

WHISKY:EDITION

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Cardhu 18 Years

Cardhu is part of the core range of spirits giant Diageo. While the [Cardhu 12 Years](#) is one of the [Classic Malts of Scotland](#), the 18 years is rarely seen. Cardhu single malts are traditionally matured in ex-bourbon barrels and ex-sherry casks. By the way: the barley is said to be slightly peated.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Cardhu
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
18 Years	40% Vol.	100.00 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

On the nose, the Speysider opens heavy but not intense. Distinct woody flavours cover the lighter notes of light fruits such as pears and the hint of honey with vanilla that resonates. Floral nuances and a hint of peach or apricot can be sensed.

PALATE

The Cardhu 18 years is unfortunately a little weak on the chest. Soft and spicy dry, it has notes of oak, peach, avocado and honeydew melon. The Speysider is infused with a slight sweetness and some baking cocoa. The flavour profile is pleasantly mild, but the nose clearly promised us more here.

FINISH

The finish is nicely tart and spicy.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Cardhu 18 Years has charm, but it comes across as somewhat reserved and tame – it lacks the promised depth one expects from such an aged malt. It's fine for a relaxed evening, but not a dramatic experience. A pity, as it could have been infused with more passion.

SASCHA

The Cardhu 18 Years presents itself with a clean structure, yet the 40% ABV and chill filtration noticeably mute the aromatics. The balance between wood, fruit, and spice is there, but overall it remains too flat and insufficiently complex for an 18-years Speysider.

RATINGS

MARCEL
73/100
Very good

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

