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A great agricole rum from the Dominican Republic, this rum is well regarded and accessible.

Kirk & Sweeney 23 Year Rum is crafted from raw sugarcane. After being distilled, the rum is aged for 23 years in American oak casks. As a result, it has a deep amber and iridescent copper color.

The smell is almost damp and cellar-like. There's an aroma of dried fruits and sweet, toasted breads along with toffee, fresh honey, and caramelized sugar. The nose reveals almonds and vanilla.

On the palate, the initial hints of honey, toffee, and caramelized sugar lead to subtler notes of almond and vanilla. This finally gives way to bursts of figs and dried plums.

You'll find endnotes that range from caramel to sherry. The finish is long and can be called smooth and decadent.

Side by side with the 12, the 23 is quite a bit darker and certainly smells much older. Lacking the bright vigor of the 12 year, the 23 has woodsy notes, is more acidic, and seems a bit rougher in the aroma.

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