

Darby's Reserve Rye

45%

Sharp, bitterly vegetal, reminiscent of crushed turnip or radish; sweet oaky caramel in the background. Building block flavors—oak, rye oil, more turnip, sweet cereal—not well integrated.

As if a very tight-cut new make had been put in a barrel and rolled and heated continuously for a short period of time (with some turnips). Finish is initially sweet, then closes with a bitter note.

Turnip dissipates as it airs, but the memory lingers. Sourced whiskey.

(Total Wine exclusive.)

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