experience such high calibre expressions. These are the exclusive and limited bourbons where owning a particular bottle can become competitive among enthusiasts, resulting in auction houses recording increases in value.

Quite surprisingly, most of the bourbon industry's success to date has come from increased demand within the United States market. However, CaskX believes that bourbon growth could accelerate faster in the coming years as bourbon begins to gain prominence in key markets in Europe, Asia and South America.



According to the Kentucky Distiller's Association, Bourbon has experienced an unexpected boom in sales revenue and volume over the past 10 years.



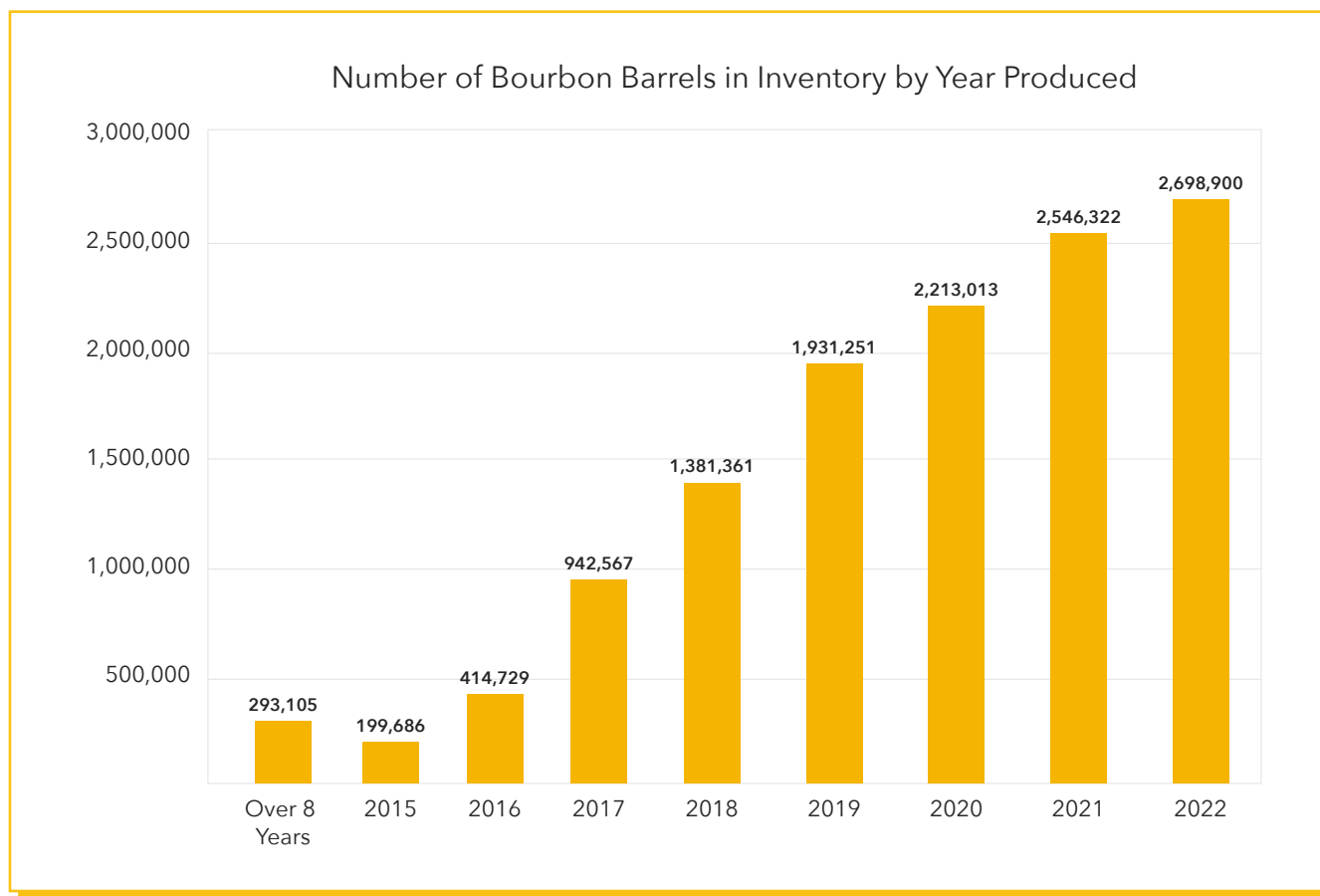
Most of the growth has come from increases in U.S. domestic demand.



