

**Woodford Reserve
Master's Collection
Straight Malt**

45.2%

Much darker in color than the Classic bottling (also reviewed this issue), as is expected. The nose warns of a wood-whelmed whiskey: dark, bitter wood notes, with a caramel underlay. The mouth is much hotter than the Classic bottling, with bold oak spice in the front and a gooey caramel/toffee sweetness underneath...only it's not as good as that sounds. It's all rather one-dimensional, including the hot oak finish. An interesting lesson in wood, but not at \$200 for the pair.

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