

Summit Hill Scotch Whisky Society



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The Peat Faerie

- *The Peat Faerie - III* – 10 Yr
- *Ardmore* – 12 Yr Peated
- *Laphroaig* – 20 Yr, Well Peated

**Tonight's Premium Vault
Directors Choice
@ \$0.00 / Dram:
Peat's Beast, 25 Yr.**

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Please be aware of the
Scotch strength . . .

Don't be a Ghost Faerie . . .

Make sure you have a safe ride

Designated Drivers, Taxis and Limos are always the safe bet . . .

If you have transportation needs please discuss with one of the Directors.



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Tasting One and TR Group 1 . . .



Rich Howard Tasting Room Group 1

Tonight Featuring:

- Ardmore Legacy – Lightly Peated, NAS
- Ardmore Peated – A. Murray Ltd Release, 13 year old.
- Ardmore SMWSA #66.123 – Peated 12 year old.



As Group 1 leaves let's go to the 1st tasting

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Reduced Nose: Water reveals lemon wax, orange bonbons, smoked teas and sudocrema.

Reduced Palate: Reduction produces notes of roasted pine cone, frying bacon and freshly ground black pepper along with a meaty, fennel sausage note

Age: 10 years

The Peat Faerie: Spey/ Islay

ABV: 50.0%

Rare: 2 of 300 US allocation

Casks: 1st Fill Barrels/ Refill Hogshead

Date distilled: July 2007

While you're tasting . . .

The Peat Faerie



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Tasting Two . . .

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Tasting Two and TR Group 2 . . .



Rich Howard Tasting Room Group 2

Tonight Featuring:

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As Group 2 leaves let's go to the 2nd tasting

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Tasting 3



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Tasting #3 – Laphroaig “Dram for a Danish Fisherman” Islay, Bottle 29.220

Colour:

Nose: The nose found a raft of **elegant sweetness** (sugary pastries, vanilla, caramelised pear) tossed in the **thundering surf** of seaweed, iodine, salt air and **peat smoke**.

Palate: The palate also had **smoke, ash and salt** – plus sweet mussels and scallops simply cooked on a **beach barbeque**.

Diluted Nose: With water it turned into a picture of a Danish fisherman, **chewing liquorice and drinking tea** - cigarette ash, singed hay and **tarry ropes on a wooden deck** – we loved it.

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Age: 20 years

Ardmore: Islay

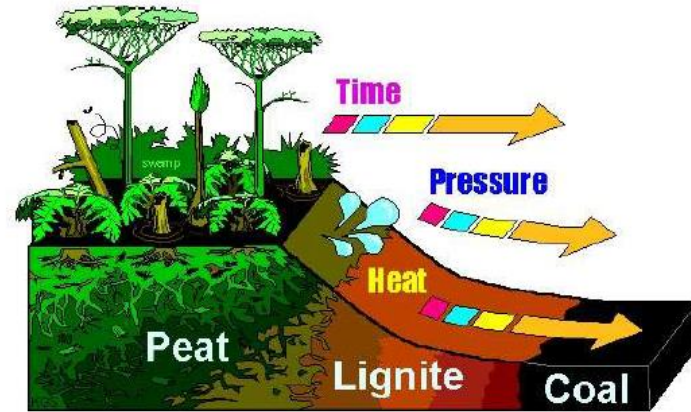
ABV: 49.6%

Rare: 2 of 114 US

Cask: 20 years. Refill Hogshead

While you're tasting – “The Importance of Peat” . . .

A Brief Introduction to Peat



Peat is a fossil fuel

It's just coal that has had insufficient time, pressure and/or heat to transform.

The Importance of Peat



Peat bogs

The British Isles are lousy with peat, especially in the highlands and remote islands. In many places, trees and other sources of fuel are not readily available.

Use of Peat in Whisky Production

The Importance of Peat



Heat and Smoke

For peated whiskies, the green barley germinating on the malting floor is fed up to a mesh floor in the upper part of a kiln, where it is heated by the furnace below and permeated by smoke.


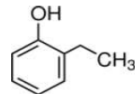
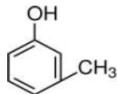
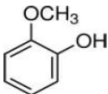
The heat and smoke from the kiln have three effects:

- stops the germination of the barley at the optimum time by heating it.
- dries the green barley enough to allow it to be easily milled and mashed.
- adds a smokiness to the flavor of the malt, and the whisky that is eventually produced from it.