Bourbon is beginning to rise in prominence internationally, positioning the industry to see even greater demand in the future.

LIMITED INVENTORY OF AGED BOURBON

While production volumes may have climbed, the recent report from the Kentucky Distillers Association exemplifies (or) depicts the highly limited inventory of aged bourbon. At the end of 2023 there were only 293,105 barrels of bourbon in Kentucky aged 8 years or longer, less than 2% of the total inventory. With nearly 2 million barrels expected to be bottled in 2025, the lack of aged stock creates a situation where younger aged spirit must be bottled to meet demand in the short term. The long-term goal of distillers will be to have sufficient stock of aged expressions to avoid the need to bottle barrels before they have reached their optimum level of maturation.



Source: Kentucky Distillers Association, The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Distilling Industry in Kentucky, 2023

A POWERFUL WEALTH PRESERVATION & ESTATE PLANNING STRATEGY

When it comes to estate planning, as a private investment, whiskey casks are a discreet way of transferring wealth, with a portfolio of cask investments able to be passed from one generation to the next.

Whiskey casks have increasingly been viewed as one of the best tangible assets to store wealth.¹ The use of a distillery warehouse allows an investor to have an interest in a physical asset without worrying about complex storage arrangements required for other tangible assets.

One significant reason that investors are investing in whiskey casks is the simplicity of transfer. There is no need to arrange shipping or inspections to verify authenticity. In terms of privacy, most governments do not require the ownership of investment rights in the whiskey casks to be disclosed to any local government authority as they are considered personal property. Whiskey casks are protected by the stringent oversight of government regulated warehouses which lowers the risk of the casks being misplaced or stolen.

In other words, whiskey cask investments remain a very discreet, convenient and easily transferred store of value.



FILLING THE VOID

When it comes to the broader whiskey industry, distilleries have struggled to maintain supplies of well-aged liquid over the past 5 years.¹ With current production unable to keep up with demand, distilleries are choosing to bottle spirits at younger ages. This lack of older whiskey is creating a void in the market and jeopardizing the beauty of these iconic expressions as there are only limited offerings of older whiskey generally available.

Whiskey investors have the unique opportunity to fill the void. While distilleries may be forced to sell at younger ages to generate cash flow needed for operations, investors can wait patiently to exit positions when the whiskey reaches its prime.

In 2019, a single bottle of Macallan 60 year old sold for an impressive \$1.9 million at auction.² While old single malts continue to reign supreme in terms of auction values, we believe the market for collectible bourbon is just on the cusp of breaking out. Bottles of bourbon now regularly fetch more than \$20,000, with even production bottles selling for more than \$5,000 on the secondary market.³ As consumers begin to view high-end bourbon as a luxury, status symbol and worthy indulgence; it is expected that values will rise in the years to come.



Distilleries are releasing fewer well-aged expressions than ever before.



Investors can fill the void by holding casks to older maturities.



While single malt Scotch continues to dominate auction houses, values of rare Bourbon are beginning to rise as it becomes viewed as a luxury spirit.

INFLATION HEDGE

Over the course of just several weeks, the Covid pandemic turned the global economy upside down with governments scrambling to protect both the physical and financial health of their respective economies. With lockdowns causing mass unemployment, politicians around the world enacted stimulus packages designed to help individuals meet personal obligations and stabilize markets that had plunged into free fall.¹ While economists may debate the level of effectiveness of the programs enacted, the fact remains that these measures will have a long lasting impact on the wealth of many people.

As stimulus measures caused more currency to be interjected into the markets, an elevated level of inflation followed. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) peaked in June 2022 with a 12 month increase of 9.1%.³ At the end of the year the CPI stood at a 6.5% annual increase, a level which severely diminishes the buying power of major currencies and puts a strain on traditional investment classes.

