

## Laphroaig Triple Wood

48%

This is the first time I've been up for reviews here so I had a game plan: play it cool, mark tightly, let everyone know I'm hard to please.

Then they gave me this, the whisky equivalent to front row tickets to Neil Young on his current

Twisted Road tour: not just a chance to get up close and personal with an old favorite, but to do so with an old favorite who's on fire. Laphroaig's owners are intent on ensuring a big peaty engine for any new release, but this is a monster by anyone's standards. It's essentially Quarter

Cask finished in oloroso sherry casks, so in addition to the intense charcoal smoke attack there are rich fruity notes; blackcurrant and berries. It's an evening barbecue whisky. Grill that fish until it's blackened and crispy, drizzle on lemon, and as the smoke rears up in protest, sip this. Big, moody, broody, fruity, and rich: what's not to love? (*Travel Retail and some European specialist retailers*)

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