

**Highland Queen 12  
year old**  
40%

At this age, there are more linear displays of fruit and sweetness than the 8 year old. Behind the *tarte tatin*, butterscotch, light pepper, and wood spice is a green, verdant nose of wet foliage and public lawns in the morning mist. It has a light to medium-weight texture of sugary butterscotch, strawberry, and raspberry developing around an oak and malt core. When the fruit flavor withers, there is a drop off in flavor, leaving a malty melee. £48

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