



**Lagavulin Feis Ile 2012
Bottling 1998 Vintage
(Cask No. 1716)**



55.1%

At first I wondered what was going on here. This Lagavulin has more of the austerity typical of Port Ellen. There's a tense minerality on the nose giving the impression of salty rock-pools and samphire.

Water makes it sweeter and oyster-like. There's big delivery on the tongue, with masses of distillery character, but that tension remains to the saline finish. In a head-to-head with Caol Ila, the former wins hands down.

£85



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