

ADELPHI BREATH OF SPEYSIDE 2006



11-Year-Old Speyside 58.2 Vol

1 of only 568 bottles

Refill Sherry Cask

Drawn from an active, 1st fill Spanish oak ex-Sherry Butt. A deep amber/polished mahogany colour, with good beading. Mellow nose feel, not as dry as its predecessor. Bruised apple, tinned pear, and burnt caramel – toffee apple? Oloroso sherry, sweet tobacco, so leather. Develops into vanilla toffee (Werthers Originals; Chocolate Eclairs) with a drop of water. A sweet, burnt toffee taste, then immediately bitter saccharine. Water introduces chocolate and cocoa powder, reduces the other tastes and gives a light menthol aftertaste.

Speyside

This dry, warm, region is a natural for whiskey distillers because it is close to barley farms, contains the River Spey and is close to the Atlantic port of Garmouth. The water in the area is said to have "the lowest level of dissolved minerals" of any area in Scotland, and that may affect the taste of its whiskies. Another report explains that "quartzite at the source keeps high levels of minerals from mixing with the water."

