

Black Bottle

10 year old, 43%

Black Bottle is unique in that it combines seven different Islay whiskies with grain whisky. This produces a whisky with a beautifully rounded Islay character that will satisfy the discriminating "peat-head," the drinkability of a blended scotch, and plenty of complexity. For a blend, there's heft to the whisky. I enjoy the interplay between the peat smoke, brine, seaweed, its firm, malty foundation and pleasingly dry finish.

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