

**Gordon & MacPhail
(distilled at Linkwood)
15 year old**

43%

A catch-up rather than a new release, but a fascinating contrast to the 14 year old Flora & Fauna bottling. Yes, there's apple blossom, but here there's more medlar, fruit syrups, raspberry, and an intriguing play between vanilla and lightly oxidized nuttiness. Linkwood's substance is shown on the palate, where an oily feel adds texture to the lush dried fruits and saffron-led spiciness.

Best neat. An elegant dram.

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