

Barrel-Aged Holiday Creations from Dad's Hat Rye

Dad's Hat PA Rye Releases Limited Edition Holiday Bottles, Including Honey-Aged, Maple Syrup-Aged and Rock and Rye Whiskeys

Products are Available for Sale Now at the Bristol, PA Distillery

Bristol, PA — John Cooper and Herman Mihalich of Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey have been finding creative ways to reuse the barrels in which they age their whiskey. Over the past couple of years, area restaurants, bars and artisan product producers have been using these barrels to create delicious products of their own. Now, for the second consecutive year, the duo behind Dad's Hat Rye has taken advantage of aging their whiskey in their barrels which were used for storing various products, and they have released a limited edition holiday line of barrel finished whiskeys, which are all currently available at the Bristol, PA distillery.

The fall and winter specials, which are only available at the distillery with limited availability, include a Honey Cask Finished Whiskey, a Maple Syrup Cask Finished Whiskey, and a new 'Rock and Rye' variety — an old-school whiskey liqueur recipe which dates back to the 1860's. The 'Rock and Rye' is an aged rye whiskey mixed with sugar syrup and rock candy, whole cinnamon sticks, chopped oranges, lemons, apricots, horehound spice and cloves and infused for 10 days.

The Maple Syrup Aged Whiskey was made using barrels from Grinarmls Maple Syrup Company in Somerset, PA, as DHR has been sending their used American oak casks there for the past four years, so that Grinarmls can produce delicious Barrel-Aged Maple Syrup, which is also sold at the distillery.

"The Rock and Rye is something we're really excited about," said Mihalich. "It's similar to an old-fashioned, and whiskey lovers will surely be happy after their first taste. You can really taste so many of the flavors that go into it with each and every sip. We also had fantastic success with the honey and maple syrup finished whiskeys last holiday season, and brought them back by popular demand. The maple is a perfect whiskey to enjoy by itself or pair with food this time of year."

The distillery is open for sales on weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. until Christmas, and on Saturdays for tours from noon to 4 p.m.

Dad's Hat Rye gained Whisky Advocate's revered Craft Whiskey of the Year Award in 2016 and its Straight Rye Whiskey earned a 91.5 rating from Jim Murray, the renowned author of the Whiskey Bible. The company's Rye Whiskey Finished in Vermouth Barrels was recognized by Wine Enthusiast as one of "The Top 100 Spirits of 2015". In addition, Dad's Hat Rye Whiskey

Finished in Port Wine Barrels received a Gold Medal and a 91 rating from the Beverage Tasting Institute this year.

Located at 925 Canal Street in Bristol, PA, the Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey distillery, which is owned and operated by Mountain Laurel Spirits LLC, carries on a Pennsylvania tradition of whiskey production dating back to the early 1800's. In addition to Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey, Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey Finished in Vermouth Barrels, and Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye Whiskey Finished in Port Wine Barrels, MLS also produces Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Straight Rye. Learn more about Dad's Hat Pennsylvania Rye by visiting <http://DadsHatRye.com>.

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