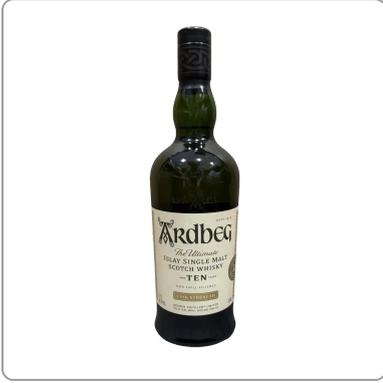


WHISKY:EDITION

Whisky reviews. Since 2022.



Ardbeg 10 Years Cask Strength (2026)

Today's notebook entry: Ardbeg 10 Years at [cask strength](#) – something the world has been waiting for, Marcel less so. An honest bourbon cask profile that keeps the focus on the distillery's core.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Ardbeg
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
10 Years	61.7% Vol.	124.12 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Sascha notes 'paradise in a glass', Marcel counters dryly with 'forest fire' – and both capture part of the truth. It smells of grilled bacon and campfire, yet simultaneously fresh, lemony and lightly sweet. Add feta cheese, hazelnut and a mineral undertone that immediately calls Islay to mind.

PALATE

On the palate it turns lemony and sugary sweet, almost like a lemon candy drop, with surprisingly little alcohol burn for nearly 62%. Sea breeze and minerality paint a picture of a campfire on a rocky shore, joined by ginger, walnuts and pineapple. This is Islay's rugged sea in its purest form – a profile you 'can't shake'!

FINISH

The finish returns two or three more times, earthy and classically slightly fresh. Voluminous smoke lingers long and oily.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

As a registered Ardbeg sceptic, I have to admit: this departs from the 'let's release some expensive nonsense every year' approach. There's a decent dram at an acceptable price in the glass. That said, I'm simply not a fan.

SASCHA

It doesn't reinvent the wheel, but it's Islay enjoyment at its finest. I get that great smoky, mineral profile – except that instead of tar and rubber, a sweet lemon comes through. It's exactly that shift that makes it feel so well-rounded to me.

RATINGS

MARCEL
85/100
Excellent

SASCHA
87/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

