

Lagavulin 18 year old Fèis Ìle (2016 Release)

49.5%

It's been quite a year for Lagavulin; a 25 year old is due (but no sample at the time of writing). This was a 6,000-strong bottling, aged in refill hoggies and 'bodega' butts. Initially restrained and mildly oxidized, it shows angelica, a spritz of lemon juice on potted shrimp, then fennel pollen and water mint. The smoke is pulled back. The palate has orchard fruits, creosote, and moss. Lagavulin's top notes accentuated, but with the depth of age. £125

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