



Ballantine's Finest



40%

A pleasant nose of light caramel, dried orange rind, butterscotch, sweet grain, and a lick of bonfire smoke, yet it's like the volume has been dialed down to three.

Delicate, to the point of shyness.

Sweet barley, concentrated orange, a low rumble of spice, and the grain sings through.

Accessible, well structured, and light-textured, leading to a finish of brown sugar around the gums, although it has a stronger grain character than many in its price range.



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