

The Notch

44.4% ABV

The price, the proof, and 8 years of age reflect the source: the Triple 8 distillery. Light fruit — white grapes, nectarine — and a bit of resinous plastic in the nose, plus a hint of wine wood, underlain by malt. Clean malt in the mouth, well-integrated with nothing sticking out or unbalanced. The fruit's still there, but diminished; finish is a little clingy but clean. Nicely-made whisky...but it's like a really good dish of vanilla ice cream; is that all?

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