

Grant's 25 year old 40%

I was surprised to find that Grant's blends were noticeable by their absence in the U.S. But with the purchase of Tuthilltown in New York and Tullamore Dew in Ireland, that is slowly changing; and here's proof. Beautiful, honeyed, rich, but the 40% ABV makes it the whisky equivalent of a radio DJ cutting off "Freebird" before the solo at the end. Still great, and indeed better than most competition, but not the classic it could be.

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