

Black Nail

Irish whiskey and Fernet — the Rusty Nail's dark cousin.



TIME	DIFFICULTY	GLASS	METHOD	GARNISH
3 min	Effortless	Rocks Glass	Stirred	Lemon twist

INGREDIENTS

2 oz Irish whiskey

Redbreast or Powers if you have it

¾ oz Fernet-Branca

1 dash Orange bitters

optional

METHOD

1. Stir the whiskey and Fernet over ice for twenty seconds.
2. Strain over one large cube in a rocks glass.
3. Twist a strip of lemon peel over the top and rest it on the ice.

BARTENDER'S TIP

Chill the glass and the whiskey. This is a two-ingredient drink with nowhere to hide, and warmth reads as bitterness here.

THE STORY

A Rusty Nail rebuilt in an Irish bar: Drambuie out, Fernet in, Scotch swapped for something gentler. It spread through American Irish pubs during the Fernet craze of the late 2000s, when San Francisco bartenders proved the stuff belonged in glasses as well as shot cups.

Full recipe, variations and bottle notes: amaroafficionado.com/recipes/black-nail