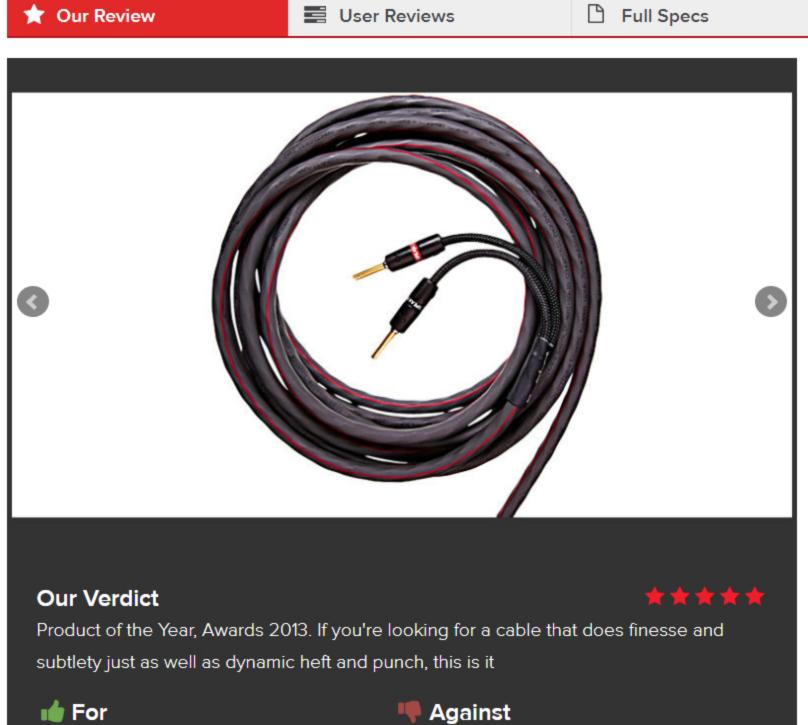
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Who among us hasn't cursed a cable for being too sturdy to turn a tight corner in a kit rack? Well AudioQuest's flexible (FLX) and easy-to-pullthrough-walls (SLiP) wire makes that kind of thing a doddle. But how easy is it to listen to?

A quick spin of Tortoise's solid debut set – called *Tortoise*, imaginatively enough – and the 14/4 conveys a balanced, well-organised sound that never lets its rhythmic grip waver and renders leading edges with precision and grace.

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Cornpone Brunch is a tough one to get right at the best of times, thanks to its driving rhythm peppered with subtle snare-drum and ride-cymbal dynamics, and rich, deep bass – so the AudioQuest has its work cut out.

Lesser cables would muck this right up – but the AudioQuest, simply put, covers itself in glory. More full-bodied than the QED Ruby Anniversary Evolution, with a better grasp of dynamics than the Atlas Equator 2.0 OFC and with a smoother, cleaner treble than Chord's excellent Carnival SilverScreen, the FLX-SLiP is incredibly easy to listen to.

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