

Valinch & Mallet

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SPIRIT PROFILE

Spirit: Single Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky
Distillery of Origin: Ardmore
Maturation: 8 years
Cask Type: 1st fill ex-bourbon cask from the Koval Distillery, Chicago IL
Bottling Strength: 48.8% ABV
Total US Release: 635 bottles

ARDMORE DISTILLERY PROFILE

Region: Highlands
Founded: Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire, 1898
Current Capacity: 5.53 MLPA
Owner: Beam Suntory
Equipment: 4 wash stills (15,000L each), 4 spirit stills (15,000L each)
Note: Originally founded to malt whisky for Teacher's Highland Cream, Ardmore is known for making a fairly robust & lightly peated distillate with notes of beeswax, chimney soot, & baking spices.

FROM DAVIDE ROMANO, OWNER of VALINCH & MALLET

"The color of white wine. On the nose, some mineral notes of high-end marzipan & almond milk, hints of heather. Mouth shows a perfect blend of peat smoke, fruits & white pepper, again heather, & some sweet maltiness. Finish is long, balanced, a little waxy.

"This was a real experiment for us: we sourced some small casks (30 US gallons) from Koval distillery & we used them to mature a Caol Ila 18 months before using them for this Ardmore: the wood, being such a small cask, was pleasantly active giving the malt a wonderful round & full body while on the nose there are some peatier notes, definitely from Caol Ila: the typical oily note from Islay are almost still present. Ardmore as a distillery has had in our opinion an incredible evolution & their younger malts have an outstanding quality & consistency, something almost impossible to find ten years ago!"

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