

Laphroaig 25 year old Cask Strength (2020)

49.8%

A cask strength whisky, but don't expect a rambunctious blisterer. Age has given this one a mellowed beauty. It offers a deep, rich, soft peat influence on a thick and creamy palate, with dried seaweed, seashells, salinity, brine, charcoal, and muted medicinal notes—all imbued with sweet oak, lime, chocolate-covered marshmallows, and light pepper.

Cooked pears, chocolate, and vanilla cream complete the finish.

The peat has settled in, and a marvelous, mature whisky rises.

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