



**JIMMY RUSSELL, MASTER DISTILLER**  
**Austin Nichols, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky**

Master Distiller James C. Russell, or Jimmy to anyone who has ever shaken his hand, has been making bourbon in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky at the Austin, Nichols Distillery for 54 years. Growing up just five miles from the distillery, Jimmy followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, learning time-honored traditions and techniques uniquely suited to the heart of bourbon country. He trained under Bill Hughes, Wild Turkey® Bourbon's second master distiller, and Ernest W. Ripy, Jr., the son of the original owners. It's a small community of men who have mastered bourbon, and within this brotherhood, Jimmy Russell has gained a reputation as "the master distillers' master distiller." From the first selection of grains through the entire distillation and aging process, he has fused experience and wisdom to create the finest examples of America's spirit.