

**Murray McDavid
Mission IV (distilled at
Glen Spey)**

1974 Vintage, 46%

Although this distillery is operating, it remains one of the hardest Speyside whiskies to find.

This is unfortunate. A fairly straight-forward whisky-pleasingly malty and somewhat viscous on the palate, with some grassy notes. The extra years, with this particular bottling anyway, have allowed the whisky to blossom, become a little more intriguing and heavier. Along with malt and grassy notes, I'm picking up citrus fruit (especially on the nose), toffee, nuts, freshly ground roasted cocoa beans, nougat, and vanilla fudge.

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