

# Whisky

ADVOCATE

85

## High West High Country American Single Malt (Batch 19104)

44%

Earthy, phenolic, and herbaceous with a wisp of smoke and seaweed, this is certainly characterful. The flavor marries malty sweetness, red fruits, and a peculiar smoke, like a distant burning leaf pile or smoldering smoked jalapeños. While it tastes a bit young, and it's certainly unconventional, this is a very intriguing whiskey, with an ashy finish delivering cocoa and nutty notes. (9,600 bottles)

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