



Review: Highland Reserve Blended Malt Scotch Whisky 12 Years Old

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This blended whisky, a minimum of 12 years old, is sourced from Highland distilleries, hence the name. The bottle may be unassuming, but you could do a lot worse than Highland Reserve for \$40 a pop: A delicious aroma fills the air when it's popped open, all fresh grains, malt balls, and light nougat notes.

The palate continues the fun: Fresh bread and malt on a rounded, semi-creamy palate, with a finish that heads into lighter fruit notes of banana, applesauce, and buttery muffins. Sure, it's a blend, but an awfully good one that proves that quality whisky can be found at perfectly reasonable prices. Give this one — now under new distributorship in the U.S. — a try. (And mind the younger bottlings you'll probably find, especially if you're shopping online.)

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