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Ardbeg 7 Years (2017/2025) Bohemian Schnapsidee - VAME Malts

Neither finish nor distillery can be found on the label of the 'Bohemian Schnapsidee' from the German independent bottler VAME Malts from Munich. The website states: 'A Wee Scottish beastie, matured in a cask that previously contained another famous Scottish drink.' They refer to the finish as 'Special Brew'. If you add up 1:1 here, you will quickly recognise the Ardbeg distillery with the [Ardbeg Wee Beastie 5 Years](#) and what can the Scottish speciality brew be other than Irn-Bru? Peat meets pop culture. And now ask yourself: Is this genius or madness? We are more than curious!

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Ardbeg
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
VAME Malts	7 Years	57.1% Vol.	107.14 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

You open the bottle - and it's immediately clear: this isn't a toy. Or is it? The first wave is like an old gym changing room where someone has just opened an energy drink. There's tar, campfire smoke, orange, but also something synthetic, sweet and shrill. Gummy bears dance between BBQ sauce and vanilla malt.

PALATE

What hits the tongue here is voluminous, sweet, smoky and somehow completely out of control. Imagine a mango BBQ sauce into which a tub of Swedish cardamom buns has fallen - and then someone has thrown liquorice and orange on top. Sounds confusing? It is.

FINISH

The finish wants it all - immediately and simultaneously. First sweet and orangey, then suddenly salty, earthy, tarry - and then back to BBQ, fruit, smoke, a hint of gym and a final sip of gummy bear juice. Yes, it's almost artificial, but in a deliberately charming way.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Bohemian Schnapsidee from VAME Malts is a wild ride through smoky and sweet aromas, definitely not your classic fireside dram - more of a cheeky conversation starter packed with character and a touch of chaos. If you're up for unconventional drinking fun and a dash of madness, here's a real highlight full of personality, quirks, and edges.

SASCHA

The Ardbeg 2017/2025 Bohemian Schnapsidee impresses with a complex, albeit somewhat unruly structure that combines sweet fruit notes and intense smoke with an unusual finish. Despite occasional rough edges, there's a surprisingly harmonious interplay of peat and experimental influences, making this independent bottling particularly interesting for fans of unconventional Islay whiskies.

RATINGS

MARCEL
80/100
Excellent

SASCHA
87/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

