

Mackmyra

First Edition, 46.1%

The first "big" release from this Swedish distillery. I'm very impressed. It's youthful, but not immature. Very intriguing, too. Bright notes of ripe orchard fruit and soothing vanilla cream on the nose and palate, along with more subtle bramble, silky honey, and caramel, toasted coconut, marshmallow, bread dough, and grist. Teasing smoke emerges occasionally, adding to this whisky's delightful nature. Clean, toasted oak finish. I particularly enjoy the complex interplay between the fruit and sweetness.

A fun whisky with a playful personality. More, please!

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