

Amador Ten Barrels Straight Hop-Flavored Whiskey

48%

This literally tastes like pan-fried mushrooms and roots. It's earthy; you don't really expect such intensity from a flavored whiskey. After earth, hops, chocolate, and root beer, I finally taste the whiskey; a nearly absent sensation toward the end. But I guess that's the point: if they wanted you to taste whiskey, they wouldn't flavor it. Still, there are no chemically-imbalanced flavors here. This is worth trying, even for us curmudgeon purists.

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