

SUBTLE SPIRITS PRIVATE BARREL PROGRAM



VOLUME 4: RYE



VOLUME 5: BOURBON

ORIGINAL ART BY
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“Self-Inflicted”

Acrylic, spray paint, & pastel on canvas
4' x 5'

Volume 4 (left panel) accompanies all rye selections. **Volume 5** (right panel) accompanies all bourbon selections. Together the two pieces form one diptych image.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Joshua Thinnies, Founder of Subtle Spirits has spent 20 years and tens of thousands of hours tasting wines and spirits. Back in the day, “single barrel” meant something of an earned designation reserved for the rare cask that truly stood apart, found by tasting through as many barrels as it took to find one.

What twenty years and thousands of tastings actually builds isn't the *best palate* or a *perfect palate* — it's the ability to walk others through the forest and help them develop and discover theirs. Joshua's intention for this program has never been to cherry-pick every barrel and only choose what he deems the best of the best. He strives to guide people through the garden: learning what you respond to, what you're reaching for, and helping you articulate it and find it among the living, breathing, ever-changing seasons of those barrels and the unique microclimate they are living in.

Like everything in the Subtle Spirits catalog, these bottles are made to be appreciated beyond what's inside the glass. Each Volume is paired with a commissioned piece of artwork — the same philosophy that drives the Subtle Spirits *Original* line. Every Volume is limited.

Private Barrel Selections feature your logo integrated into the front label design and individual barrel specs handwritten on the back label.

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BARREL CODES

Every Subtle Spirits Private Barrel carries a barrel code and number on its label. These codes refer to the lot: distillate source, the spirit type, and where it aged.

RYE BARREL CODES

RiS	MASHBILL 95% Rye, 5% Malted Barley	NOTES Similar to the celebrated RiK run, but two months older, distilled in December 2012, and aged in Louisville's historic Shively neighborhood — inside the original Seagram's warehouses. The third floor of the Shively location imparts its own microclimate character with a more consistent aging temperature. Bottled at 13+ years, RiS barrels showcase rich and mature flavors with deep vanilla, dried cherries, tobacco, spices, and well-integrated oak tannins.
	DISTILLED MGP, Lawrenceburg, IN	
	AGED Shively, Louisville, KY	
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RiX	MASHBILL 95% Rye, 5% Malted Barley	NOTES 95/5 Indiana rye distillate from a 2015 lot, aged in Lexington, KY — a newer addition to the program from barrels initially acquired and aged in California before being transferred to Lexington, Kentucky for continued maturation. RiX barrels are bright in and floral profile, offering more fresh fruit, honey, and youthful rye spice without the heavy oak concentration of the older lots.
	DISTILLED MGP, Lawrenceburg, IN	
	AGED Ukiah, CA & Lexington, KY	
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WC	MASHBILL 51% Rye, 45% Corn, 4% Malted Barley	NOTES A “barely legal rye” with a high corn component — only the minimum 51% rye required by law. Distilled These barrels spent approximately 5 years aging in California before being transferred to Kentucky. The high corn content softens the profile considerably relative to the 95/5 ryes: expect caramel, vanilla, marzipan, light citrus, and gentle rye spice with a rounder, more approachable mouthfeel. A bridge barrel for bourbon drinkers venturing into rye.
	DISTILLED Undisclosed, Kentucky	
	AGED Kentucky	
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KR	MASHBILL 100% Rye	NOTES A 100% rye mashbill from Kentucky Heritage Distillery. Distilled in November 2018, currently aging in Louisville. These barrels are unique and remarkably soft in their rye characteristics. Rich and round in mouthfeel, they are beginning to blossom as they approach 8 years old.
	DISTILLED MGP, Lawrenceburg, IN	
	AGED Ukiah, CA & Lexington, KY	
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BOURBON BARREL CODES

CB	MASHBILL 78% Corn, 13% Rye, 9% Malted Barley	NOTES An experimental mashbill from a heritage Kentucky bourbon distillery, these barrels are buttery and brown sugar bombs with a savory, earthy profile. Sticky toffee pudding, cured oak, robusto tobacco leaf, vanilla, and a long, chewy finish. Old-school, porch-drinking bourbon.
	DISTILLED Undisclosed, Clermont, KY	
	AGED Kentucky	
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BC	MASHBILL 78% Corn, 10% Rye, 12% Malted Barley	NOTES This classic mashbill from the heart of bourbon country, aged entirely in Kentucky. Chocolate, dried berries, toffee, and toasted oak with a dense, warming mouthfeel. Classic bourbon profile, sweet and savory.
	DISTILLED Undisclosed, Bardstown, KY	
	AGED Kentucky	
	VOLUME: 5	