

AMRUT

FUSION

REGION: BANGALORE, INDIA | AGE: NAS | ABV: 50%

This youthful single malt evokes barley in the nose with fresh pineapple, creamy butter and spicy cloves. Meanwhile, the palate opens with vanilla crème brûlée, saffron and tinned apricot, which leads to a black pepper, molasses and drying oak. Blood orange dominates the finish with festive mince pies and a lingering smoked tea aroma.

PROPERTIES

type: single malt
 casking: ex-bourbon & virgin oak
 finish: none
 chill filtration: no
 flavour profile:



23/30

NOSE

intensity: 4/5 (mild to full)
 complexity: 3/5 (simple to intricate)
 diversity: 4/5 (limited to wide)
 lucidity: 3/5 (vague to vivid)

Bouquet

nosefeel: 4/5 (eucalyptic)
 aromas: 4/5 (barley, pineapple, butter, cloves)

FINISH

linger: 3/5 (short to long)
 flavour: 4/5 (plain to full)
 notes: 3/5 (blood orange, mince pies, lapsang souchong tea)

PAIRINGS



body: medium
 wrapper: colorado claro
 e.g: nub connecticut

- chicken korma
- pineapple fritter
- mince pies

ROBE

12/20

hue: amontillado
 clarity: 4/5 (hazy to crisp)
 legs: 3/5 (thin to large)
 whirls: 4/5 (no effect to cloudy)
 viscometric potential: 3/5 (fast to slow)

PALATE

17/25

primary: sweet, bitter
 mouthfeel: peppery
 complexity: 3/5 (simple to intricate)
 texture: 3/5 (light to velvet)
 maturity: 3/5 (youthful to mellow)
 opening: 5/5
 notes: crème brûlée, saffron, tinned apricot, black pepper, molasses, oak

EXPERIENCE

8/10

label: 2/3
 packaging: 3/3
 cork quality: 2/3
 occasion: 2/2
 value: 2/2
 170cl
 RRP \$65 | PAID ?

CONCLUSION

India's first whisky distillery, the Fusion expression earns its namesake by marrying 75% unpeated Indian barley and 25% Scottish barley to create a unique single malt. The result is an affordable and unique expression worth sampling. Although not the Scotch killer it's hyped to be, it's still a thoroughly enjoyable tipple.

TOTAL SCORE
71/100

Scoring Key: Below 40: Mediocre | 41-60: Average | 61-80: Good | 81-100: Outstanding

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