

R5 AGED WHISKEY LOT N^o 3

Key Facts:

- Marko Karakasevic double distilled this whiskey in Charbay's Copper Alambic Charentais Pot Still.
- 6,000 gallons of beer distilled into 590 gallons of whiskey (almost 10:1 ratio), roughly 650 cases altogether.
- **Charbay R5 is distilled from bottle-ready Racer 5 beer from Bear Republic Brewery in Northern California.**
- This hoppy American IPA is a full bodied beer brewed from American pale and crystal malts, and heavily hopped with Chinook, Cascade, Columbus and Centennial hops.
- Marko chose Gold Medal winning Racer 5 because in his opinion it is the definition of Northern California IPA: upfront & aromatic hops, malty, great dose of bittering hops, high quality two row barley, balanced and a smooth, clean finish. All of these flavors translate into the whiskey.
- **Lot. No. 3 Flavor profile:** Aromas of a dark green spice overtones; flavors of toasty malt and dried papaya in a smooth body.
- Aged in French Oak for 28 months.
- Lot No. 3 was distilled April of 2012 & bottled July 2014.



Technical Facts:

Alcohol:	49.5% ABV
Bottle Size:	750ml/6 pack
Origin:	Northern CA
Distiller:	Marko Karakasevic
Suggested Retail:	\$79

Guardian Magazine: "... As an avowed whiskey lover, Marko Karakasevic's (Charbay's distiller, alongside his father, Miles) whiskeys are among the best I've had anywhere. - Virginia Miller

Spirit Journal: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 

Marko started brewing beer when he was in high school. Through his father, he learned that beer was the base of whiskey, minus the hops. When he got older, he wanted to know what whiskey would taste like if it were distilled from beer he liked to drink—Charbay Whiskey Release I was born in 1999, distilled from bottle-ready pilsner beer. Several years later, Marko wondered what whiskey distilled from his favorite beer, Racer 5 from Bear Republic, would taste like. He talked to the Norgrove family (Bear Republic is family owned and operated, as is Charbay) about the concept and a new friendship was immediately sparked. Since their first meeting, which lasted an afternoon, Marko and the Norgrove family have been experimenting with all sorts of flavor combinations. Charbay R5 is the brainchild of Marko after four years of extensive research with the Bear Republic team. He is excited to share it with you. There will be more. Stand by.

Marko became a Master Distiller after a long apprenticeship under his father. [\[More\]](#)

Bar Top Finish 

Marko Karakasevic on purchasing bottle-ready beer to distill into whiskey:

"I buy the biggest can I can—it comes with a driver and 18 wheels."