

WHISKY:EDITION

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Old Forester 86 Proof

The distillery, built in 1935, is the largest distillery in Louisville. However, unlike many other bourbon distilleries, only two bourbons are still produced here today. The first is the Old Forester, which inherited its name from the Forester distillery that used to be not far away. The second and far more famous bourbon is Early Times, whose name is also borne by the distillery. Old Forester is the only bourbon that was continuously distilled by the founding family before, during and after Prohibition.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Straight Bourbon	USA	Early Times	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
43% Vol.	37.00 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The Old Forester 86 Proof immediately impresses with its dominant banana flavour. The thought "What the hell: banana!!!" comes to mind, as this note is so unusual and yet so tantalising. A hint of marzipan potato continues to unfold, followed by caramel, which envelops the nose with a sweet warmth. The oak emerges discreetly and complements the sweet flavours perfectly. A splash of vanilla ice cream rounds off the bouquet and you can literally sense a banana split with amaretto, which adds a seductive depth and complexity.

PALATE

The sweet profile continues on the palate, starting with a clear caramel note. This is accompanied by nutty and marzipan-like flavours that give the bourbon a rich texture. The flavour is a little flat, but this is compensated by the distinctive note of rye bread, especially pumpernickel. A hint of ginger provides a subtle spiciness and enlivens the palate with a fresh flavour.

FINISH

The finish of the Old Forester 86 Proof is long and satisfying. The oak remains present and forms the basis of the aftertaste, while a spicy-sweet component ensures lasting pleasure. The balance between the sweet and spicy elements makes the finish particularly pleasant and invites further enjoyment.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Old Forester 86 Proof impresses with its surprising banana note and sweet, almost playful character – a bourbon that's genuinely fun and, with its spicy finish, leaves you wanting more. For anyone seeking uncomplicated drinking pleasure with a touch of mischief, it's a loyal companion.

SASCHA

The Old Forester 86 Proof displays a solid balance between sweet caramel and spicy rye notes, yet remains somewhat one-dimensional in flavor. Its clear structure and long, balanced finish make it a reliable bourbon, especially providing newcomers with a straightforward point of reference.

RATINGS

MARCEL
71/100
Very good

SASCHA
71/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
5/5
Excellent

