

HOW TO GET READY

To discover the delights of pairing whisky and beer

THE LATEST COMPASS BOX VIRTUAL EVENT IS HAPPENING ON JUNE 27TH AT 8PM BST (3PM EDT AND 12PM PDT), AND THIS TIME IT'S ALL ABOUT BRINGING THE FLAVOURS OF WHISKY AND BEER TOGETHER (AND RAISING A GLASS FOR FATHER'S DAY).

HERE'S A QUICK REMINDER OF HOW TO GET PREPARED FOR THE DAY

YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Tasting from home means you can set things up for maximum enjoyment. Removing unnecessary distractions will really heighten the pleasure, and scent is something to be particularly careful about. Try to find a room without strong smells, stay clear of fresh flowers and cooking aromas, and avoid perfume or cologne.

CHOOSING GLASSWARE

For your whisky, try rocks glasses if you have them to hand. For the beer, there are many styles of vessels that can work, from pint or half-pint glasses to a Highball or a Schooner – grab whatever feels most comfortable!

SETTING THE TABLE

Lay out your glasses on the tasting mats we provide, and make sure you pre-pour your whisky. Keep your beer refrigerated though, right up until our hosts tell you it's time to crack one open.

Prepare a glass of water as well to reset the palate between tastings. Our advice is to keep the whisky neat, but the water is handy for diluting if you prefer. Grab a notebook (or a notes app) too, as it's really helpful to jot down your thoughts as you go.

WHAT WE'RE TASTING

We'll be exploring how brilliantly beer gets on with three of our award-winning whiskies: The Spice Tree, The Story of the Spaniard and The Peat Monster. We will be tasting a pilsner, a double IPA and an imperial stout (although a porter will also work wonderfully) courtesy of our friends at Big Smoke Brew Co. You can follow our lead with similar styles at home, or experiment with your own pairings. The choice is yours!

THE TECHNIQUE

It's simple but important to get right. Take a sip of whisky, taste the beer, then another sip of the same whisky. The idea is to see how the textures and flavours evolve in tandem.

ZOOM TIPS

We plan to start right on time, so we strongly recommend testing your internet connection half an hour before. Even if it worked the previous day, you never know if there could be a problem – you don't want to be resetting routers or scrambling for passwords at the last minute. For clear sound, find a quiet space, or use headphones.

[Here's a quick-start Zoom guide for new users.](#)

And that's it – you're all set. If you have any questions, just [email](#) us and we'll be happy to help. Looking forward to seeing you on the day!

Thanks,

The Compass Box Team

