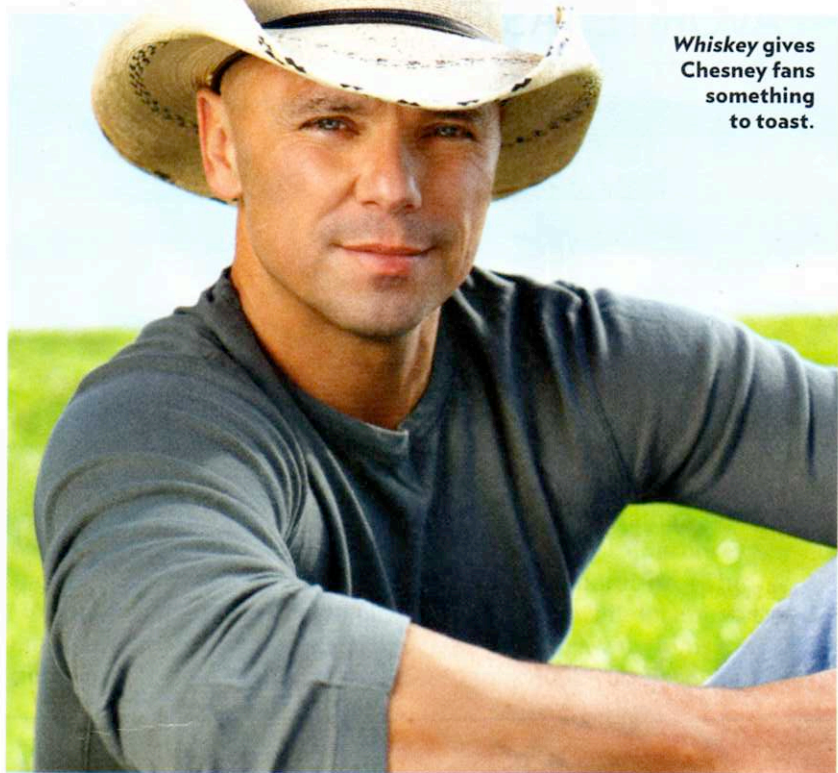


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Whiskey gives Chesney fans something to toast.

Kenny Chesney

Hemingway's Whiskey | ★★★★★

COUNTRY-POP

Having taken a rare summer off from the road, Kenny Chesney eases back into action on *Hemingway's Whiskey*. Fittingly, the album kicks off with "The Boys of Fall," the hit first single. With a title and tone nodding to Don Henley's "The Boys of Summer," it's a wistful ode to the country star's high school football

days. Chesney remains in a nostalgic mood on another fine ballad, "Where I Grew Up." The reflective vibe and '70s-soft-rock textures of songs like these recall 2008's *Lucky Old Sun*. But the spirited "Live a Little" and "Small Y'all," an old-school duet with George Jones, demonstrate that Chesney is still capable of foot-stomping fun.