In order for investors to protect their portfolio, leading financial advisors are recommending a larger allocation of tangible assets be included as a hedge against inflation. Whiskey cask investments are one such investment with characteristics that may safeguard against inflation and changes in the real value of a particular currency.¹



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) peaked in June 2022 with a 12 month increase of 9.1% highlighting the inflation caused by an increase in monetary supply.



Whiskey casks are a tangible asset that can serve as a powerful hedge against inflation.



Whiskey casks also serve as a hedge against changes in real value of currency.

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2. Forbes. Billionaire Jamie Dimon Worries Federal Spending Could Trigger High Inflation, Urges Businesses To Help Government Curb Inequality. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jonathanponciano/2021/01/15/billionaire-jamie-dimon-worries-federal-spending-could-trigger-high-inflation-urges-businesses-to-help-government-curb-inequality/?sh=3cb277bf121d>
3. CNBC <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/01/12/heres-the-inflation-breakdown-for-december-2022-in-one-chart.html>

AN ASSET THAT GETS BETTER WITH TIME

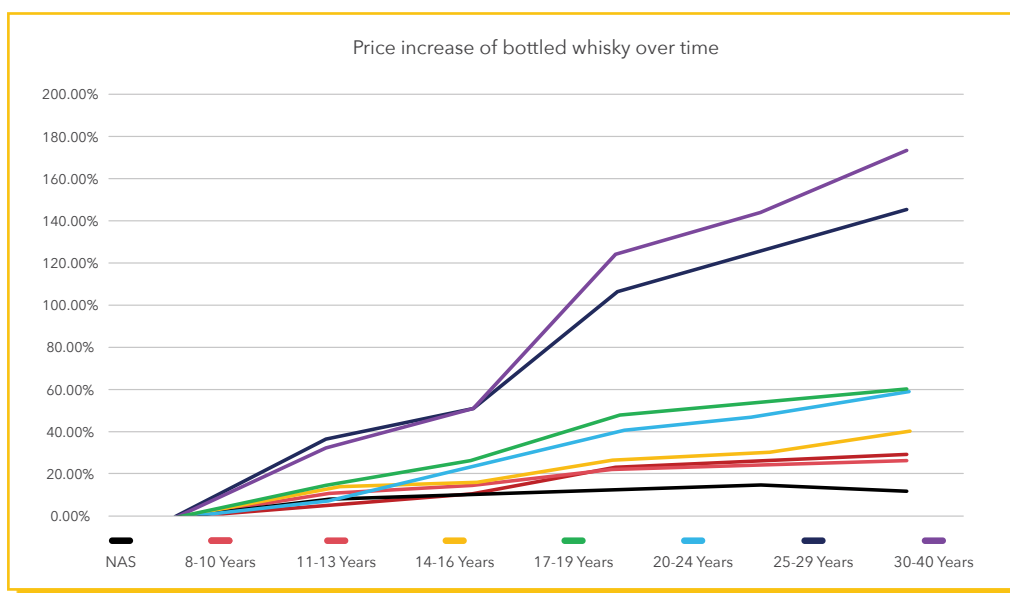
Whether it be gold, diamonds or art, most tangible assets purchased for investment will remain the same for decades to come. Any appreciation in value of these types of tangible assets comes exclusively from changes in market demand, the asset itself never changes.

In stark contrast, whiskey casks are one of the few tangible investments that actually get better with time. Whiskey is transformed into a more valuable asset each year it is allowed to age inside a cask. This is due to the fact that well-aged whiskey commands higher prices when compared to newly distilled spirit. And, whiskey only matures while it is contained within a cask. Whereas a bottle of new make spirit is known to sell for \$10 or less, a 20 to 30 year aged bottle may potentially sell for a lot more. The main reason for the price difference being time.

Maturation is the most powerful aspect of whiskey cask investing and a characteristic that truly sets it apart from other investment classes.

- ☑ **Whiskey only matures while inside a cask, it does not age after being bottled.**
- ☑ **Whiskey casks are one of the few tangible asset classes that improves with time.**
- ☑ **While new make whiskey may sell for under \$10 per bottle, well-aged bottles can sell for more than \$10,000 per bottle depending on demand, the distillery where it was manufactured, and a number of other factors.**

The impact of age on the price of whiskey is demonstrated in the graph below for illustration purposes and is not intended to be a guarantee of expected returns with respect to any particular age of a whiskey cask.



