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Nose:	Floral	Fruity	Spicy	Earthy	Oily	Nutty	Grassy	Pungent	
Palate:	Sweet Peaty	Salty Tobacco	Peppery Coffee	Zesty Anise	Smoky Peach	Iodine Citrus	Caramel Mint	Vanilla Woody	
Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured		
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long						

Score: 80

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Name: YCB

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Palate:	<u>Sweet</u> <u>Peaty</u>	Salty Tobacco	Peppery Coffee	Zesty Anise	Smoky Peach	Iodine Citrus	Caramel Mint	<u>Vanilla</u> <u>Woody</u>
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*Unusual for an NAS
I may buy a bottle*

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