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CEDAR RIDGE MALTED RYE WHISKEY

THE DATA

Category: Whiskey
Sub-Category: Rye Whiskey
Origin: Iowa, USA
Retail Price: \$42
ABV: 43%



HOW TO ENJOY IT

The Cedar Ridge Malted Rye is perfectly pleasant with nothing more than a glass. Do add a small splash of water to reveal the full array of flavors. The distillers recommend their Malted Rye in a Manhattan — we agree.

COOL FACTOR

A

A small-batch malted Rye Whiskey with style and panache is always cool. This is the real deal.

Grade - A



ANALYSIS



Cedar Ridge is the first licensed distillery in the state of Iowa since Prohibition. Yes, these guys are really making Whiskey in Iowa. (I assume that everyone got that so let's move on.) The Cedar Ridge Malted Rye is made with an undisclosed mashbill that is dominated by malted rye that offers both richness and bold spice notes. Bottling this Malted Rye at 43% is ideal as it gives body and depth to the complex flavors and helps to create a chewy texture.



B

VALUE GRADE

At just north of \$40 this won't make anyone's bargain list but considering the quality and the small quantities we find it a value. **Grade - B**

TALKING POINTS

FROM CEDAR RIDGE



Cedar Ridge Malted Rye Whiskey is making history. As opposed to other rye whiskeys, which are quite common, Cedar Ridge uses malted rye in its grain bill.

IN THE GLASS

Appearance: Brilliant copper color.

Aromatics: The nose is so alluring and complex offering scents of baked apples, honey, roasted almonds, and caramel with accents of clove, allspice, and nutmeg.

Flavor: The palate is in full agreement with the nose delivering a lush fruit and caramel core with waves of brown spice, oak, and hints of leather, and black pepper.

Intensity & Texture: Medium to full-bodied with a rich fruit core while being vibrant with a bright dose of acidity providing perfect balance.

MORE THAN
THE SCORE



FIERCELY
INDEPENDENT