

Caol Ila 14 year old Special Release 2012

59.3%

This is Caol Ila not only in unpeated guise, but from a 'bodega-treated' sherry butt. Full and lush, the distillery's pear and melon here are in super-ripe guise alongside sweet biscuits, mashed banana, and Mars bar. With water, it's more a cabinetmaker's workshop—but isn't woody. The mouth is sweet and concentrated with jabs of raspberry and hedgerow fruits. Who needs peat? My best value bottling this issue.

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