

# Whisky ADVOCATE

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## **Nikka 12 year old Coffey Malt** 55%

Produced at Miyagikyo's grain distillery from 100% malted barley, this is rich gold in hue, while the nose is big and luscious with plenty of ripe banana, crushed hazelnut, and an intriguing green malt note behind. As it opens, there's the effect of a high-cocoa chocolate bar melting in your hands, as well as coconut, vanilla fudge, and basil. With water (and it needs it) there's honey on hot buttered toast. The palate is sumptuous; that banana's now flambéed. Super ripe and fascinating. A grain for malt lovers. £99. Price in US dollars converted at time of review.

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