

## Aberlour 12 – liquid awesomeness!

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I love the words that greet you as you enter the Aberlour website. “Obar Lobhair, or Aberlour means the mouth of the chattering burn in Gaelic”. Beautiful. We drove past its idyllic location in Speyside; next time we’re in Speyside it will be on our list of distilleries to visit. And yes, I know that ‘awesomeness’ technically isn’t a word, but in the case of Aberlour, it should be.

This is another whisky that we don’t remember exactly where we first had it, although Fort William last year rings a bell and as Doug recalled, it was one of the whiskies we tasted at the International Gathering whisky tasting in Oban.

Aberlour 12 is a lovely amber colour and you can definitely smell apple while nosing and the more you nose it, the stronger the scent becomes. This is a double cask matured whisky (oak, then sherry) and it’s so smooth you want to wrap yourself in it. When it first hits your mouth it’s like having a caramel invasion. And then you’re left with a spiciness on your palate that lingers. I love, love, love this whisky. Really, how many favourite whiskies can I actually have? But that’s the beauty of whisky. There’s so many nuances and differences between the distilleries that there’s always a whisky to match your mood.

### Aberlour website Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Golden amber with hints of ruby.

**Nose:** Soft and rounded, with fruity notes of red apple.

**Palate:** A fine sherried character, balanced with rich chocolate, toffee, cinnamon and ginger spiciness.

**Finish:** Warming and lingering – sweet and slightly spicy.