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10 OF THE BEST BOURBONS AND AMERICAN WHISKEYS FOR \$40 AND UNDER

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For some whiskey drinkers, an \$80 bottle of single malt can feel like a steal. But the sweet spot for quality and affordability often falls in the \$40 and under range.

We've rounded up some of our favorite Bourbons and American whiskeys that cost less than your average tank of gas. From a Bourbon aged in stout barrels to an astonishingly affordable collaboration between legends of Kentucky and Japanese distilling, here are 10 of our favorite, affordable pours.

Benjamin Chapman 7-Year Whiskey; \$39, 92 points.

This wheated whiskey is a blend of 51% 10-year-old Canadian rye and 49% 7-year-old Canadian wheat. Look for a sweet vanilla bean aroma, echoed on the palate that ups the ante with sugar cookie and honey, finishing with an addictive cinnamon sizzle. Sip or mix. —K.N.

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN / 7-YEAR WHISKEY