

Jefferson's Presidential Select

18 year old, 47%

Unlike the standard "small batch" releases, this is from a single barrel: a really good single barrel. I rated the 18 year old small batch a 93 in the last issue, and I like this one even better. There's less wood getting in the way. It's softer, more elegant. Lovely fruit, gently sweet (black raspberry jam, blueberry pie), with nougat, creamy vanilla, a sprinkling of cinnamon, and polished leather on the finish. And so drinkable.

Classic stuff!

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