



Ardbeg Galileo



49%

Released to celebrate the Ardbeg space mission, this is a mix of 1990 Ardbeg from bourbon and Marsala casks, and it's the latter which make the running from the start. Earthy, with blackberry and fruitcake, and sooty peatiness in the background. While there's a medicinal/herbal note with water, the palate has a damp wood edge. Fortified wine can work with peat, but here there's a clash between distillery character and the Marsala cask. Sadly, a disappointment.



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