

Dad's Hat Rye Finished in Vermouth Barrels

47%

A young ("minimum of 6 months") rye, finished in California vermouth barrels. The results are polarizing; I'm in the "intriguingly tasty" camp. The nose: rye spice with herbal depth and fruit wreathing. The whiskey hits first, but herbal vermouth is right behind, putting more body on the spirit and cranking the finish in an unexpectedly dry, almost bitter direction. An aperitif whiskey, begging to play with cocktails, or even ice, but good neat. Craft whiskey continues to experiment.

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