

# NATTERJACK

# 'Irish Whiskey of the Year'

-Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2024 (Cask Strength Irish Whiskey)

Year Founded: 2015

Region: Waterford, Ireland

Owner/Distiller: Aiden
Mehigan and Master
Distiller Jordan Via

Cool Fact: Ireland's only working distillery to be retrofit into a 150-year-old building.

Natterjack Irish whiskey was born of a quest for adventure, to leave the beaten track and create a new one for ourselves. "We all love a good crossover, think The Simpsons episode where Homer solves mysteries with the X-Files team, or when the guys from Supernatural showed up in Scooby-Doo. Combining the best of both-worlds is always admirable in its attempt to find innovation, while taking influence from the best parts of tradition. This is the type of philosophy that the distillers over at Natterjack Irish Whiskey are working with as they attempt to combine the best of both Kentucky and Irish whiskey traditions by essentially creating an Irish style bourbon. Headed by Jordan Via and Aidan Mehigan, who both met at Breckenridge distillery in Colorado, along with Lisa Mehigan,

the trio are still in the early stages of the building a distillery which is set to occupy a 150-year-old former Irish wool mill. As for their production style, Natterjack puts most of their emphasis on using both Irish and American aging techniques. First, aging their whiskey in bourbon barrels, which is a classic Irish practice. Then finishing the aging process in brand new American oak barrels, which is a requirement in the aging process for any Kentucky bourbon. As for the mash bill they use an 80% corn and 20% malted barley blend. This is another ode to the mixture of Irish and American whiskey culture as Malted Barley is what is used in all traditional Irish Whiskeys, while corn is the main requirement for all bourbons." - The Whisk(e)y Wash









### Irish Whiskey

The Natterjack is the only toad native to Ireland. While all around it are hopping, it walks. It chooses its own course. Thanks to an adventurous spirit and ability to roam, it shows up in the most unlikely of places, not unlike the Irish. Our whiskey is an affectionate tribute to the Natterjack, as our story is also one of endless adventure. This is an extraordinary whiskey for those who do things their own way. Follow the toad, you won't regret it.

Started out life aging in ex-bourbon barrels (traditional Irish) and finished in virgin American oak (traditional American), using just the right amount of char before bottling to capture a unique Irish whiskey. A smooth, almost creamy palate of orange fruit and zest, spice, cedar and notes of tobacco.

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## **Cask Strength Irish Whiskey**

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The purest expression of our whiskey. Triple distilled. Aged 6 years. Finished in virgin American oak (char no. 4). 20% barley, 80% corn.

An inviting and intriguing hint of oranges with char number 4 making a bold aromatic entrance. Smooth and slick with a punch. Orange and char coming to the fore, against a backdrop of malt, a suggestion of cloves and grounded by butterscotch and earthy oak. A warm honeyed finish, evoking cozy evenings in front of a log fire with friends.



#### 'The Mistake' Irish Whiskey

#### **Limited Release**

Our limited-release heavily oaked Irish whiskey was simply a happy accident that sparked innovation. We mistakenly left our whiskey in 46 of our virgin American oak casks for an additional year. The result is truly something special! The Mistake is triple distilled, blended in-barrel, and aged in former bourbon barrels before finishing in virgin American oak for two years. Vanilla Bean on the fore palate gives way to a burst of Anise/Liquorice. Powerful oak is enhanced by warm molasses, toffee, and just a hint of a granny smith apple.