

Country Scotland

Type Single malt

Distillery Aberfeldy

Region Highlands

Age 12 years

ABV 40%

Cask American oak ex-bourbon (no sherry)

Colour Full, golden yellow. Dark gold.

Bottle volume

Price €/cl 0.39

Recommended retail price €/cl 0.59

Place of purchase Heathrow T1

Notes The red squirrel which graces the label of this 12 year old bottling is a reference to the colony of rare squirrels which reside in the woodlands surrounding the Aberfeldy distillery. Most Aberfeldy whisky goes into the Dewars blend, but this is their single malt.

Nose This golden whisky has a heathery honey nose with a fruity softness and notes of pineapple, toast and cereal. Syrupy, lingering on the tongue like a liqueur. Creamy. Some sherried fruit with a trailing hint of smoke. Peaches, honey, peat and heather.

Palate It is fresh and crisp on the palate. Sweet, malty, a gentle peat but nonetheless the mouth feel is very clean. Strong honey, pancake syrup, heather, and spice.

Finish Possesses a long, rich malt follow-through. Malt, a faint hint of citrus. Full flavour, the perfume characteristics become more spicy, with a bitter hint of Seville oranges in a decidedly dry finish. Drying citrus/oak with a gentle spiciness, held in a warm embrace of cigar smoke, and a little vanilla. Complexity not seen in similar-price single malts.

Ratings 4/5 masterofmalt.com, 78/100 connosr.com, Silver Medal - International Spirits Challenge 2011

