



STOUT WHISKEY LOT 211A

Key Facts:

- Charbay S is distilled from bottle-ready Big Bear Black Stout beer (8.1% a.b.v.) from Bear Republic Brewery in Northern California. This Stout is a big, black, stout you can really sink your teeth into. The bold, roasty, caramel malt flavor is balanced by Centennial and Cascade hops.
- Marko chose Big Bear Black Stout because it is extremely complex. Single malts only use a single malt—this Stout has over five different malts, as well as adjuncts and several different hop varieties. All of these flavors translate into an extremely complex whiskey.
- Double Copper Alambic Charentais Pot distilled, 24 hours a day for 10 days straight
- 6,000 gallons of beer distills into 590 gallons of whiskey (almost 10:1 ratio), roughly 650 cases altogether (10 barrels)
- Flavor profile: dried apricot, honeysuckle, vanilla, roasted coffee, orange zest, hints of cardamom, chocolate malt, rich and chewy, brown spice
- Aged in for 29 months in used French Oak
- Lot “211” means distilled in February of 2011, “A” stands for “aged”



Technical Facts:

Alcohol:	49.5 % ABV
Bottle Size:	750 ml / 6 Pack
Origin:	Northern CA
Distiller:	Marko Karakasevic
Retail Price:	\$140 (California Suggested Retail)

“Mind-bogglingly Good!” - Clay Risen, New York Times

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 was 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 IPA from Bear Republic, would taste like. He called up the Norgrove family (Bear Republic is family owned and operated, as is Charbay) to see what they thought 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. R5 inspired Marko — he then wondered how Big Bear Black Stout, one of his other favorite beers, would translate into whiskey. He loves the result and hopes you enjoy.

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.”

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