

Whisky ADVOCATE

80

Brenne Estate Cask (Cask #264)

40%

When introducing new world whisky, I tell folks to treat it not as a scotch but as a totally different whisky. But how far can you go? The French have a “whisky” made with buckwheat — technically not a grain — and chestnuts. Now we have this. This is light, sweet, with flavored candy and fruit jelly; lots of prune, grapey Cognac notes.

There's the issue. Is it a nice drink? Yes. Is it really a whisky?

It's up for debate.

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