In 1936, Thompson Willett founded the Willet Distilling Company. Today, the Willett Tradition continues.

At the end of Prohibition, Lambert Willett was the superintendent of the newly renovated Max Selliger & Co. Distillery, and his son A.L. Thompson Willett was assistant superintendent. Shortly after, Thompson Willett left to build the Willett Distilling Company and on 17th March, 1936 produced its first batch of 300 bushels (30 barrels).

The whiskey was stored in one of the eight warehouses, each capable of holding between 5,000–6,000 barrels (total capacity 48,623 barrels). The warehouses were built on some of the highest ground in the county, assuring that a fresh breeze would aid in the maturation of the whiskey.

The Willett Distilling Company continued to operate and on 1st July 1984, Even G. Kulsveen, son-in law to Thompson Willett, purchased the property and formed Kentucky Bourbon Distillers, Ltd., which Even’s family runs today.
Dark mahogany with a rich spicy nose of dried plums, vanilla, tobacco and cedar. A big initial hit of rich chewy fruit, caramel fudge, and a hint of mint—all wrapped in a spicy oak overcoat. The heat lingers in the masculine finish but there is just enough to keep the touch of black pepper on the finish at bay.