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Baker's 7 (2015/2023)

A single-barrel bottling with plenty of oomph (53.5 % ABV), matured for 8 years, straight from Kentucky - the home of bourbon. Imagine if Jim Beam had a favourite son who wasn't constantly in the spotlight like Booker's (e.g. Bookers Small Batch (2019) 01E), but secretly brought home the best scores. Voilà: Baker's 7. By the way, it has even been available with an online traceable barrel code since 2023. Nerd factor present!

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Bourbon	USA	Jim Beam	8 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
53.5% Vol.	86.35 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose is greeted with a warm rush of caramel, honey and vanilla - sounds classic at first. But then a strawberry note joins in, somewhere between fruit jelly and fresh fruit. A little chocolate liquorice (for the northerners) and - now it's getting wild - peanut flips. Sounds strange? Yes. Does it work? Totally. The whole thing remains thoroughly bourbonesque, i.e. sweet, round and buttery.

PALATE

The first sip is like a warm hug from Kentucky: oily, voluminous and caramelly - the famous 'Werther's Echte' sends its regards. In the middle section, it goes in the direction of popcorn with a nutty twist - not too sweet, not too spicy. Simply well balanced. And then it comes, the wild note: roasted chickpeas. I don't know who put them in there, but they add a certain umami kick that makes the profile exciting.

FINISH

Burnt toast, but the good kind. With a nice dose of oak, mature, round and not at all overpowering. And although Baker's comes in at 53.5% ABV, it drinks under proof - surprisingly mild for its strength.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Baker's 7 2015/2023 is like the charming, down-to-earth buddy among high-proof bourbons - no big theatrics, but plenty of drinking pleasure and a surprisingly playful aroma profile. Perfect for relaxed evenings or as a hidden gem in your dram circle, it's the right choice that impresses with character rather than volume.

SASCHA

The Baker's 7 demonstrates a remarkable balance between its robust alcohol strength and a pleasant smoothness that highlights the complex interplay of caramel, nut, and umami notes. With its harmonious structure and clean finish, it stands as a solid example of a well-aged Kentucky bourbon offering excellent value for money.

RATINGS

MARCEL
86/100
Excellent

SASCHA
85/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

