

**Diamond Jubilee by
John Walker & Sons**

42.5%

Bright gold. Amazingly fresh fruits and quince, slowly evolving into mango, blueberry, and a jammy tayberry note. At the same time, exotic spices like cardamom begin to build, particularly when the surface is broken with a drop of water, while vanilla pod notes develop. In the mouth, the grain smooths all the elements, giving an unctuous feel. There's just sufficient oakiness to give structure and any smoke is far in the distance. A triumph of the blender's art. £100,000

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