

**Caol Ila Unpeated 1997  
17 year old (Diageo  
Special Release 2015)**

**55.9%**

Aged in first-fill American oak, this shows a real brightness, crisp fruit, and some smoke—it's not really unpeated—and wet grass, before moving into pear and tarragon.

The palate is intense, with a hay note, then an almost *fino* sherry-like note before sashimi emerges.

Reduced, there's more of a soft flow, though there's still a touch of green olive minerality. A steal at this price. Snap it up.

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