

Langatun Old Bear

LANGATUN DISTILLERY

ABV: 40.0%
Style: Single Malt
Region: N/A
Price per bottle: ●●●●●
Bottling: Distillery
Availability: Europe

SWITZERLAND



Rob

Nose: Crispy bacon rashers, slightly waxy like beeswax, polished oak and damp tweed. Gentle smoke lurks, distant wood fires. Toasted linseed bread with bitter orange marmalade.

Palate: That wood smoke unfurls. A sauna – warm, damp cedar wood and birchwood smoke. Underneath fruits, red berries and blackcurrants.

Finish: Long and delicately smoked, with a slight bacon fattiness to it.

Comments: Just lovely, different and quite breathtaking.

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Sam

Nose: Full-English in bed? Would be rude not to. A roasted meat aroma that is slightly underpinned by clean linen. Curious...

Palate: If the nose was a full-English, you've now moved on to Canadian pancakes. Syrup and summer berries. A bit of wood smoke. You've left the breakfast in bed and now sit by a forest camp-fire.

Finish: Long and we're back to cooked meats.

Comments: This breakfast whisky is catching on. Could be trouble! I'm not much of a bacon fan, but that nose could turn a vegetarian.

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Stonecutter Heritage Cask Whiskey

STONECUTTER SPIRITS

ABV: 45.0%
Style: Bourbon
Region: N/A
Price per bottle: ●●●●●
Bottling: Distillery
Availability: USA

AMERICA



Rob

Nose: Floral up front, lavender and cherry blossom, fresh daffodils and snow drops. Almond pastries with apricot jam. A meaty edge, air dried ham and sundried tomato. Wood tannins.

Palate: That floral leading edge continues followed by the meat. Then huge spices develop, cardamom, cinnamon, then everything ends on Parma Violets.

Finish: Really oily and coating with those Parma Violets and cherry lips sweetie.

Comments: Very yummy stuff indeed. So heady at first with those floral notes it really is a treat.

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Sam

Nose: Vanilla up front – but than lashings of flambé fruit. A little acetone and those fruit-salad sweet chews. Apricots, cherries. Yum.

Palate: Big ol' spices welcome you in, before the fruit-salad rears its head in the background. A slightly oily mouthfeel.

Finish: More of those fruit-salad chews, but becomes cleansing with a herbal, menthol finish.

Comments: A little surprising, but might not appeal to the purists. Not hugely layered or complex, but pretty tasty and sometimes that's okay.

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Tobermory Casino Series – Rum Cask #Poker

HARD TO FIND WHISKY

ABV: 47.6%
Style: Single Malt
Region: Islands
Price per bottle: ●●●●●
Bottling: Independent
Availability: Worldwide

SCOTLAND



Rob

Nose: Minerally, almost saline, then coffee grinds and bracken and burning heather. Lychee, pomegranate eventually, until roasted beetroot.

Palate: Bitter orange marmalade, candied almond and a touch of barley sugar water. Roast beetroot. A spice prickle and then ends with salt crackers.

Finish: Short and swift with that minerality showing through. Dries on rock salt crystals.

Comments: Gorgeous and breathtaking, that play of the seaside and earthiness, perfect balance.

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Sam

Nose: Opens like a festive treat. Marzipane, cherry-bakewells and Christmas cake. Rich and so enticing.

Palate: A rich mouthfeel, folds up into layers on the tongue. Spices, a little woody prickle, plump raisins, lashings of golden syrup and porridge. Really well balanced. Wow.

Finish: A touch short, but only serves to make you want more. Nothing too overpowering.

Comments: What a cracking dram! With a fruity, syrupy punch this is could not only be a dessert whisky but one for breakfast too.

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Tullibardine Custodians 1962

TULLIBARDINE DISTILLERY

ABV: 40.1%
Style: Single Malt
Region: Highland
Price per bottle: ●●●●●
Bottling: Distillery
Availability: Worldwide

SCOTLAND



Rob

Nose: Pears in cider with custard and chocolate, rich and sweet. Leaf mulch and a sweetness of spun sugar. Oak comes through with a carpenter's lathe, fresh oak, toffee pennies, leather seats.

Palate: Very gentle, but fruits start to emerge, honeycomb and a toasted oak, coconut macaroons. Then spice starts, a little tannin.

Finish: Gentle, soft and spice laden, some of those fruits (mainly apples and pears) come through right at the end.

Comments: Like being in a vintage MGB GT. Seriously easy drinking but depth if you look.

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Sam

Nose: A Devonshire boy goes on a tropical trip. There's a hit of perry, enjoyed on a grassy hill. Finished a little musty.

Palate: Fruits come to the fore, but if you were expecting just cider orchards, you're in the wrong hemisphere. Think coconuts and other tropical delights. Still a nudge of oak, rather than palm trees.

Finish: Surprisingly gentle after that hit of fruit. We are right back in the orchards!

Comments: Quite lovely. There's something homely about this one, but still has a few surprises up its sleeve. Well balanced.

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