

Nikka 40 year old

45%

A celebration of Nikka's 80th anniversary, and, in the spirit of the founding principles of Masataka Taketsuru, it's a blend. The oldest cask here is Yoichi from 1945, there's also a Miyagikyo from 1969. Only 900 bottles have been made. Huge whisky *rancio*, delicate smoke, light varnish, wax, hints of incense, and while rich, there is still remarkably fresh tropical fruit. Tasted blind, it could easily be mistaken for a Grand Champagne Cognac. Amazing length and purity.

Sophisticated. €3,600

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