



# CANAM RYE

## AT-HOME TASTING KIT

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### *Suggested Tasting Order:*

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**Redwood Empire**  
**Emerald Giant**  
American Rye Whiskey

**Baldur's**  
**Release No. 002**  
100% Straight Rye Canadian Whisky

**Wildlife Rye**  
Canadian Craft Whisky

**Roper's Hold**  
**8 Year Old**  
Blended Straight Rye Whiskey

**Pendleton**  
**Directors' Reserve**  
20 Year Old Canadian Rye Whisky

**Booker's Little Book VIII**  
**A Path Not Taken**  
American Rye Whiskey

# CANADIAN & AMERICAN RYE

Rye whisk(e)y tells the story of North American distilling tradition.

**American rye whiskey** must contain at least 51% rye grain in its mashbill by law, creating its characteristic bold, spicy, and peppery flavours. Once the dominant American whiskey style, it nearly vanished during Prohibition but is experiencing a revival in recent decades.

**Canadian rye**, meanwhile, is often called "rye" regardless of actual rye content – a historical convention rather than a legal requirement. Nevertheless, craft distillers are reviving traditional high-rye or 100% rye mashbills, with the spirits trending towards smoother, lighter expressions.

Together, these showcase rye's remarkable range: with American ryes generally showing more pronounced spice notes and Canadian expressions possessing easier-going, grain-forward profiles.

# **Redwood Empire Emerald Giant**

## **American Rye Whiskey**

*Named after the fastest growing Redwood in the world, Emerald Giant's mash-bill is 92% rye, 5% malted barley, and 3% wheat.*

### **Cask:**

New charred oak

### **Nose:**

Natural rye followed by a mix of brown sugar, cinnamon and a faint hint of pepper

### **Palate:**

Complex and spicy with a hint of honey and orange peel

### **Finish:**

Peppery with lingering cinnamon

**45% ABV**

# **Baldur's**

## **Release No. 002**

**100% Straight Rye Canadian Whisky**

*Baldur's is made by Last Mountain, a family-owned and operated distillery in Lumsden, SK. It is Saskatchewan's first micro-distillery.*

### **Cask:**

Charred oak

### **Nose:**

Spicy cinnamon, cracked black pepper, and a touch of dried fruits

### **Palate:**

A peppery kick with warm baking spices, dark toffee, and a hint of toasted oak

### **Finish:**

Long and warming, with lingering notes of clove, caramel, and a trace of dark chocolate

**43% ABV**

# **Wildlife Rye**

## **Canadian Craft Whisky**

*Wild Life Rye Whisky is made from 100% locally grown rye (88%) and barley (12%). It was milled, mashed, fermented, distilled and aged at the Wild Life Distillery in Canmore, Alberta, and is the first rye whisky ever to be made in the town.*

### **Cask:**

White American oak

### **Nose:**

Nutmeg, caramel, figs, and banana bread

### **Palate:**

Rye spice, toasted American oak, nutmeg, figs, and green grass

### **Finish:**

Medium-long with rye spice, leather, and soft tannins

**45.9% ABV**



# **Roper's Hold**

## **8 Year Old**

### **Blended Straight Rye Whiskey**

*Sourced from the United States, but finished and bottled in Canada, Roper's Hold epitomises distilling traditions and cross-border collaborations that transcend national boundaries.*

#### **Cask:**

Finished in Okanagan Valley Wine Casks

#### **Nose:**

Classic rye spices, black pepper, clove, and cinnamon, layered with red fruit

#### **Palate:**

Peppery with dried fruit sweetness: raisins, figs, and subtle berry notes

#### **Finish:**

Medium to long, spice fades into fruit-forward sweetness with dry, wine-like tannins

**47% ABV**

# **Pendleton**

## **Directors' Reserve**

### **20 Year Old Canadian Rye Whisky**

*Each edition of Directors' Reserve is adorned with an authentically leathersmithed neck cuff by third-generation saddle maker Randy Severe, whose family has made custom saddles for nearly 70 years.*

#### **Cask:**

American oak

#### **Nose:**

Toasted coconut, freshly grated cinnamon, oak, vanilla, and orange zest

#### **Palate:**

Toasted oak, ripe apples, pears, and bananas sprinkled with warm baking spices

#### **Finish:**

Long, mature and smooth

**40% ABV**

# **Booker's Little Book VIII**

## **A Path Not Taken**

### **American Rye Whiskey**

*"Little Book" was the nickname given to Freddie Noe by his granddad, Booker. A Path Not Taken is a blend of six Kentucky Straight Ryes (4 - 11 years old) and high-rye 18 year old Kentucky Straight Bourbon.*

#### **Cask:**

Six different oak casks

#### **Nose:**

Butterscotch, fresh dill and toasted rye bread

#### **Palate:**

Floral notes with sweet apricot, warm baking spices, vanilla, charred oak and a subtle whisper of dark chocolate

#### **Finish:**

Long and velvety with an oaky, gentle sweetness

**59.1% ABV**