

## **Ardbeg Dark Cove**

**46.5%**

Maybe not as massive as its higher-strength brother (see *above*), but don't think that this is light. There's immediate grumbling peatiness, mixed with dark chocolate, lanolin, and tamarind, while the spiciness brings to mind tandoori food. There's still the seaweed element, while the lower strength pulls things into a darker core—coal tar soap, damp moss. A very oily palate, that with water takes you onto the peat bog. Seashells on a fire and more smoke round things off.

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