

Wemyss Malts 'Honey Spice' (distilled at Bunnahabhain) 1991 (bottled 2011)

Bunnahabhain, along with Bowmore, is Islay's greatest user of ex-sherry casks; a throwback to the days when it was part of Highland Distillers. Its rich, thick, and ginger-accented spirit matches the attention of European oak extremely well. In this red tea-colored example, you have resin, saddle soap, ginseng, and treacle toffee on the nose, and a fusillade of roasted spices on the palate before the finish reveals sweet gingerbread. A big huggable bear.

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