

Connemara Turf Mor

58%

Connemara is the peated Irish whiskey from the Cooley distillery, and this one is their (and Ireland's) smokiest offering yet. This is the first time I ever detected dung (albeit subtly) in a whiskey — and only on the nose, thankfully. It's curiously intriguing. The style of peat used, along with the youth of this whiskey, has a distinct impact of the whiskey's flavor. It's sweet and smoky, which works well.

Throw in some bacon fat, diesel oil smoke (like at a boat dock), anise, ginger, honeyed malt, barley, lime, and pear. Underneath all that peat lies what seems like a fairly young whiskey, because it is very brisk and vibrant, but not excessively so. Bonus points for distinctiveness.

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