

Jim Beam Double Oak

43%

Wood. From the lumberyard to the charred barrels, wood powers over grain, caramel, vanilla, and earth.

A nuttiness comes through, turning the wood into almond, pine nut, and pecan, but a resounding bitterness stays in the form of nut shells. It lacks balance and complementary flavors to the oak, but caramel finds itself on a short finish. Decent first release, but I wanted to find more nuance from the second barrel.

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