

Blackberry Bourbon Smash

Yields: 1 cocktail Total time: 5 minutes

When it comes to race day, the go-to spirit to get your spirits up? Bourbon, baby. From Mint Julips to Old Fashioneds, bourbon is the fuel for good stories and occasionally the bad bet. For us though, you can bet on this drink being smooth, delicious and helps you feel lucky, at the track or wherever you want to improve your chances. It's an easy entrance-to-bourbon drinking, too. It's trendy and cool to love bourbon (heck, we're in a bourbon club we love), but tough to learn up front. This is the best starter drink, and enjoyed by aficionados, too. We use mint and blackberries to make a concoction that makes the bourbon shine and get you ready for the big day ahead!

Ingredients

- 2 oz of bourbon
- 3-4 blackberries
- 1/2 Tbsp blackberry jam
- Mint leaf
- ¹/₂ oz of mint simple syrup
- Lemon wedge for garnish
- Blackberry for garnish
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- Ice

Directions for Each Drink

- In a shaker, add the bourbon, mint leaf a few blackberries, with the jam and muddle
- Let sit for a minute
- Add ice, shake vigorously
- Pour ice into a tumbler
- Strain cocktail over ice
- Garnish with a mint leaf and a blackberry
- Get into the race