The Importance of Peat Chemistry

The aroma and flavor of whiskies

The heat and smoke from the kiln contribute a number of chemical compounds to the finished spirit which are considered characteristic of the heavily peated whiskies

Phenol	Ethylphenol	Cresol	Guaiacol
			
<p>smells sweet, tarry, with some antiseptic "hospital smells"</p>	<p>smells medicinal, like a cleaning or disinfecting agent, some farm elements</p>	<p>smells like band-aids, gauze and barnyard, medicinal and mousy</p>	<p>smells smoky, with some medicinal notes</p>

So why don't all Island whiskies taste the same?

Many factors influence the final flavor profile of the peated whiskies, including:

- The structure and origin of the peat used
- The duration and temperature of the peat fire
- The ingredients and method of distillation
- Aging and maturation in a variety of cask types

Therefore, the level of peat influence, and balance and intensity of the aromatic compounds will greatly vary for each whisky. The "Peat Faerie" and Ardmore offer medium peating while the Laphroaig and "Peat's Beast" step it up.



Name:	Laphroaig (<i>Pronounced: La-froigk</i>)
Region:	Islay
Founded:	1815
Status:	Operational
Water Supply:	Kilbride Dam
Equipment:	3 wash stills, 4 spirit stills
Production capacity:	2,700,000 litres
Ownership:	Fortune Brands

Laphroaig has been the best selling Islay malt whisky during the first decade of the third millennium.

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“Dram for a Danish Fisherman”
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More Peat with tasting four . . .

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Tasting 4

Premium Vault, Director Choice

- \$ 0 / Dram

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Tasting #4 — “Peat’s Beast” 89.5 Rating

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Finish: Green olive and old leather.

Comments: Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt

Age: 25 years

Distilled: 1993 **Bottled:** 2018

Limited Release: 1 of 539

Independent : Islay

ABV: 52.8%

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Peat's Beast 25 Year Old Bottling Note

A well-aged variant of Peat's Beast, a single malt from the Isle of Islay produced by an unidentified distillery. This particular expression was aged for 25 years before they put the beast within the bottles.



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Tasting Room Notes

1. Ardmore Legacy (NAS)

Tasting Note by Ardmore

- **Nose:** Honey and vanilla with a light peat smoke.
 - **Palate:** Light silky peat smoke and a creamy vanilla balanced with sweet honey and spice.
 - **Finish:** Smooth with a delayed smokiness..
- ABV 40.0%

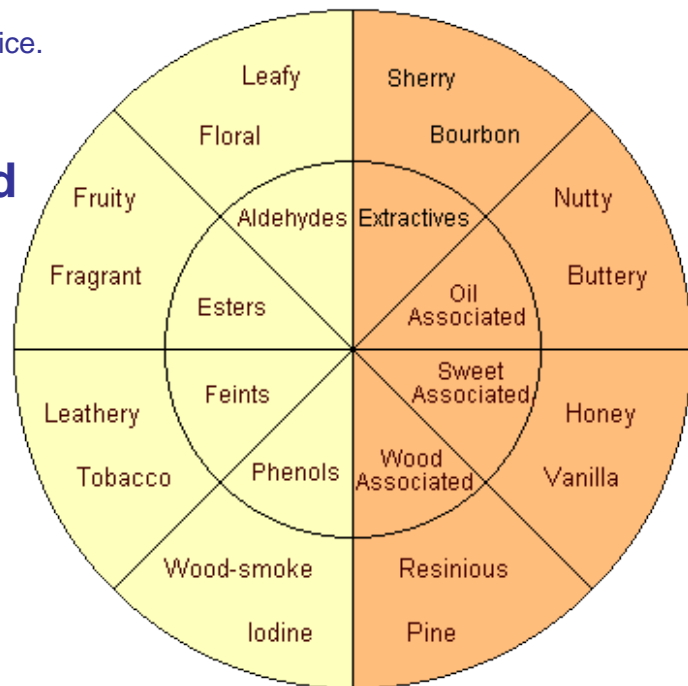
2. Ardmore, A. Murray Private bottling, 13 Year Old

TASTING NOTES BY ALEXANDER MURRAY

- **Colour:** *Rich Golden Glow*
 - **Nose:** *A sweet nose of marzipan and a hint of peat smoke.*
 - **Palate:** *Rich in flavor with a great buttery vanilla softness .*
 - **Finish:** Long strands of peat, orchard fruit, malt, menthol and ash..
- Cask Strength ABV 40.0%

3. Ardmore Society Bottle # 66.123, 12 Year Old

- *See separate Tasting Notes (attached).*



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Tasting #3 – Ardmore “A Strong Personality” Speyside, Bottle 66.123

Colour: Amber

NOSE

We imagined sitting on a shingle beach. Nearby, heather burns over moorland and we opened a leather satchel to get out a few bags of pork scratchings and Thai sweet chilli crisps.

