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Distillery Select 'Craiglodge' (distilled at Loch Lomond)

Cask #329, 13 year old, 45% I've known Loch Lomond has been making some peated expressions, and it's nice to finally see (and taste) some product being bottled with this whisky and its sibling Croftengea, reviewed below. This is my choice of the two, with greater (and more richly textured) flavors to accompany the peat. The smoke is balanced (and tamed) nicely by sweet notes of creamy vanilla, honey, gristy malt, hay, and subtle fruit and spice. The finish remains balanced and lingers with a smoky, lightly salty tang. Fresh and youthful, yet still nicely matured at 13 years old,



and a nice alternative to smoky

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