AN ASSET THAT GETS BETTER WITH TIME

The graph below showcases the significant growth in premium, high end premium and super premium categories of the American Whiskey market. Consumers are increasingly looking for higher quality expressions that showcase distinctive flavors that only come from being aged for longer periods of time. In the period from 2013 to 2023 the super premium category topped the charts by growing an impressive 417%.



TANGIBLE ASSET WITH REAL INTRINSIC VALUE

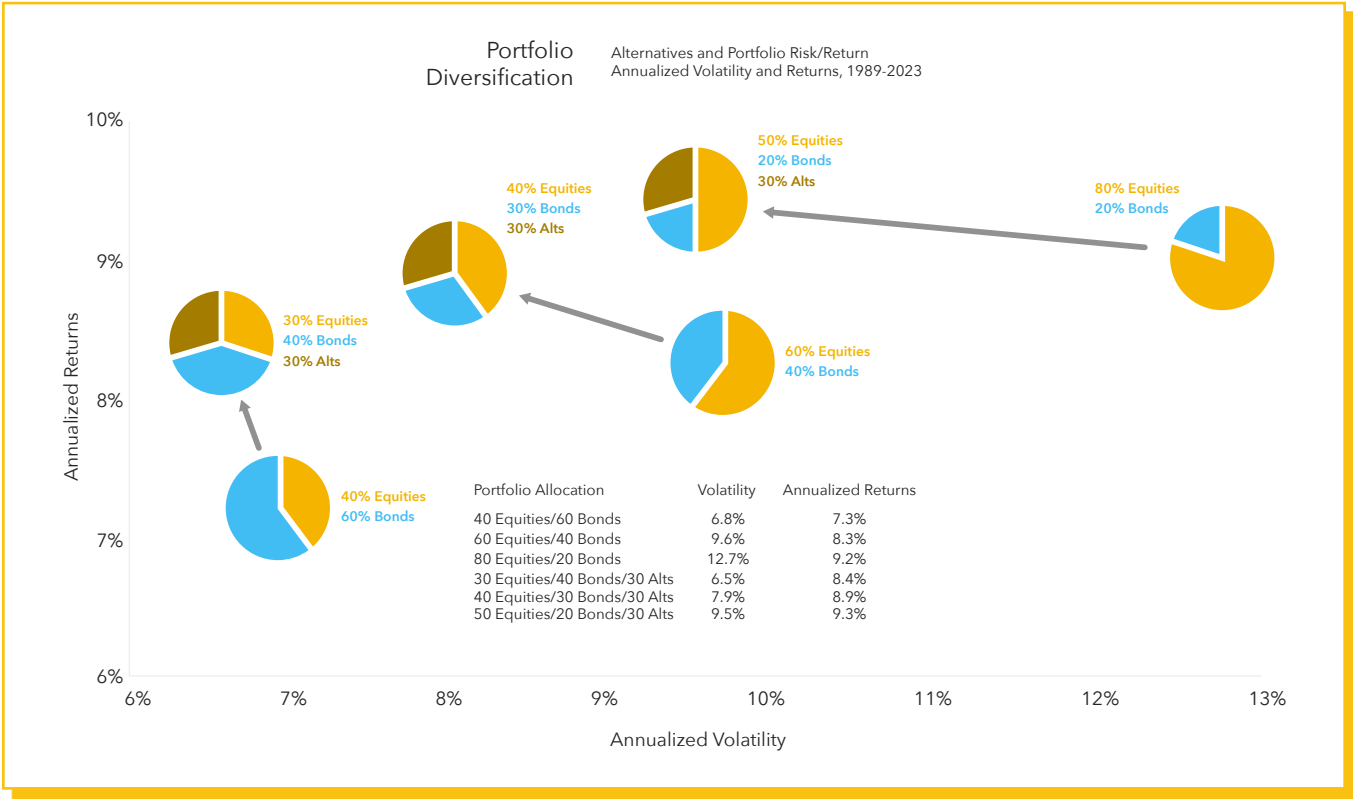
Among tangible asset categories, whiskey casks offer the opportunity to purchase an investment in which the value is not driven by demand alone. In contrast to popular tangible assets such as gold, diamonds, art and collectibles, whiskey casks have real intrinsic value. Whiskey is a product that won't just be locked away in a safe, it will eventually be consumed. Whiskey that is contained inside a cask can always be bottled and sold to whiskey fans around the globe.



