

Glenfiddich Vintage Cask

40%

One of a trio of new whiskies that have spent time in Glenfiddich's new solera vats, this will surprise many because of its overt smokiness that's like a bonfire in a pear orchard. Some ferny greenness adds to the freshness.

The reverse happens on the palate, with the smoke being held in check by the soft mouthfeel (which could be solera-enhanced), ripe fruits, and gentle creaminess.

(Travel Retail; Asia only, currently.) £70

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