

**The Whisky Exchange
(distilled at Linkwood)
16 year old**

48%

The combination of Linkwood and sherry cask can be to the detriment of such a perfumed whisky. Not here. The nose speaks of caramel toffee, demerara sugar, and while an oaky touch is there it's light, allowing plump sultanas, rose, and a delightful balsamic cider vinegar note to emerge. The palate is relaxed and gentle, with darker fruits. There's sufficient body to cope with the tannic squeeze. It needs water to reach ideal balance. Lovely. £65

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