INVESTMENT EXPERTS RECOGNIZE BENEFITS OF TANGIBLE ASSET DIVERSIFICATION

J.P. Morgan released a report in February titled "Guide to Alternatives" which examined the use of alternative assets as part of a diversified portfolio. While this report did not analyze bourbon or American Whiskey specifically, it provided a powerful analysis of the benefits that can be realized by investors who incorporate alternative assets as part of their holdings.

The report showed that portfolios which had a 30% allocation to alternative assets achieved higher annualized returns and lower annualized volatility. This analysis furthers the case for investors to include alternative assets as part of their overall investment strategy.



Source: Guide To Alternatives, JP Morgan, <https://am.jpmorgan.com/content/dam/jpm-am-aem/global/en/insights/market-insights/guide-to-alternatives/mi-guide-to-alternatives.pdf>

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INVESTMENT: BOTTLES VS CASKS

Across the globe, whiskey bottles are collected by many enthusiasts due to the ease with which they can be purchased, with the idea of cask investment remaining undiscovered by most.

The main point to remember:

BOTTLES DO NOT CONTINUE TO MATURE, CASKS DO.

When purchasing a 4-year old cask of whiskey today, the cask will be 10 years old in 6 years. A 4-year-old bottle today will still be a 4-year-old bottle after that same 6 year period. This point is key, as the whiskey will continue to age and grow more valuable each and every year it remains in the wood cask. This, in turn, makes cask investment in our view much more appealing. But that's not all; here are some key points as to why we believe cask investing is the smart choice.

- **Ease Of Transfer:** Shipping bottles is always a difficult process, but your casks will remain in the distillery warehouse, without needing to be moved around.
- **Secure Storage:** Storage space can be a problem, but not for casks. The warehouse staff will maintain and monitor your cask portfolio safe in a climate-controlled, organized environment.
- **Comparison-Free:** Unlike bottles, casks vary in quality and taste, so prices fluctuate. When trying to monetize your investments, you won't be sent links to other sales. All casks are different.
- **Experience:** CaskX offers behind the scenes tours exclusively to investors to provide an opportunity to get hands on with their investments. It's an investment that not only can increase in value but can open the door to experiencing distilleries in an immersive way.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INVESTMENT: CATEGORY



The first decision when choosing a whiskey investment is selecting which category is best positioned to achieve investor objectives. The two primary categories for whiskey investment today are Scotch Whisky and American Whiskey. Within each of these primary categories are further subcategories that each offer distinct characteristics that vary in demand among whiskey consumers. Scotch Whisky is generally divided into six regions of production, whereas the American Whiskey industry is broken down by mashbill. In addition to Scotch Whisky and American Whiskey, the third category is world whisky. This broad category includes whisky from any of the rising number of countries around the globe. The team at CaskX monitors each of these categories and subcategories in order to help investors build a diversified portfolio.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INVESTMENT: DISTILLERY

A critical factor when selecting a whiskey cask investment is evaluating the distillery from where the spirit is produced. It's imperative that investors consider not only the past performance of distillery products in the market, but also any initiatives that the distillery is implementing to drive future demand as well. Investors can select casks by many different types of producers ranging from well-established distilleries to smaller experimental distilleries that are just beginning to rise in prominence. CaskX regularly monitors growth and market trends for distilleries in which it has relationships and for new distilleries with whom it can partner in order to select offerings that match client investment objectives.

