



LAPHROAIG 1998 / 15 YEARS OLD

Samaroli Single Cask

Laphroaig 1998, bottled by Samaroli — a single-cask Islay single malt | 15 years old, 45% volume, non-chill-filtered. Laphroaig's early-2000s distillate is prized for its full-throttle character: medicinal iodine, dense peat smoke, sea salt and tar alongside a concentrated malt core. Samaroli's selection from this stock is one of the few remaining opportunities to encounter the Laphroaig of that era in a thoughtfully chosen independent format. MATURATION: single cask, distilled 1998 at Laphroaig, bottled by Samaroli after 15 years of maturation at 45% volume. Non-chill-filtered. Samaroli's cask selection for Laphroaig is guided by the house's principle of finding the point where the distillery's raw power has settled into elegance — 15 years for Laphroaig typically marks exactly this transition. SERVING: neat first — the medicinal-peat character of Laphroaig is sharpest without dilution. Then try a few drops of water: the smoke retreats slightly and the salty malt and tarry sweetness underneath come forward. A natural companion to strong aged cheddar, smoked meats or oysters on the half-shell. Do not serve cold.

Tasting notes

LAPHROAIG DISTILLERY Founded in 1815 by the brothers Donald and Alexander Johnston on the southern coast of Islay, Laphroaig is one of the island's great emblematic distilleries. Its Gaelic name — 'the beautiful hollow of the broad bay' — describes its seaside setting beneath the peaty cliffs from which it draws both water and local peat. Laphroaig is unmistakable in profile: medicinal, heavily phenolic (around 40 ppm), iodine, sea spray, tar and creamy smoke. The distillery is also one of the few still to maintain partial floor malting, and its bond with the British crown is legendary — Prince Charles (now King Charles III) granted it his Royal Warrant in 1994. Samaroli's independent bottlings of Laphroaig are particularly sought by collectors, the Italian house having built a decades-long reputation on its Islay selections.