



Strathisla 16 year old



55.3%

This is one of a trio from Chivas Bros., who every year release limited editions of 500 ml cask strength bottlings from a selection of its estates. These are predominantly only for sale on site or by mail order through www.maltwhiskydistilleries.com. My pick of this batch. Strathisla's a small, traditional distillery whose make is mostly pressed into service for the Chivas Regal blends. It's a hard to pin down malt, and it's this elusive character that shows here: firm then soft, fragrant then deep. The nose is intense and spicy with wax, nougat, chocolate, hazelnut, and fresh-opened banana. The palate is explosive with real presence and power, whose firm core is softened by honey and poached fruits. Complex is the word. £37



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