Select Distillery Partners:



CORSAIR
DISTILLERY



CASKX
WHISKEY INVESTMENT SPECIALISTS

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INVESTMENT: MATURATION

When selecting a whiskey investment it's possible to purchase casks of varying levels of maturity. Investors can choose casks that have already been aged for extended periods of time or spirit that has only recently been distilled. The maturity of a chosen cask has a direct correlation to value as whiskey commands increasingly higher price points with each year of additional age.

The first consideration related to maturation is the optimal holding period for the chosen category of cask investment. For example, scotch whisky matures more slowly due to the use of repurposed casks in the aging process whereas bourbon whiskey is required to use new casks that facilitate a faster maturation process. Investors must evaluate how the amount of time required to adequately age the chosen category of cask fits with their investment objectives.

The second consideration when choosing the right maturity of casks to include in your portfolio is historical growth. Based on an analysis of supplier quotations of casks of varying vintages, the highest levels of growth in cask value occur during the initial period of aging. After an initial spike in appreciation, casks continue to appreciate steadily as they cross into older ages. By investing in younger casks, an investor stands to observe the sharpest percentage increases in the overall value of their portfolio in the first 3 years of maturation.

In addition to capitalizing on the accelerated growth period during the first 3 years of maturation purchasing younger cask maturities allows for a larger portfolio of casks to be purchased at a given entry point. For most investors, a portfolio will achieve optimal returns by allocating the largest proportion of a portfolio to spirits aged 3 years or less.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INVESTMENT: MATURATION

BOURBON	Growth Pct	Volatility	Initial Investment	Liquidity	Optimal Holding Period
New Make 1 - 4 Years	10-16%	Low	\$	★★	10 Years
4 - 10 Years	8-14%	Low	\$\$	★★★★	5 Years
10 - 15 Years	6-12%	Low	\$\$\$	★★★★★	< 5 Years
15+ Years	6-12%	Low	\$\$\$\$	★★★★★	< 5 Years

SCOTCH	Growth Pct	Volatility	Initial Investment	Liquidity	Optimal Holding Period
New Make 1 - 4 Years	8-14%	Low	\$\$	★★	20 Years
4 - 10 Years	6-12%	Moderate	\$\$\$	★★★★	15 Years
10 - 20 Years	4-10%	Moderate	\$\$\$	★★★★★	10 Years
20 - 30 Years	4-10%	Moderate	\$\$\$\$	★★★★★	5 Years
30 - 40 Years	2-8%	Moderate	\$\$\$\$\$	★★★★★	< 5 Years
40+ Years	2-8%	Moderate	\$\$\$\$\$	★★★	< 5 Years

Growth Percentage: Annual appreciation in value.

Volatility: Unpredictable fluctuations in value over time.

Initial Investment: The relative amount of initial investment in the designated category and age of the whiskey. \$ represents a low minimum investment. \$\$\$\$\$ represents a high minimum investment.

Liquidity: The ease in which the asset can be sold to other buyers on the secondary market.

Optimal Holding Period: Ideal number of years to achieve optimal returns.

This table is being provided for illustration purposes only and are general estimates of the factors that may influence an investment decision based on the whiskey's age. There are a number of risks and uncertainties associated with an investment in whiskey casks and many factors influence the price that might be paid for a whiskey cask or whiskey bottle; thus, the information in this chart should not be relied upon as an indicator of returns you may achieve on the sale of any whiskey from the cask in which you may invest. The actual returns will be driven by a number of factors, including without limitation, general economic conditions, consumer demand for whiskey products, the age of the whiskey in a cask and the brand recognition of the distillery who manufactured the whiskey.

COMPLETE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

While investing in a single whiskey cask can be both rewarding and thrilling, the true investment potential of the asset class is maximized by building a portfolio of cask investments. We believe constructing a cask portfolio allows for reliable returns over time by diversifying across investment categories, distilleries and maturities to take advantage of future changes in the whiskey market. A cask investment portfolio spreads the value of the total investment across multiple assets, which we believe results in a strategy that can achieve flexibility.

CaskX offers portfolio management services for accredited investors looking to build long term value from whiskey cask investments. Our team of professionals is prepared to curate a diverse selection of casks using first hand knowledge of present market conditions and forward looking indicators, to create a portfolio of cask investments based on your investment preferences. Investors have the opportunity to provide input on specific casks, regions, distilleries, maturities or flavors to meet any specific preferences.

