

Valinch & Mallet

- INDEPENDENT SPIRITS -



SPIRIT PROFILE

Spirit: Single Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky
Distillery of Origin: Ben Nevis
Maturation: 19 years
Cask Type: 1st fill ex-bourbon hogshead
Bottling Strength: 51.7% ABV CASK STRENGTH
Total US Release: 82 bottles

BEN NEVIS DISTILLERY PROFILE

Region: Western Highlands
Founded: Lochy Bridge, Fort William, 1825
Current Capacity: 2.0 MLPA
Owner: Nikka
Note: Since 1989, the majority of Ben Nevis new make has been shipped to Japan by Nikka to be used as blending stock & it is now difficult to find as single malt. Located at the foot of the UK's highest mountain of the same name, Ben Nevis is known for producing robust & spicy whiskies, sometimes peated.

FROM DAVIDE ROMANO, OWNER of VALINCH & MALLET

"Nose is very aromatic with cinnamon pastry, herbs & mentholated notes, grated coconut. Piny notes. Whiffs of brass polish. Underneath some sweet candy too, red oranges & red apples then a final leathery note. Mouth shows orange peels & apple skin, ripe pineapple, subtle vanilla, tobacco, ginger & pepper. Hints of beeswax. Grassy touches. Properly wood-influenced but never too dry. Finish is long, on citrus, peppery oak, Earl Grey tea & subtle tobacco leaves.

"This cask was chosen to show how varied a maturation in a bourbon cask could be: the old style Ben Nevis, with the classic meaty & leathery note combined with such an incredibly old wood character, more typical of an old Armagnac than a whisky. We bottled years ago a sherry version of the same age & we found this to be the perfect alter ego of that extreme sherry cask. Being quite an active cask we decided this was as far as we could push the maturation before losing any balance in favor of the cask character."

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