

Thomas H. Handy

64.5%

Distilled in 2002, this is the youngest of the collection, allowing the vibrancy and boldness of the rye grain to shine through (and an interesting comparison to the Sazerac 18 year old). Lush fruit, Seville orange, gin botanicals, fresh mint, golden raisin, dried pineapple, coconut, and honeydew melon, tamed by soothing caramel and vanilla.

Lingering dried fruit and spice finish. Not excessively aggressive like some young ryes I've tasted. I really like the dark sugar notes and lushness in this year's release that provide balance. One of the best Handys.

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