

**Berry Brothers & Rudd  
(distilled at  
Cragganmore) 1997 14  
year old**

Light straw. Initially this is quite hot and a little dumb, with whiffs of Indian spice — think turmeric and curry leaf — along with mint sauce (but no lamb) and a tickle of peat. The palate is quite intense and hot, with powdered almond, a grassy edge, and concentrated sweetness that starts in the center and builds toward the back palate.

Subtle, but can't help wishing there was just a little more say from the cask. £59

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