## **ARTIST**

reated in 2011 by La Maison du Whisky, the ARTIST range is dedicated to single casks bottled at natural strength. This unique collection of exceptional single malts includes offerings aged to perfection. This year's range is inspired by the world of Iris Scott, an American artist born in 1984. Inspired by the untouched wilderness of the American Southwest, where she lives, as well as by ancient petroglyphs and native ruins, the artistic expression of her work takes shape through an instinctualist style over 40,000 years old. The colorful pieces that adorn this range convey an aura of radiant energy bursting with impressionistic movement.

## **ARDMORE 2009 - AGED 13 YEARS**



## **PRODUCTION**

Distillation	2009
Fermentation	54 hours
Still	Pot Still
Aging	13 years
Cask type	Bourbon
Bottling strength	56.8 %
Bottles produced	208

Founded in 1898 by Adam Teacher, Ardmore distillery lies on the eastern edge of the Speyside region between the River Bogie, Cashindarroch Forest and the foothills of the Grampians Mountains. Equipped with 8 onion-shaped stills with indirect steam heating, it distils peated malts of between 12 and 14 ppm. When tasted blind, it has a character that resembles an Island malt more than a Mainland malt. Fun fact: between 1817 and 1835, another distillery bearing the same name operated on Islay before being absorbed by Lagavulin. It's a heavy legacy, and one that's reflected in the distillery's DNA.

## **TASTING NOTES**

**Nose:** Mineral-driven and fresh. Notes of sliced ripe grapefruit drift into wet slate and peaty salinity. On aeration: wood varnish, earthy turmeric and fresh clay.

**Palate:** Muscular and luscious. The aromatics continue through the palate, but with more power. Notes of rich mahogany wood and wild flowers are balances by spice and citrus.

*Finish:* Lasting and robust. Citrus aromas give way to black pepper and floral tones that are elongated with delicate zest.

