



**The Exclusive Malts
(distilled at BenRiach)
17 year old 1997 (cask
#144744)**



54.3%

BenRiach releases of this age are often peated or in a special barrel; here, we have an unpeated, non-barrel finish release. The nose is inviting, with Honeycrisp apple, toffee, malt, and a touch of oak. A very flavorful entry presents lush toffee, apple, malt, and ginger.

The spice increases in the mid-palate, as well as the heat, but we don't get much added complexity. A long, flavorful, and slightly dry finish round out a very tasty but ultimately simplistic whisky. (U.S.

only)



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