

**John Walker & Sons
Private Collection 2014
Edition**

46.8%

Smoke begins Jim Beveridge's public replication of the annual Directors Blend concept, built around Johnnie Walker's signature characteristics. Peat smoke harks back to Islay, but there's wood smoke, tobacco leaf, and malt, with a salty richness behind it. The grain just gives it a lift of extra sweetness. Polished, with great structure; red apple, raspberry, and sweet linctus wrap up with a long, smoky finish of cigar stub and peat stores. Clear parallels with Directors Blend 2009, but better. (8,888 decanters released) £500

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