

Ballantine's 17 year old
40%

Malt biscuits, runny caramel, blended black tea, melting butter sliding across a hot skillet, the leather uppers on new Oxfords, and a more enjoyable waft of peat smoke than expected. Clean, light flavors; lime jelly, root ginger, initially not overly sweet, then a boost of honey, caramelized fruits, with toffee and cocoa later still. It's pricked with hints of smoke throughout, with a long finish of pepper and other spices. Perfectly enjoyable anytime.

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