

Country Canada

Type Blend (corn in oak + rye in charred oak + barley in medium-charred oak)

Distillery Forty Creek

Name Double barrel reserve

ABV 40%

Cask Bourbon and sherry

Colour Golden

Bottle volume 750ml

Price €/cl €0.53 (bottle price \$59.95 = €40) **bought by** Rob (Lot 249, #08173)

Place of purchase BC liquor store, Westbrook Mall, Vancouver



Nose When I brought the glass to my nose I received a light indication of rye spices gently being lifted out of the glass. This was quickly followed by an updraft of caramel corn and honeycomb. The whisky also brings forward strong dry woody notes (oak and cedar) and a touch of sweet maple which is probably why I associated the colour of the whisky with maple syrup. As the glass decants, I sense a building of the caramel and honeycomb under the cedar and corn, but there is an odd astringency as well. I think that if this glass was placed in a flight of bourbon samples, I would have difficulty picking it out as a Canadian Whisky. It has a very apparent bourbon character on the nose.

Palate The whisky is quite sweet at first with strong caramel corn accents in the flavour profile. Very quickly however, I receive spicy sharp orange peel zest which wraps itself around the sweeter flavours. Woody accents of cedar oak build adding a dryness to the whisky which was probably there all along but which I only recently noticed. As the whisky breathes the corn becomes somewhat dank and a few rye flavours slip in somewhere behind. As I sip I begin to notice a new welcome undercurrent of sweetness developing with light maple and vanilla flavours playing somewhere in the currents. Cedar logs continue to roll in although they have picked up a bit of honeycomb and more vanilla for the ride.

Finish The whisky finishes with a dry spicy burst of orange peel and woody tannin. Hints of hazelnut and tea leaves leave dabs of bitterness in the throat; however, the addition of a simple ice-cube tempers the bitterness and makes the exit quite enjoyable. My final impression is of a light dankness of corn having the last word.

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