



TASTING BRIEF

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ARDNAMURCHAN
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WESTERN HIGHLANDS
SCOTLAND
DISTILLERY

Founded in 2014 by independent whisky bottler Adelphi, Ardnamurchan Distillery represents the continuation of a historic Scottish whisky legacy. The Adelphi name traces back to the original Adelphi Distillery, founded in Glasgow in 1826, which became one of Scotland's notable whisky producers before closing in the early 20th century. Revived in 1993 as an independent bottler, Adelphi gained recognition for sourcing exceptional single-cask Scotch whiskies. Under the leadership of Alex Bruce, whose family has historic ties to the Ardnamurchan region, Adelphi expanded its vision from selecting remarkable whiskies to producing its own spirit, leading to the creation of Ardnamurchan Distillery.

THE DISTILLERY



Located on the remote Ardnamurchan Peninsula in the western Scottish Highlands, Ardnamurchan was built to reflect the rugged beauty and maritime influence of its surroundings. The distillery produces both peated and unpeated single malt, with the Atlantic climate playing a role in the maturation process. Surrounded by dramatic coastal landscapes and volcanic rock formations, Ardnamurchan's location contributes to the whisky's distinctive character—balancing orchard fruit, coastal salinity, gentle peat smoke, and refined malt flavors.

Ardnamurchan combines traditional craftsmanship with modern innovation through its commitment to sustainability, transparency, and a collaborative approach to whisky creation. Rather than relying on a single Master Blender, a six-person blending team evaluates each cask and collectively determines the character of every release. Exceptional casks may be selected for single-cask bottlings, matured entirely in one cask and typically released at natural cask strength—a reflection of Ardnamurchan's Adelphi heritage. Powered largely by renewable energy, including hydroelectric power and locally sourced biomass, Ardnamurchan also offers full production traceability through QR codes on its bottles, allowing enthusiasts to explore the journey from barley and fermentation to cask selection and bottling.

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AD/SINGLE MALT

Region Highland

ABV 46.8%

Price \$64.99

Cask ex-bourbon and
ex-sherry

ADCB022201 USA Core range single malt is 50:50 unpeated to peated whisky matured in both ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks and combines our signature coastal characteristics with peat, fruit and marshmallows.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Smores by a camp fire on a pebbled Ardnamurchan beach. Orange oil and popcorn.

Taste Bitter orange marmalade and dark chocolate. Smouldering charred marshmallows and sea salt.

Finish Coastal sea spray and bonfire on the beach lingering.



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AD/SAUTERNES CASK
RELEASE PEATED

Region Highland

ABV 50%

Price \$69.99

Cask ex-bourbon and
Sauternes barriques

This recipe used twenty two unpeated (5 years old) Ex-Bourbon casks that were re-racked into Sauternes barriques for a further 2.5 years. Sauternes barriques are 225-liter French oak barrels (barriques) that previously held Sauternes wine, the famous sweet white wine from the Bordeaux region of France. These casks are highly prized in whisky maturation because they impart a unique combination of rich sweetness, fruit character, and layered complexity to the spirit.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Apricot jam, almond flakes, marzipan, Brioche, dried stone fruit.

Taste Seeded bread, green peppercorn sauce, apricot, heather honey, more savoury than the nose.

Finish Less sweet than the nose, wonderfully balanced with a dry finish.





AD/SHERRY CASK RELEASE 2025 USA

Region Highland

ABV 50%

Price \$74.99

Cask Pedro Ximénez,
Oloroso Sherry butts

Sherry Cask Release combines the complex flavours of a mix of Pedro Ximénez, Oloroso Sherry butts and coastal peat smoke spirit.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Murray mint, bonfire on the beach, salted peanut ice-cream, tomato stalks, Brazil nut, sundried tomatoes, teriyaki beef jerky, relish and tamari. Unctuous.

Taste Tarry rope, bung cloth, smoky bacon, old tractor shed, peanut brittle, sticky spare-ribs. Red plum and cherry, then shifts to chalk cliff and meaty traits above on later half.

Finish Crashing waves, sea-salt, bothy fireplace and cigar shop.





AD/CASK STRENGTH 2024

Region Highland

ABV 58.3%

Price \$89.99

Cask ex-bourbon and
ex-sherry

Coastal peat smoke, vanilla and warm black pepper spice. Cask Strength combines 87% peated and 13% unpeated spirit. Its been matured in 90% Bourbon matured stock and 10% Sherry.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Coastal peat smoke, vanilla and tangy and bright citrus zest.

Taste Maritime peat, ripe orchard fruit, warm oak and a gentle, warm black pepper spice.

Finish Lingering peat with a subtle seaweed salinity.



ARDNAMURCHAN 2018 IMPEX CASK 1520

Region Highland

ABV 58.6%

Price \$114.99

Cask Oloroso Sherry

In this series exceptional casks have been selected for single-cask bottlings, matured entirely in one cask and typically released at natural cask strength. Our bottle is a single cask bottling of peated spirit distilled in 2018 and matured in an Oloroso Sherry cask. These limited releases are presented in slate-blue bottles inspired by the volcanic landscape surrounding the distillery.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Rich Oloroso Sherry influence — dark dried fruit, raisins, toasted almonds, and warm spice layered over Ardnamurchan's signature coastal peat smoke and sea spray

Taste Full-bodied and deeply complex with concentrated dark fruit, chocolate, salted caramel, peated smoke, and the nutty, oxidative richness of Oloroso Sherry — a beautifully integrated interplay of smoke and sweetness

Finish Long and warming with lingering dried fruit, peat, dark chocolate, and a coastal mineral fade