

Ardbeg Still Young



A last chance to sample Ardbeg 'in the making'. At just 8 years old, Still Young is highly collectable – the only expression still available from our 'Very Young' series. • 56.2% ABV • non chill-filtered • 70cl

Rating: Not Rated Yet

Price

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Description

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Since the Ardbeg Distillery re-opened in 1997, many have been keen to sample our work in progress. So we began releasing limited annual releases of 1998 distillate and the 'Very Young' series was born.

Ardbeg Still Young was the second bottling along this peaty path to maturity. It is the only expression still available from the Very Young Series.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Pale gold

Aroma

Initial pungent aromas of heathery wood smoke, peat and coal tar soap are softened by top notes of pear drops and peaches. Hints of the sea waft through the smoke as iodine and seaweed are detected briefly before being overpowered by an unexpected sweetness of Bon Bons, caramel toffees, liquorice and fig rolls. Subtle suggestions of herbs are also found in the background.

Further sweet heathery peat smoke is released with the addition of water and again traces of sea salt are present in the smoke. The increased smokiness gives a burnt edge to the toffee found earlier before a burst of fruit emerges with a combination of tart oranges and limes mellowed with ripe bananas and more pear drops.

Taste

Powerful and smoky, yet silky and smooth as the peat oils gently coat the inside of the mouth. As the deep earthy smoke subsides a little the sweet/tangy fruitiness found on the nose becomes apparent with pomegranates, ripe honeydew melon and tangy citrus. Again the aromas on the nose come through in the taste as chewy treacle toffees, liquorice and cinnamon balls are found along with hints of vanilla, cocoa and black coffee.

Finish

Long finish with a lingering smokiness with creamy dark chocolate notes.

Reviews

There are yet no reviews for this product.