

Monkey Shoulder Smokey Monkey

40%

This balances sweetness, vanilla, and smoke extremely well, and I found it preferable to Monkey Shoulder for sipping neat. On the palate, there's sweet smoke from blackened oak logs, fragrant spices, a well-developed vanilla note, and a hint of orange peel. The structure hangs lightly, and more weight behind the smoke would have been preferable, but the sweetness and spice yield to lovely creamy vanilla flavors, banana, and a finish of milky coffee. £32

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