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Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 88

Notes: Welcome Back!

Name: Jim

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Spey River 12 YO Single Malt 40% ABV Speyside Distillery

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Score: 87 Notes: Smooth - no water needed

Name: Frank
± \$ 117⁰⁰ + tax
± \$ 126 total

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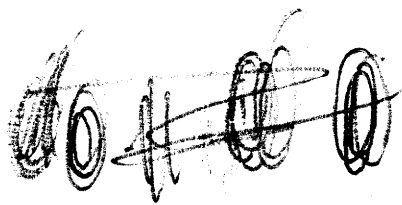
Notes:

1st sip was intense, then
nice sipping Scotch.

Name:

Frank

\$45.00 + tax
\$48.70



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Ours \$86.00
Actual \$117.00

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Notes: Balanced, complex, but Pleasant finish

Name: Richard Noel

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- 69.99 ⁶VESS
- 48.00 ⁰² Actual

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Notes:

Sweet Nose, Oak on the front of Palate
Raisins on the back, Short Pleasant
Not Very Complex. finish

Name:

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Notes: Very nice mouth feel

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Notes: good, nice, no grand prize

Name: Don Ward

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Notes: enjoyable but no complexity

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