



Allt a Bhainne 31 yo 1992/2024 (48%, The Whisky Cask Company, PX Sherry, 250 bottles) ★★★★★

Allt-A-Bhainne, much like its companion Braeval, seems very comfortable with sherry, based on our modest experiences. Colour: bronzeish gold. Nose: old walnuts and an antique wine cellar, a few mushrooms, then it takes an amusing U-turn towards all kinds of citrus, particularly pink grapefruit, with hints of coconut that feel rather 'white oak'. The whole ensemble is somewhat reminiscent of the finest white wines from the Basque Country, notably the Iroulégu, a marvellous little appellation that's relatively unknown (though some would say that's for the best – the selfish ones!). Mouth: we find that same peppery and slightly combative edge as in the previous dram, only with a well-integrated layer of sherry. I really enjoy both styles. A few notes of bitter walnut liqueur, somewhat in the style of Italian nocino but less sweet. Finish: long, with everything melding beautifully into these delightful bitters. Coriander seeds and Seville oranges linger in the aftertaste. Comments: a pleasantly bitter PX, which we're very fond of as well. **SGP:461 - 87 points.**