

Jim Beam Signature Craft Whole Rolled Oat

45%

Nose of corn and subdued Beam spiciness. It's hot, and sweet, and minty-spicy, but the main difference from mainline Beam is the feel. This is slicker, lighter, slippery, and the finish has a softness to it, almost plushy. The oak seems lost (for an 11 year old), and that lets the sweetness dominate. It's like a toy breed; it yips, when it should bark and growl. I think oats are too soft for bourbon. Price per 375 ml.

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