

Whisky

ADVOCATE

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The Balvenie Madeira Cask 17 year old

43%

A harmonious marriage of fruit and spice. More balanced than last year's sweet Rum Cask release. In fact, this is one of the most deftly-balanced whiskies I've tasted this year. Bramble, ripe nectarine, caramel apple, honeyed vanilla, and golden raisin, spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg. Soft (for Balvenie), lingering, warm, dried spice finish.

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