Gordon & MacPhail (distilled at Strathisla)

Cask #8510, 25 year old, 48.7%

Very thick in texture and mouthcoating -- almost chewy -- with ripe barley, shortbread cookies, and honey up front. Dried vanilla, violet, cinnamon, and bright fruit notes emerge mid-palate. The dried spices and moderate oak tannins linger on the finish, contrasting the whisky's rich, sweet entry. If this whisky were a road, there would be a lot of hills.

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