

Reel Barrels RB

Kodak, TN

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Care and Maintenance Instructions for your new REEL BARRELS® PUB TABLE

Thank you for purchasing your Pub Table from Reel Barrels®. We appreciate your business.

Once you have the table base in place, you will need to install the top. On the bottom of the table top you will notice the word “front” and an arrow marking where the front of the table top lines up with the front of the barrel. Place the table top on the barrel in this position. Next, you will want to insert the hooks into the eyes on the barrel to keep the top in place. You may need to adjust the table top in order to get all the hooks latched.

The barrel base of your Pub Table is made of 100% White Oak. The wood of the barrel will shrink as it dries out and direct sunlight will accelerate the drying process, but there are some steps that can be taken to slow down the wood shrinking process.

These barrels were made to hold liquids, so letting the barrel get wet is not a problem. Allowing the barrel to get some water in it periodically will slow down the shrinking of the wood and submerging your entire barrel in water for a period of time can reverse the wood shrinking and will re-hydrate the staves to tighten the rings.

The table top of your pub table is made from Spruce and has the same durable marine grade spar varnish finish as we use on the barrels. The table top is weather resistant and can be used indoors or out. If using an umbrella, you will want to place an umbrella base in the bottom of your barrel to hold the umbrella in place. If not using an umbrella, you can place the bung that comes with the table top in the center hole to keep it closed.

Maintaining the finish of your Pub Table and the table top is key to keeping your barrel in good condition. Occasional reapplication of the spar varnish finish will keep your barrel looking its best. We use Cabot brand Spar Varnish in satin finish. You can re-apply the varnish right over the existing finish - just be sure to clean the pieces well before application.

We also recommend that you place your barrel on a level flat surface. Do not set the barrel directly on the ground as moisture absorbed from the ground can cause rot on the bottom of the barrel and decrease its life.

Due to the nature and material of the vintage whiskey barrel that your Pub Table is made of, there is the possibility that it may have splinters and sharp edges. Please always handle your barrel with gloves.

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