PALATE

Intense sweet peat smoke on the palate neat at first was soon followed by salty liquorice as well as medicinal flavours of iodine and gauze.

DILUTED

Careful when adding water! Fresher aromas now appeared, violet leaves and citrus combined with Fisherman’s Friend lozenges and Vichy pastilles, made from the mineral water of the spa town Vichy in Auvergne, whilst to taste, smoked haddock and sweet potato fishcakes.

Age: 12 years

Ardmore: Speyside

ABV: 57.3%

Rare: 2 of 259

Cask: 12 years. Refill Hogshead



THE ARDMORE

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY

Name:

Region:

Founded:

• Loch Lomond

• Highland SW

• 1966

Status:

Equipment:

Production capacity:

Ownership:

• Active

• Stills: 1 & 1 & 11 = 13

• 4,000,000 Litres

• Glen Catrine Bonded Warehouse Ltd.



- The **Loch Lomond distillery** is a bit of an odd one, because it was the only remaining Scotch whisky distillery that was able to distill both 'malt' whisky and grain whisky within the same facility.
- The Loch Lomond '**brand**' is just one of many, by the way. If you've ever bought a bottle of Craiglodge, Croftengea, Inchfad, Inchmurrin or Old Rhodhu because you thought that the whisky was crafted at a picturesque obscure distillery by that name, you were mistaken. Those were just some of the many [brands](#) from Loch Lomond Distillery, a most unique distillery in Scotland.

More . . .

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The End

**The Next Tastings is:
June 1, 2019**

Woody	
Resinous, cigar boxes, sandalwood, ginger, pepper, allspice, nutmeg	NEW WOOD
Musty, bung cloth, cardboard, cellars, pencils cork, ink, metallic, camphor	OLD WOOD
Custard, creme caramel, meringues, sponge madeira cake, toffee	VANILLA
rice pudding, burnt toast, coffee grounds, fennel, aniseed, liquorice	TOASTED

Feinty	
plastic mac, plastic bucket, plastic rope, oilskin, scorched plastic	Plastic
buttermilk, cheese, yeast, sickly, old gym shoes shoe polish	Sweaty
dried tea, tea pots, fresh tobacco, green tobacco, tobacco ash	Tobacco
leather upholstery, libraries, new cowhide, mealy digestive biscuits	Leathery
honey, mead, beeswax, polish	Honey

Winey	
Chardonnay, saunternes, fino, oloroso, armagnac, madeira, port	Sherried
Walnuts, hazel nuts, pralines, almonds, marzipan	Nutty
Cream, butter, milk chocolate, cocoa, bitter chocolate	Chocolate
linseed oil, candlewas, suntan oil, almond oil	Oily

Peaty	
creosote, TCP, iodine, carbolic, hospitals, lint, tar, diesels oil, sea-weed	medicinal
Lapsang Suchong, incense, peat-reek, bonfires, burnt sticks	smokey
sea-shells, dried shellfish, smoked oysters, smoked salmon, anchovies	keppery
moss water, birchy, bog myrtle, earthy, turf, hemp ropes, fishing nets	mossy

Cereal	
Porridge, draff, weetabix, cooked maize, hen's mash	Cooked Mash
mashed potato, potato scones, sweetcorn, cooked swede	Cooked Veg
maled milk, horlicks, marmite, bran, cattle, cake	Malt Extract
caff-like, dried hops, mousey, pot, ale, iron tonic	Husky
boiled pork, pork sausages, meaty, gravy, garlooch	Yeasty

Floral	
perfume, fabric softener, barber's shop, carnation coconut, lavender	Fragrant
geraniums, green tomatoes, parmaviolets, florists' shop	Green-house
green leaves, lawn clippings, green sticks, pea pods, fir trees, pine nuts	Leafy
mown hay, dry hay, barns, heather flowers, herbal, sage, mulch	Hay-like

Fruity	
Oranges, tangerines, zest, kiwi, nectarines, love hearts, lemon, lime	Citric
Apples, pears, pear drops, peaches, apricots, fruit salad, soft fruit	Fresh Fruit
Stewed apples, marmalade, jam, barley sugar, candied fruits, rum toft	Cooked Fruit
raisins, figs, apricots, prunes, mixed peel, fruit cake, minced pies	Dried Fruit
nail varnish remover, bubble gum,, acid drops, paint	Solvent

Sulphur	
Brackish, cabbage water, turnips, stagnant, marsh gas	Vegitative
Carbide, cordite, spend fireworks, spent matches, matchbox	Coal-gas
pencil eraser, new rubber tires, bakelite, electric cables, burnt rubber	Rubbery
Fresh Laundry, starch, linen, sandy beach, hot sand, elemental sulphur	Sandy