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Notes: _____

Name: De Burgh

Rating Scheme

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Score: 90 **Notes:** Surprisingly Sweet **Name:** Curt Cameron

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Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Balanced
Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy
Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 93

Notes: Purely Good Scotch

Name: DON WARD

Rating Scheme

95-100

A classic! All components are balanced appropriately, with the complexity and character expected in a classic.

90-94

Outstanding! One of the best for its style. Distinctive.

80-89

Good to very good. Plenty of character and no identifiable flaws. Worth seeking out.

70-79

Average. No unique qualities. Flaws possible.

Laphroaig Cairdeas NAS. 57.2% ABV. \$71.07 + \$5.86 tax

3/17/18

Released in honor of the 2017 Fèis Ile celebration and for "Friends of Laphroaig", this year's bottling was initially matured for over five years in first-fill bourbon (Maker's Mark). The whisky was then transferred to American oak quarter-casks (125 liters) for a further six months. The single malt is non chill-filtered and bottled at cask-strength of 57.2% ABV.

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Notes: _____

Name: Max

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Score: 95

Notes: 95

Name: Moray

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