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Koval's "Lion's Pride" Dark Rye Whiskey

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Score: 92

Highly refined fruity rye on a bed of taut wood. The spirit itself is super soft, (a core of silk) but around that center orbits fresh notes of caramel apple, earl grey, and light cinnamon. This is an eau-de-vie lover's whiskey, light and fresh like new-make, but with enough woody complexity to make it satisfying to any bourbon drinker. I suspect their cuts are more narrow than Tuthilltown's Rye (something in the ballpark here) but what is given up in subtle congener taste is totally gained in smoothness. Watch this little distillery out of Chicago, as it may just have the skills to create a consensus around a new American "craft" style — younger, brighter, more flavorful whiskeys for a whole new generation of brown spirits drinkers. If only everything kosher and organic tasted this delicious... heck, I might convert!