

# blackjack 21 poker

Big Juan: Slot Overview

Load up your pistols, y'all, with a bit of imagination,

Pragmatic Play partner Wild Streak Gaming is transporting players to Mexico for a spot of gambling. Wild Streak is a studio that certainly likes respin bonus features, and

yes, one appears in Big Juan as its centrepiece. Fair dues, though, it behaves a bit differently than these bonus games usually do. Here, players respin in the hopes of landing four jackpot prizes, none of which are earth-shatteringly exciting.

Studios that go the Mexican route basically have free reign to go as bright and noisy as they like. This Wild Streak has done, yet Big Juan feels like a budget knockoff rather than a respectful piece of cultural appropriation. Okay, it's not Mexican as such but compare Big Juan to ELK's tastefully designed Wild Toro 2 - the latter is light years away from this rambunctious fiesta. Big Juan is lively, however, and maybe some players enjoy losing themselves in the chaos. Juan does plenty of pistol shooting when he's not strumming furiously on his guitar; Mexicano, and the soundtrack has spirit, yet everything ends up being a tad tourist shop gaudy as much as anything else.

The game is split between two phases - a base game and a respin bonus round. The base game is played on 5-reel, 4-row matrix providing 40 fixed paylines to hit winning combinations across. This shrinks to a smaller area when the bonus triggers, as we'll see. Highly volatile, Big Juan's math model produces a default theoretical return value of 96.7% when playing normally, strangely dropping to 96.53% when buying the bonus for some reason. Bet range is vast, though it could have been more accommodating for players looking to stretch a bankroll, starting at 40 p/c per spin, rising to \$/ <200 at the upper end.

At least three identical symbols on a payline from the left side of the