Portfolio management continues after acquisition with monitoring of cask holdings in order to evaluate opportunities to rebalance the portfolio by selling certain cask investments and reinvesting the proceeds into new offerings. Investors remain in control throughout the process by being solely in charge of authorizing all cask transfers and purchases. At any time a portfolio can be partially or fully liquidated by the investor, with the proceeds being dispersed following the sale and transfer of the sold holdings.

Simply put: CaskX has simplified the way that investors build and manage a cask portfolio, while still allowing clients to manage their investments.



YOUR EXIT STRATEGIES

After holding on to your cask portfolio for your desired holding period, it will be time to monetize your investments. Across the industry, there are 3 main options when it comes to selling off your casks, and CaskX can assist during each step of the way.

OPTION 1 - SELL CASK: This option is the fastest and easiest as it only requires the transfer of your investment rights, no physical movement of the liquid is necessary. Casks can be resold to an independent bottler, retailer, bar, corporate brand or even another investor who may be looking to hold the cask until it reaches an older age. The process is straightforward and yields a payout that can be remitted to the investor or reinvested into other cask offerings. There are 4 major categories of buyers that commonly purchase casks:

DISTILLERY BUYBACK: The original distillery is often interested in repurchasing well-aged casks so they can release the liquid as an official bottling. Distilleries cannot simply create more well-aged liquid, so obtaining casks from the investment community increases the supply available for the distillery.

INDEPENDENT BOTTLERS: Entities who release their own brand of single malt or blended whiskies are known as independent bottlers. These companies are always looking for casks to release under their label. Some major names in independent bottling are Gordon & MacPhail, Cadenheads and Signatory.

INVESTORS: Casks can be resold to other investors who are interested in holding the cask for a more extended period of time.

CORPORATE CLIENTS: Numerous types of companies are regularly looking for casks to bottle under their own label. Major corporations, hotels, restaurants and bars commonly bottle casks to differentiate themselves.

YOUR EXIT STRATEGIES

OPTION 2 - AUCTION CASK: While still a very small segment of overall whiskey cask sales, auctions for rare and old whiskey casks have become one of the rising stars at some of the world's leading auction houses. Many of the casks which have been sold at auction have beat estimates, thereby yielding windfall profits to sellers. CaskX can help clients sell casks through leading auction houses if they so choose.

OPTION 3 - BOTTLE CASK & SELL: Bottling a cask requires additional capital outlays for expenses associated with production, logistics and taxes. As such, most investors will choose to simply resell their cask investments using one of the strategies outlined previously. However, there are opportunities within the industry for investors who choose to bottle their casks and sell to individuals, bars and stores. This process is lengthier but stands to deliver more benefits beyond monetary ones. These bottlings can help build a whiskey brand, help commemorate a milestone or celebrate a major event with a bespoke whiskey release.



INTRODUCTION TO CASKX

For too long, building a portfolio of whiskey casks has been out of reach for most private investors due to limited access and a lack of transparency in the industry. With an innovative investment platform, direct distillery relationships and a financially minded perspective on whiskey, CaskX is opening the door to top tier whiskey cask investments for accredited investors across the United States.

Now, for the first time, CaskX offers individuals the opportunity to invest in full barrels of bourbon and casks of scotch whisky from leading distilleries around the world. CaskX allows qualifying investors to secure bourbon holdings that protect wealth during economic uncertainty, deliver consistent growth as the liquid matures over time and provide multiple paths to profitable exit when the time is right.

Established as the market leader in whiskey cask investment in the United States, CaskX has pioneered whiskey investment as an alternative asset class, forging strategic partnerships with esteemed distilleries in the United States and Scotland. By collaborating with world renowned artisans, CaskX offers investors the opportunity to acquire newly distilled spirits that have the potential to become the top shelf whiskey of the future. Founded in 2019 by CEO Jeremy Kasler, CaskX's foundation blends passion and finance, curating whiskey portfolios that open the door to a new class of tangible assets that are positioned to protect and grow wealth for investors. CaskX continues to pave the way for an unparalleled whiskey investment experience, empowering connoisseurs and investors alike to acquire a portfolio of whiskey and engage in the exciting journey of spirits maturation.

