

Cedar Ridge Bourbon 40%

Thin corn sweetness, nice splash of mint and cinnamon. The whiskey's warm, but not hot, and it's exceptionally smooth. There's a slice of rye spice, and oaky vanilla, and the finish is clean and sweet. But it's almost too smooth, and not gutsy enough; if Staggs is bourbon turned up to eleven, this is at about six and a half. Cedar Ridge has a great start here; now show me more.

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