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## Scallywag 13-Year-Old Was Matured Exclusively In Sherry Butts

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Douglas Laing's Scallywag blended Scotch whisky is known for being a relatively affordable drinking spirit drawn from Speyside whiskies and matured in at least 40% first fill sherry butts. It is non-age statement in nature, until now that is, as the independent bottler recently unveiled a 13-year-old variant that should be a favorite to the many sherry-forward whisky lovers out there.

The Douglas Laing Scallywag 13 Years Old, according to the bottler, is the first global Scallywag release to have an age statement. It is also matured exclusively in sherry butts, resulting in a rather spiced, dark and fruity expression for which we have official tasting notes at the end of this story.

"Our own Scallywag as a pup was a cheeky rascal," said Douglas Laing's Director of Whisky Cara Laing [in a prepared statement](#). "He grew older, wiser and more mature, and that youthful exuberance gave way to an enhanced spirit with even more personality and depth. The same can be said for our Scallywag 13 Years Old, an explosive Sherry bomb with a rich complexity at its heart. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!"

Douglas Laing Scallywag 13 Years Old is both natural colored and non-chill filtered, being bottled at 46% ABV.

*The nose is big, dark, distinctly sherried, raisiny with home-baked fruitcake and molasses to the fore. Palate-wise, the sweet dark sherry opens, then detect late vanilla, nutmeg and ginger mixing with rich cereal tones: all of which combine in the still spiced finish offering a long and wagging tail-end of mocha.*

