

Master distiller Andy Watts is only the sixth manager in the distillery's 125 year history. Under his watchful eye the production facilities were recently upgraded and a new tasting room was created. **RA**

## SPAIN

### DYC

Part of Beam Global's empire, the Distilerio Molino del Arco, run by Distilerias Y Crianza del Whisky is something of an everyman distillery. The site, situated near the town of Segovia, is made up of a single malt and grain distilleries, maltings, blending rooms, vodka and gin distilling, a bottling plant and a packaging operation. **RA**

## SWEDEN

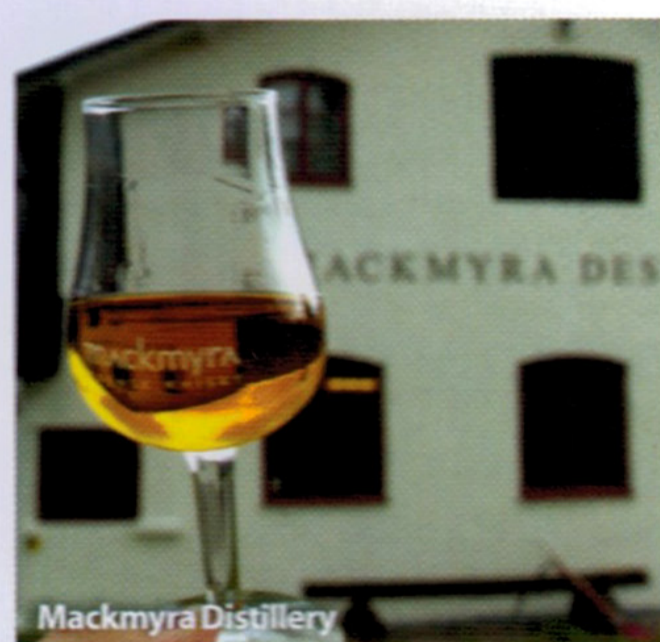
### Mackmyra

Swedish oak, alderwood, juniper and spruce twigs as part of experimenting with whisky, what's not to like about this distillery. Mackmyra has captured the whisky cognoscenti with its clean spirit and Swedish take on whisky. Built in a landmark declared area, a trip to see what's going on is recommended. **RA**

## TAIWAN

### Kavalan

Join the million plus visitors a year who make the pilgrimage to this neo-Classical visitor centre and Taiwan's only single malt distillery. The recipe for classic Kavalan is complex and contains different types of casks—fresh Bourbon, fresh sherry and refill casks rendering the spirit a multilayer of fruity and floral notes. **RA**



## USA

### Brown-Forman Cooperage

A rare close-up look at the production of whisky barrels at one of the few cooperages open for tours. You'll feel the heat as gas fires char the inside of each barrel and get some sawdust in your hair. Tours must be arranged through Mint Julep Tours in Louisville. **MG**

### Buffalo Trace

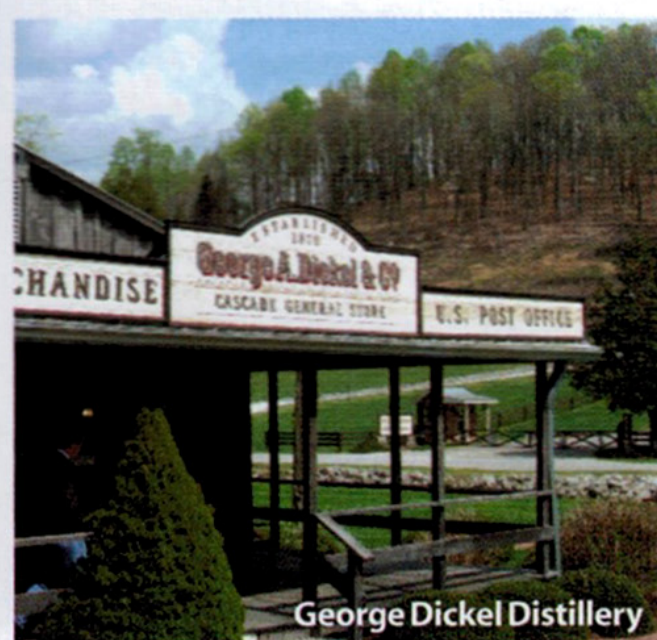
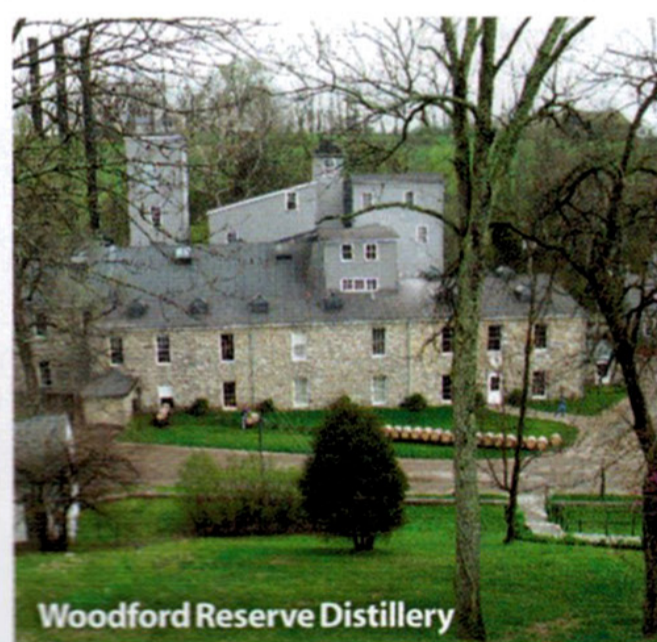
Great historical tours here, along with a beautiful setting on the banks of the Kentucky River. Visit in mid-October as the leaves turn crimson and orange, and bring your camera. You might even meet legendary distiller Elmer T. Lee on his weekly visit to pick casks for the Bourbon that carries his name. **MG**

