

Cardhu 12



You have to love a whisky that was pioneered by a woman, especially since it was reputed that Helen Cumming did so in 1811. Cardhu is located on the Malt Whisky Trail in Speyside. Doug originally bought a bottle because of its history, but we're on our next bottle because we really enjoy this whisky.

This honey-coloured whisky is easy on the nose. We definitely smell the fruits on first nosing but it's not until several nosings later that we detected the hint of smoke. The sweetness, while there, doesn't overpower the slight, subtle smokiness while tasting. This is another whisky that stays on your palate gently with a slight honey finish. Doug is thinking a cigar would be a perfect accompaniment.

Helen would be proud of the tradition that continues at Cardhu and it's available at a very modest price point. This is another of my cool weather whiskies and since I live in Saskatchewan I should have many opportunities now and in the months ahead to enjoy a few wee drams.

Tasting Note by The Chaps at Master of Malt

Nose: Good body, decent sweetness, richness. Streaks of smoke, apple peels, bruised pears.

Palate: Smooth, rounded, gentle sweetness, soft peat. A little smoke whispers sweet nothings.

Finish: Long, dry smoke, malty touch of peat.