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Ardbeg Scorch Committee Release

Ardbeg's Committee Release 2021 was the Scorch. The malt was stored in extremely burnt out ex-bourbon barrels. The associated story tells of a dragon that was resident in Ardbeg's Warehouse 3. As usual for Ardbeg, this Committee Release Malt is only available for purchase directly from Ardbeg on Ardbeg Day. Probably, very few bottles actually make it to the tasting - most will probably stand locked in collector's cabinets.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Ardbeg
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	51.7% Vol.	165.00 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The opening is, as expected, biting. Intense BBQ and campfire aromas. A certain meaty, tar-like quality is rounded out by sweet vanilla notes. For us, the malt is (unusually for Ardbeg) slightly medicinal.

PALATE

The taste is - after smelling - surprisingly sweet. Vanilla and caramel nestle with intense oak and the taste of burnt toast. Dryness and pepper spice complement the sweetness on the palate.

FINISH

The intense Scorch stays in the mouth for a long time. Intensely woody with smoke and ash, it becomes a bit rubbery at the back.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Ardbeg Scorch surprises with its smoky intensity and the sweet counterbalance that makes the drinking experience exciting. Still, the high price feels more like that of a collector's piece than pure drinking pleasure - a whisky you admire more than you regularly enjoy.

SASCHA

A well-structured, complex Islay malt with a balanced interplay between smoky notes and sweet vanilla aromas. Nevertheless, the quality of the flavor doesn't fully justify the inflated market price, making it more of a limited collector's item than an everyday dram.

RATINGS

MARCEL
69/100
Good

SASCHA
83/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
2/5
Expensive

