

Whisky

ADVOCATE

81

Darkness! (distilled at Invergordon) 23 year old

50.8%

Cometh the night. Shadows veil a whisky hewn from the cold lands in the north. A whisky of black cherry, crème de prune, *rancio*, balsamic, and salt, for it has known a mythical chimera cask; half Pedro Ximénez, half *oloroso* wood. The magical, syrupy texture foretells of passion fruit, fig, cherry, and raisins, but prophesizes that cask char will dominate the swallow. Dark forces swamp the quest for grain, though there is taste, hope, and nourishment for the journey ahead. £77

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