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## CEDAR RIDGE SINGLE MALT AMERICAN WHISKEY

### THE DATA

**Category:** Whiskey

**Sub-Category:** Single Malt American

**Origin:** Iowa, USA

**Retail Price:** \$48

**ABV:** 40%



### HOW TO ENJOY IT

The Cedar Ridge Single Malt is best enjoyed neat with a splash of water. Add ice if you must but you risk diluting the complex flavors. The distillers like this Whiskey in a **classic Rob Roy** – we agree.

### COOL FACTOR



# A

America needs more single malt Whiskies. We love our all-malt beers so the first step has long been accomplished. This Cedar Ridge Single Malt is a delicious **blueprint of the new American spirit. 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 rich, malted barley is equaled by the unique Solera process that introduces a blend of wine and Brandy barrels. The Cedar Ridge Single Malt demonstrates **clever distilling and blending**. When we see skill and result like this from a grain to bottle distiller we are filled with anticipation of future Whiskey releases.



### VALUE GRADE

At prices approaching \$50 this won't make anyone's bargain list but considering the quality and the small quantities **we find it a value.**

# B

**Grade - B**

### TALKING POINTS

FROM CEDAR RIDGE



*If it has to be whiskey, make it a handcrafted single malt. The 2015 adoption of our unique Solera system marries the best characteristics of each single-barrel to achieve a depth of flavor and complexity that is not possible with a single barrel system alone.*

## IN THE GLASS

**Appearance:** Brilliant amber color.

**Aromatics:** The nose is filled with dense, ripe fruits ranging from red cherries to apricot with bold accents of burnt sugar, allspice, vanilla, and sweet oak with hints of Brandy.

**Flavor:** The palate echoes the nose delivering a complex fruit core with generous supporting notes of brown baking spices, oak, and rich caramel.

**Intensity & Texture:** Medium to full-bodied with perfect balance and bold spice and oak notes.

**MORE THAN  
THE SCORE**



**FIERCELY  
INDEPENDENT**