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New Riff Kentucky Straight Single Barrel Bourbon (No. 15-3150) 56.45%

New Riff is still too, well, new to have established "classic" flavors, but this bourbon certainly shows consistency with the distillery's bottled in bond version—amped up here at barrel proof. Almonds and berries lead the nose, but it boasts voluminous depth with notes of peanuts, iced tea, orange blossom, tobacco leaf, and baking spice. Dark fruit, textured spice, savory peanuts, dark chocolate, mint oil, orange, almond, and cherry on the palate; adding water is a good idea. The finish extends all the flavors with seemingly boundless length. Every sip is thrilling.



