



Dufftown 14 yo 2008/2022 (50.4%, The Whisky Cask Company, 1st fill PX hogshead finish, 239 bottles) ★★☆☆

A charming wee bottle from Switzerland. Colour: deep gold. Nose: a curious medley of walnuts, tangy fruits, old wines, and—unsurprisingly—Swiss cheese, with hints of garlic and kirsch. This Dufftown seems tailor-made to accompany a Swiss fondue (or as we'd say in France, a fondue savoyarde). There's a lovely earthy undertone too. With water: fresher now, with notes of gentian, anise, dill, fennel, and slate—unusual but enticing. Mouth (neat): quirky yet nice, with a spicy, piquant character and that persistent cheesy edge. Think cumin, black pepper, and slightly overripe plums verging on fermentation. With water: leather and leafy notes emerge—tomato leaves, fig leaves—adding a rustic touch. Finish: long and, frankly, a bit odd.

Comments: an amusing little creature. This one feels almost designed for pairing with food—fondue, garlic snails, spaghetti with chorizo, or even some Thai or Vietnamese dishes. All in good fun, but do give your glass a thorough rinse afterward.

SGP:462 - 79 points.