

The Glenlivet 12 year old 40%

As with the 'Fiddich (reviewed in this issue), here's a malt where an improved wood policy has brought a dram to life and added complexity. The Glenlivet has always been about lightness, but the trick is to have sufficient solid base to allow its flower to blossom, so as well as lily, orchid, and pineapple, there's a thick creaminess that gently beds all of these flighty flavors down. With water, there's mandarin and rose petal, and a sneeze of white pepper. Simply lovely. *Value Pick*

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