



Ardbeg Blaaack (Committee Release)



50.7%

Ardbeg's 2020 limited-edition cask-strength Committee Release was matured mainly in pinot noir red wine casks from New Zealand, a country notable for its sheep, like Islay. Woodsmoke on the nose, with coal fires, cedar, and canned fruit cocktail in a mild antiseptic solution. Supple and sweet on the palate, with orchard fruits and an emerging wave of peppery prickly peat smoke. Long in the sooty finish. Lively, with chile paste.



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