

# Whisky ADVOCATE

80

## Hirsch Small Batch Reserve

46%

A balanced and well-rounded whiskey, but it tastes a little youthful and spirited on the finish, and lacks the depth I'm looking for to score it higher in the 80s. Notes of maple syrup, crème caramel, and raspberry tart, with cinnamon, vanilla, mint, and dried citrus peppered throughout. I like it, but there are better bourbons at this price.

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