

**Old Pepper Finest
Kentucky Oak Straight
(Batch K02)**

58%

This whiskey's lush qualities are immediately evident on the nose, which is redolent of Mexican chocolate, cedar spice, fresh dark berries, raisin-studded stollen, and balsam boughs. Without water, oak dominates the palate, but add a few drops and much more unfolds: grape cough syrup, blackcurrant jam, mocha, and rich spice, with more blackcurrant, allspice, pepper, and lingering herbs on the finish. There's lots to unpack here, all of it good. *Editors' Choice*

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