

**Lombard 'Jewels of
Scotland' (distilled at
Brora)**

1982 vintage, 50%

Bottled in 2004, but just recently put in circulation here in the U.S. (Very strange.) It's worth the wait. It's fresh (even at 22 years old), appetizing, spicy, and briny.

There's a sweet foundation of vanilla wafer and caramel, with a slightly oily texture. White pepper, seaweed, mustard seed, lime, gherkin, and teasing gin botanicals add complexity. Spicy, salty finish. A vibrant, dynamic expression of the shuttered original Clynelish distillery. Quite stunning, actually.

Find yourself a bottle before they're gone!

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