

Signatory (distilled at Laphroaig) 1998

60.8%

Any sherried Laphroaig is welcome, and this does not disappoint. Rich, resinous, medicinal, with underlying soft fruits, the smoke is all-pervading, but never dominant. In other words, it isn't just complex and balanced, but has that other dimension which elevates it in mind (and marks). With water, there's antiseptic cream mingling with oxidized fruits and nuts; think *manzanilla pasada*. The palate shows storm clouds gathering over Texa. Rich dried fruits, cacao, and a ferny lift on the finish. Fantastic. (The Whisky Exchange only) £100

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