

Should You Add Ice To Your Whisky?

Adding ice in whisky is a surefire way to make people assume that you can't appreciate the true taste of a whisky, and they couldn't be more wrong.

Whisky is one of the most versatile spirits. The flavor changes dramatically based on what you do (or don't) add to it. While a mixer can enhance or subdue certain flavor profiles (Check out this great article on whisky mixers and how they affect your whisky: <https://www.texascrownclubwhisky.com/12-whisky-mixer>) ice in whisky also changes the flavor profile and body.

While you generally shouldn't put ice in a single malt scotch, adding it to the right whisky opens up a whole new world of flavor. Our favorite is Texas Crown Club Whisky. It's aged for a minimum of three years in real American Oak barrels. This gives the whisky a distinct vanilla and caramel flavor profile, and smooth finish, making for a versatile spirit.

1. Ice in Whisky Lowers the Temperature of the Drink

While this may seem obvious, it's important to note that the warmer a whisky is, the more robust and "hot" it will taste. If you're new to whisky and still warming up to the flavors, or just wanting a lighter drink for the occasion, putting ice in whisky will temper the bolder flavors and make it easier to drink.

2. Ice in Whisky Will Bloom the Flavors

As the ice melts, new flavors of whisky will open up! Whisky consists of many layers of flavors, with the most dominant ones often covering up the more subtle notes. While the dominant flavors are certainly tasty, the subtle ones should also be appreciated!

When adding ice to Texas Crown Club Whisky, you get more of the subtle orange and spice notes that would otherwise be subdued by the oak.

3. Ice in Whisky Softens the Body

Whisky can often taste “heavy”. This comes from the barrel aging process which imparts tannins (link to <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/heres-what-happens-when-you-age-whisky-180957440/>) into the spirit. It’s the same stuff that makes wine taste drier.

While this quality can certainly be appreciated, it doesn’t make the whisky easy to drink on a hot summer day, or for newbies who haven’t yet acquired the taste. Putting ice in whisky will subdue the tannins, and the water from the melted ice will make the body smooth and velvety for easy drinking.

Whisky is a wonderfully versatile spirit worthy of being fully appreciated. Putting ice in whisky will elevate your whisky drinking experience, and allow you to fully enjoy the nuance of flavors.

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<https://www.texascrownclubwhisky.com/find-texas-crown-near-you>