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GOSLING'S

Family Reserve Old Rum

(Bermuda; Gosling-Castle Partners,
Inc., Wellesley, MA)

40% abv, \$70.

The lovely cherry wood/mahogany/old tawny color gives a textbook appearance for an old oak-aged rum; perfect purity. The enticing first aromas offer expressive notes of quinine, baked apple, and molasses; further aeration brings out tart-to-sour scents of brown sugar, dried red berry fruit, tree bark, and allspice; the bouquet changes dramatically within the ten minute nosing period, going from a baked aroma to an earthy/spicy/woody aroma. The palate entry is smooth, intensely oaky/resiny, yet semisweet; at midpalate, the sweetness component picks up in the forms of honey and molasses. Concludes elegantly, satiny smooth in the throat, and properly bittersweet.

Spirit Journal Rating:

★★★★/Highly Recommended