

**Firestone & Robertson
TX Experimental Series**

Rye

63.07%

Full-bodied and dense with aroma and flavor, this benefits from a few drops of water to unlock notes that are buried under the proof. Mint toothpaste, allspice, and cinnamon dominate the nose until water reveals sugared almonds, milk chocolate, and vanilla. The palate is heavy on charred flavors—roasted nuts and grilled meat—that turn to sweet blackened marshmallow and coffee bean when water is added. Peppery charred oak with an undercurrent of cooling mint rounds out the finish.

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