

Templeton Small Batch Rye

Batch #2, Barrel #173, 40%

The labeling is a little confusing. Small batch implies a marriage of multiple barrels, not just a bottling from a single barrel; the label seems to imply both. Plus, there's no indication of the source of this whiskey, or its age. Regardless, this is one of the sweetest and mellowest rye whiskeys I've tasted. Spicy fresh mint, cinnamon, white pepper, and subtle clove are tamed by sweet notes of toasted marshmallow, cotton candy, creamy vanilla, candied fruit, and red licorice. Soft finish. Rather gentle for a rye whiskey.

—Vol. 18, #3