

Aberlour 12 YO. 40% ABV
Speyside. Double matured oak and sherry casks. \$45.57 + tax

May 19, 2018

Nose (undiluted): Cinnamon, toffee, dried dark fruits, vanilla, oak, apple, it smells like Christmas.

Palate (undiluted): Very rich mouthfeel, sherry, buttery toffee, cinnamon, vanilla, raisins, nutmeg, brown sugar, cherry notes, very moreish

Finish: Medium length, sweet vanilla, toffee, a little spicy nutmeg with hints of chocolate cherries

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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

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Score: 96

Notes: _____

Name: YCEURDORF

Rating Scheme

95-100

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90-94

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

80-89

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70-79

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Finish: A layer of sooty charcoal that resolves into mouth-drying tannins, cocoa nibs, and an odd absence of fruit. Further sips confirm – lots of chocolate and oak, no fruit. Weird.

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Notes: Competent, not remarkable

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Notes: FITZGERALD

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Score: 89 **Notes:** And this was all without water **Name:** L Gray

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Name: Dan

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.

Aberlour a' Bunadh NAS 60% ABV Batch 60
Speyside. Aged in Oloroso Sherry Butt Cask. \$83.72 + tax
May 19, 2018

Nose: Deeply raisiny, with more rancio and balsamic than prior batches. STRONG nose tickle – need to keep nose out of the glass. Smells drier – less fresh/vibrant fruit and more oakiness and dried fruit. Deep in the glass – if you dare – there is a layer of unctuous gooey caramel and fudge brownie.

Palate: Syrupy body. Salted caramel, and... OH GOD IT BURNS. Ok... once that's out of the way, the seared remnants of my tongue pick up deep sugary oak (maple syrup but not maple), dusty dried prunes and raisins, faint fig jam, sawdust, and birch beer.

Finish: A layer of sooty charcoal that resolves into mouth-drying tannins, cocoa nibs, and an odd absence of fruit. Further sips confirm – lots of chocolate and oak, no fruit. Weird.

With Water: Several drops of water amps up the nose tickle, but also sweetens the aroma, adding fudgy frosting and a touch more fruit. It still burns like fire on the tongue, but the few fruit notes are brighter – more jelly than jam. The finish picks up a nice apple/cinnamon note and isn't quite as dry. This batch benefits immensely from water. At this ABV you could probably use splashes instead of drops, but taste as you go.

Color:	Pale Yellow	Yellow	Gold	Greeny-Gold	Bronze	Amber	Mahogany							
Nose:	Floral	Citrus	Grass	Honey	Coconut	Malty	Oak	Nutty	Molasses	Sherry	Sweet	Smoky	Pungent	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: 85

Notes: _____

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Aberlour 12 YO. 40% ABV
Speyside. Double matured oak and sherry casks. \$45.57 + tax
May 19, 2018

Nose (undiluted): Cinnamon, toffee, dried dark fruits, vanilla, oak, apple, it smells like Christmas.

Palate (undiluted): Very rich mouthfeel, sherry, buttery toffee, cinnamon, vanilla, raisins, nutmeg, brown sugar, cherry notes, very moreish

Finish: Medium length, sweet vanilla, toffee, a little spicy nutmeg with hints of chocolate cherries

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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Name: Mike

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Palate: Syrupy body. Salted caramel, and... OH GOD IT BURNS. Ok... once that's out of the way, the seared remnants of my tongue pick up deep sugary oak (maple syrup but not maple), dusty dried prunes and raisins, faint fig jam, sawdust, and birch beer.

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Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Perfume Smoky Pungent 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: 89 **Notes:** Nose is perfume **Name:** Mike

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Finish: Medium length, sweet vanilla, toffee, a little spicy nutmeg with hints of chocolate cherries

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VANILLA

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

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Score: 81

Notes: _____

Name: Don Ward

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Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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

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Score: 87

Notes: _____

Name: Dee Ward

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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

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

Score: 89

Notes: Good Value For Taste

Name: Tom Vins

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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: 90

Notes: GREAT Flavor. When adding water

Name: James Watson

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