

Knappogue Castle Twin Wood 16 year old

40%

The latest limited release from this brand. This whiskey spent most of its life aging in a bourbon barrel and then spent 9 months in sherry casks. ("Twin wood" is synonymous with "finishing.") This one's triple distilled (think Bushmills distillery) and is the first Knappogue Castle to be aged in two types of wood. It's a very nice whiskey, with an array of bright fruit lying on a bed of creamy vanilla, toasted nuts, marshmallow, marzipan, and powdered cocoa. Excluding the original 1951 Knappogue Castle release (from the long gone B. Daly distillery), this is my favorite of the "modern day" Knappogue Castle whiskeys.

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