### Charbay Winery & Distillery

Napa Valley's Karakasevic family has been distilling spirits for 13 generations, and distills a unique whiskey using fully-brewed beer, hops and all. You can see how they make it and taste their wines, but California law bans them from offering samples of their whiskies at the Still House Shop. Still (pun intended), a great way to break up a Napa Valley cork-dork trip! **MG**

### Four Roses

The best distilleries are off the beaten track, and reaching the end of Bonds Mill Road reveals a unique Mission-style distillery that will please both whiskey and architecture fans. However, you won't see the warehouses here...they're about 90 minutes away near Bardstown. Good tour and special bottlings available. **MG**



### George Dickel

Dickel lives in the shadow of Jack Daniel's fame, but the little distillery in Cascade Hollow has a unique charm all its own, along with whisky (yes, they use the Scottish spelling) that doesn't need to live in the shadows of others. Southern hospitality is the mantra here, with free tours and a relaxed atmosphere. **MG**

### Heaven Hill

The barrel-shaped tasting room is the highlight here, along with a great lesson on the history of Bourbon. You won't see the stills, but look across the road and you'll see the ruins of the Heaven Hill Distillery left after the 1996 fire. Heritage Center shop has exclusive bottles available. **MG**

### Jack Daniel

Jack fans treat Lynchburg with the same reverence that Elvis fans treat Graceland. Make the pilgrimage at least once, ask for extra sauce on your barbecue, and don't ask what "grits" are at breakfast. The Distillery's White Rabbit Bottle Shop is the only place in dry Moore County where you can actually buy a bottle of Jack Daniel's. **MG**

### Koval Distillery

Organic whiskey...check. Kosher whiskey...check. Single-grain whiskeys from grains like spelt, millet, and oats, as well as corn, rye, barley and wheat...check. First legal distillery in Chicago since Prohibition, with a unique style that will appeal to craft distilling fans. **MG**

### Maker's Mark

Hard to get to, but well worth the visit. Beautiful surroundings and an excellent tour end with the

opportunity to dip your own bottle of Maker's Mark in the traditional red wax. Visit in December for unique holiday tours. **MG**

### Stillhouse Distillery

Chuck Miller claims the title of 'America's First Craft Distiller'. He's been making moonshine legally for 25 years using his grandfather's bootleg corn whiskey recipe, and you'll see the entire process from his corn field to the bottling hall. Look for the old 'shine truck' with the bullet holes in the windshield. **MG**

### Woodford Reserve

Possibly the most picturesque distillery in the U.S. You'll pass thoroughbred horse farms on the country road leading to the distillery, and the setting is idyllic. 130 year old stone rickhouses and a classic, yet accessible distillery building make this a must-see for any whisky lover. **MG**

## US CRAFT DISTILLERIES

### Anchor Brewers & Distillers

Fritz Maytag is a godfather of the American craft distilling movement. This distillery in the middle of San Francisco is where it all began. He's blazed a trail into the future by reaching into the past for lost distilling traditions. Whiskey made with 100 per cent malted rye and a junipero are just a few notable creations. **LW**

### Clear Creek Distillery

Oregon has become a craft distilling capital, but the gorgeous Clear Creek Distillery, established 1985, was around long before the rest. Pioneering owner Steve McCarthy started distilling to make use of fruit

