BUFFALO TRACE
DISTILLERY

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Hello!

Many thanks for your purchase of Thomas H. Handy Sazerac, our uncut and unfiltered Straight Rye Whiskey. Our distilling team was delighted to hear that last year's release was awarded a Double Gold Medal at the 2025 International Spirits Challenge.

We hope you enjoy the unique whiskey contained in these bottles. Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey was first launched in response to a consumer request for more well-aged and barrel strength whiskey. For the first time ever since its creation, this year's offering is comprised of barrels aged for over 12 years. We filled these barrels at 125 proof in 2013 and 2014 and after years of aging the whiskey is now, remarkably, 130.0 proof.

The crystal-clear glass bottle chosen for Thomas H. Handy Sazerac is designed to showcase the whiskey's dark, rich color. The back label provides a full product story and description. Every case was hand-bottled and labeled to ensure the highest quality finish. The tissue was added to protect the finished package.

On the reverse side of this letter, you'll see a fact sheet about the barrels selected for this particular release. Hopefully you will find the intricate details of these barrels interesting.

Thank you again for your purchase of Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye. If we at Buffalo Trace Distillery can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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With best regards,

Jake Wenz
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THOMAS H. HANDY SAZERAC
STRAIGHT RYE WHISKEY

Distiller
Buffalo Trace Distillery, Franklin County, Kentucky

Age Profile

Year of Distillation:	Spring of 2013 & 2014
Release:	Fall of 2026
Release Brand name:	Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey
Proof for release:	130.0 proof

Recipe

Large Grain:	Plump Rye
Small Grain:	Kentucky Corn; Distillers Grade #1 and #2
Finish Grain:	Distiller's Malted Barley

Cooking / Fermentation

Milling screen:	#10
Cook Temperature:	240 degrees Fahrenheit
Water:	Kentucky limestone with reverse osmosis
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Mash:	Sour

Distillation & Aging

Distillation:	Double distilled; beer still and doubler
Proof off still:	135 Proof
Barrel:	New, white oak; #4 char; charred for 55 seconds
Barrel maker:	Independent Stave; Lebanon, KY
Barrel entry proof:	125 Proof
Barrel size:	53 liquid gallons; 66.25 original proof gallons
Warehouse:	Warehouses L, M, and Q
Floor:	Floors 2, 3, and 4
Evaporation loss:	51% of the original whiskey lost to evaporation

Bottling

Filtration:	None
Product Age:	12 years and 6 months old at bottling
Tasting comment:	**Nose**: Aromas of seasoned oak, freshly cut herbs, and distinctive rye spice rise from the glass, complemented by notes of dill and subtle tobacco **Palate**: Bold and expressive, delivering layers of peppery rye character, aged wood, and herbaceous complexity **Finish**: Long and warming, lingers with mature oak, cigar notes, and savory spice, showcasing the unmistakable depth and intensity.