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**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #57** – Heavy with sawdust and lumberyard notes on the nose, with a slight orange tinge. Feels undeveloped on the tongue, lacking any real definition or direction. Fades quickly. **B-** (wheat, 105 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, tight grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #73** – Nose of tobacco leaf and barrel staves, unusual and intriguing. The body offers a surprising mix of wood, butterscotch, mushroom, and vegetal character — which is altogether more interesting than it may sound in that description. The finish grows quite sweet. This one grew on me quite a bit. **A-** (rye, 125 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, average grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #89** – Strong apple notes on the nose, with some pleasant cinnamon undertones. This is a unique whiskey for the Single Oak Project, light and fruity but also balanced by ample oak. This is another winner, but a wholly different spirit than the others in this round. **A-** (rye, 105 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, average grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #105** – Absent on the nose, a surprise given the relative depth of flavor in the palate — lots of caramel and vanilla, quite the sugar bomb on the tongue. Some honey and candied ginger flavors add complexity, but still can't manage to coax anything into the aroma. **B+** (wheat, 125 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, average grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #121** – Another one with a mild nose, this one with hints of banana and apples, followed by touches of sawdust. The body is also very restrained, coming forward with more orange and sherry notes, vanilla ice cream. Another for the sweet tooth, but I like it. **A-** (wheat, 105 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, average grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #137** – Classic Bourbon nose, quite woody. Huge spiciness on this one, with baking spices balanced by a pepperiness I haven't much seen in this round. Drinks hotter than its 90 proof, which is perhaps a good thing in this case. **A-** (rye, 125 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, coarse grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #153** – Ample wood on the nose, backed up with menthol. Slightly tight on the palate, a little closed off, the wood becoming a touch astringent in the end. Lacking in any real secondary character. **B-** (rye, 105 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, coarse grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #169** – Hot on the nose, mild on the tongue. This whiskey makes no sense! Banana nut bread notes come along, with some basic caramel character and touches of mint. Fine, in the end, but not entirely in balance. **B** (wheat, 125 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, coarse grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

**Buffalo Trace Distillery Single Oak Project Barrel #185** – Woody, lots of citrus, overall a fun, frontier-style whiskey with plenty to enjoy. The lumberyard notes are what stick with you, but they're light enough to leave you more with a sense of well-being than one of kicking up sawdust. **B+** (wheat, 105 entry proof, level 12 seasoning, coarse grain, wooden ricks, #3 char, top half of tree)

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