CaskX manages the entire whiskey investment process from acquisition to exit, monitoring holdings throughout the full lifecycle to keep investors informed of changes in value. When it comes time to exit, CaskX simplifies the selling process by leveraging an extensive sales network of buyers actively looking to purchase barreled spirits.

THE CASKX TEAM



JEREMY KASLER

Mr. Kasler has more than 20 years of experience in specialty finance, alternative asset investment and corporate strategy. CaskX combines his passion for whiskey with extensive expertise in pioneering innovative new investment platforms. Jeremy is widely regarded as an authority on tangible asset diversification and, through his organizations, strives to build profitable portfolios for investors around the globe.



JON READE

Mr. Reade is a leading tangible asset investment specialist. By leveraging his proven strategies he has helped hundreds of investors protect wealth and generate consistent returns from the investment in tangible assets. For the past 5 years he has combined his passion for whiskey and finance to identify whiskey cask investment opportunities that are intended to insulate investors from the volatility of traditional asset classes.



SARA HAVENS

Ms. Havens has been a bourbon enthusiast and educator long before the boom began. As a Louisville-based writer, her work has appeared in various publications, including Alcohol Professor, The Bourbon Review, Louisville Magazine, and Food & Dining Magazine. Recently, Havens was one of 10 finalists in the World's Top Whiskey Taster competition, beating out more than 400 contenders to represent Kentucky.

WHY CASKX?

DISTILLERY DIRECT

CaskX is building strong long term relationships with distilleries around the world as a component of the overall investment platform. By working directly with distillers, CaskX attempts to secure better opportunities for investors. These connections are also expected to provide additional monetization strategies through distillery buy-backs and bottling arrangements when investors are ready to liquidate their holdings.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

CaskX utilizes the latest technology, analytics, and innovation to allow clients to access the relevant information in order to make informed decisions. Easy and fast online access to cask portfolios is provided and a dedicated account manager is available at all times should any concerns or questions arise. Back-end processes are optimized with detailed investment modeling, data research, and opinions from seasoned experts to give investors the most educational and informative platform possible.

INTEGRITY & SECURITY

When it comes to building a whiskey cask portfolio, CaskX works diligently to protect investors by providing detailed documentation, secure storage facilities and regular monitoring of each investment. In addition, CaskX is the first whiskey investment platform to provide an annual third party inspection of all holdings conducted by a public accounting firm. These measures ensure that investors can rest easy knowing holdings are being regularly reviewed by an outside party.

INVESTMENT-FOCUSED

CaskX strives to look beyond tasting notes and whiskey lingo, to see the true investment potential of cask offerings and the future market value of brands. The analysis of each opportunity looks at the historical growth of the distillery by analyzing new releases, previous casks sales, and the brand's position in the global industry. No doubt, whiskey is for drinking, but our approach looks beyond the liquid itself to evaluate investment metrics, expected profits, and long-term growth.

GLOBAL REACH. LOCAL SUPPORT.

With offices in the United States, Sydney, and Hong Kong, CaskX strives to stay as close to clients as possible to provide timely help and support when they need it. These local offices are part of the CaskX commitment to developing long term relationships by connecting regularly with clients.

GET STARTED TODAY

Quite simply, an investment in whiskey has the potential to generate higher returns than other popular assets. While a few technology stocks might experience triple digit returns in a given year, whiskey casks have historically achieved stable and consistent returns even in challenging market conditions. It's an investment that offers the opportunity to protect wealth with the security of a tangible asset that gets better with time.

Prominent investors around the globe have been astutely aware of the potential, allocating a larger portion of their portfolios to whiskey. By building a diverse collection of whiskey casks, investors can bring greater stability to their holdings than what can be achieved from traditional financial markets.

The key to improving your returns with whiskey is knowing what to buy. It's about picking the right distillery, the right age and the right cask.

That's where we come in.

CaskX helps investors around the world build profitable portfolios of whiskey casks. Our team provides expert guidance in selecting bourbon and scotch whiskey casks that are positioned for growth.

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