

LAPHROAIG

CAIRDEAS FINO

REGION: ISLAY [HEBRIDES] | AGE: NAS | ABV: 51.8%

With "Cairdeas" meaning "friendship" in Gaelic, the Fino is the 2018 release of the annual Friends of Laphroaig exclusive. This year's Cairdeas features a double maturation which first takes place in ex-bourbon casks before being reracked in Fino sherry Hogsheads sourced from Spains's bodegas.

PROPERTIES

type: single malt
 casking: ex-bourbon
 finish: fino sherry
 chill filtration: no
 flavour profile:



22/30

intensity: mild full
 complexity: simple intricate

diversity: limited wide
 lucidity: vague vivid

nosefeel: eucalyptic
 Bouquet
 aromas: smoke medicinal
 almonds vanilla

12/15

linger: short long
 notes: medicinal

flavour: plain full
 wrapper: dried fruit
 e.g.: peat

PAIRINGS



- blue cheese
- buttery fudge
- smoked salmon



body: medium - full
 wrapper: sun-grown
 e.g.: nub cain ligero

ROBE

15/20

hue: dark amber
 clarity: hazy crisp
 Viscometric Potential
 legs: thin large
 whirls: no effect cloudy
 fast slow

PALATE

20/25

primary: salty, bitter
 mouthfeel: biting, oily, dry
 complexity: simple intricate
 texture: light velvet
 maturity: youthful mellow
 opening:
 • honey
 • brine
 • bay leaf
 heart:
 • anise
 • charred oak
 • toffee

EXPERIENCE

9/10

label:
 packaging:
 cork quality:
 occasion:
 value:

/70cl	
RRP	PAID
\$108	\$98

CONCLUSION

A peaty Scotch whisky that exudes smokiness, Laphroaig's Fino Cask is a refreshing alternative to their usual offerings. With some fruity notes as well as aromatics, the cask finish extends flavour without undermining the distillery's characteristics.

TOTAL SCORE
78/100

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

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