

**Midleton Very Rare
2014
40%**

Make way. The nose is dense, oily, and mesmeric. There's vanilla, sure, but it's the intense aroma of vanilla pods split and scraped at knifepoint. Woven around it, there's crème caramel and heavier cinnamon flaring at the margins, softening with dilution, but remaining sweet. The first Midleton to carry master distiller Brian Nation's name is purposeful and assured, lacking some of the sappiness of the 2013 release. This is less about succession, more an emphatic statement of intent.

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