

**Douglas Laing**  
**Provenance (distilled at**  
**Laphroaig) 8 year old**

**46%**

What would you expect from an 8 year old Laphroaig? Iodine, massive peat, aggression? Not here. Rather, there's a soft marine sweetness akin to lobster thermidor, with hints of salinity and tarragon. It builds in heft, and smoke, but there is real balance.

Complex already. The palate initially shows muted smoke, and is slightly medicinal, with balancing creaminess. Water shatters this idyll somewhat, as the phenols come out in full force. It depends what side you want. I'd grab some. £60

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