

# PORT CHARLOTTE

## HEAVILY PEATED ISLAY SINGLE MALT

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CASK EXPLORATION SERIES:  
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FASHION AND CIRCUMSTANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY HAVE CONSPIRED AGAINST THE TRADE OF GENUINE SHERRY CASKS. THEY ARE NOW VERY RARE AND EXPENSIVE, THE MARKETPLACE FLOODED WITH MODERN IMITATIONS. DEVELOPING A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH A REPUTABLE BODEGA IS THE ONLY WAY TO SECURE A STEADY SUPPLY OF THE GENUINE ARTICLES.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR DISTILLERY AND JAN PETERSEN'S FERNANDO DE CASTILLA IS ONE SUCH EXAMPLE. IT IS THIS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CRAFTSMEN THAT HAS ALLOWED OUR PORT CHARLOTTE SPIRIT, DISTILLED IN 2010, TO EVENTUALLY MEET A STAND-OUT PARCEL OF JEREZ' FINEST OLOROSO HOGSHEADS.

ORIGINALLY MATURED IN A COMPLEX BLEND OF BOURBON, VIN DOUX NATUREL AND SYRAH CASKS, THIS HEAVILY PEATED SINGLE MALT HAS SPENT THE FINAL 18 MONTHS OF ITS LIFE IN THOSE GENUINE OLOROSO HOGSHEADS. DRY EARTHY PEAT SMOKE WITH ROASTED COFFEE, LIME AND FIGS. CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA COME THROUGH AS THE PEAT EMBERS GIVE A LAST HINT OF SMOKE.

“THESE OLOROSO HOGSHEADS ARE SUPERB CASKS. THEY’RE SMALLER THAN YOUR AVERAGE BUTTS, SO THEY’VE QUICKLY LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION ON THIS COMPLEX SINGLE MALT.”  
- ADAM HANNETT

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

**WHISKY TYPE:**  
HEAVILY PEATED  
ISLAY SINGLE MALT  
SCOTCH WHISKY

**PHENOL LEVEL:**  
40 PARTS PER MILLION

**ALCOHOL STRENGTH:**  
55.1% alc./vol

**AVAILABILITY:**  
CORE LIMITED

**BARLEY PROVENANCE:**  
100% SCOTTISH BARLEY  
FROM INVERNESS-SHIRE

**MATURATION PROFILE:**

- 30% 1ST FILL AMERICAN WHISKEY CASKS
- 40% 2ND FILL AMERICAN WHISKEY CASKS
- 25% VIN DU NATUREL CASKS
- 5% 2ND FILL SYRAH CASKS
- VATTED AND ACED IN FIRST FILL OLOROSO HOGSHEADS FOR 18 MONTHS

**DISTILLATION YEAR:**  
2010

**BOTTLING:**  
BOTTLED ONSITE WITH ISLAY SPRING WATER, NON CHILL FILTERED & COLOURING FREE

**LIQUID COLOUR:**  
AUTUMNAL, MAHOGANY, AMBER

**TASTE DESCRIPTOR:**  
SMOKEY, WITH A FIG-LIKE FRUITY SWEETNESS

**RELEASE DATE:**  
APRIL 2020

**NEED TO KNOW:**  
WITH OVER 200 DIFFERENT CASK TYPES MATURING IN OUR WAREHOUSES, THE CASK EXPLORATION SERIES SHOWCASES THE INFLUENCE OF WOOD ON OUR HEAVILY PEATED SPIRIT. ALWAYS BOTTLED AT CASK STRENGTH AND IN LIMITED NUMBERS, THIS SPECIFIC EDITION IS A RARE GLIMPSE AT PORT CHARLOTTE MATURED IN EX-SHERRY CASKS.

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### TASTE NOTE

TASTING DATE	21.01.20	PPM	40	RECEPTICAL	COPITA GLASS
2010 VINTAGE	WEATHER	9.8°C, AVE PRESSURE, CLOUDY WITH SUN			
	LOCATION	DISTILLERY SAMPLE ROOM			
	LIQUID TEMP	18°C	MOOD	ATH-NUADHAICHTÉ	
TASTE PROFILE	● NEAT		55.1% ALC./VOL		



#### NOSE

INITIALLY LOVELY EARTHY PEAT SMOKE AND DARK FRUIT, FIG PREDOMINANTLY AND TOFFEE. AS THE AROMAS START TO OPEN SOFT PEACH AND HONEY APPEAR AND A NUTTY NOUGAT NOTE SETS THE TONE. BAKED ORANGE AND A HINT OF MULLED WINE SPICE. THE PEAT SMOKE NOTES ARE CONSTANT AND START TO BRING OUT SOME RESINOUS WOODY AROMAS, THE LONGER YOU ALLOW TO OPEN THE MORE DEPTH YOU DISCOVER, MORE ROASTED COFFEE, SYRUP AND CITRUS, MORE CHOCOLATE AND CRUSHED SEA SHELLS.

#### PALATE

AS SOON AS THIS DRAM TOUCHES YOUR LIPS YOU FEEL THE SOFT OILY TEXTURE AND THEN, AS IT COATS THE PALATE A SUBTLE DRYNESS CHANGES THE TONE. THE LEADING NOTES FROM THE Oloroso CASK AND THE PEAT SMOKE DEFINE THE IDENTITY OF THE WHISKY BUT UNDERNEATH THERE IS A FRUITY SWEETNESS FROM FIGS, ORANGE AND PEACH THAT NUTTY NOUGAT NOTE. WITH ANOTHER SIP THE DARKER NOTES OF TOBACCO, BOOT POLISH AND MORE EARTHY SMOKE GIVE A PEPPERINESS THAT REALLY DRAWS YOU INTO THIS MAGNIFICENT WHISKY.

#### FINISH

THE FINISH IS A DRY EARTHY PEAT SMOKE WITH LIME AND FIGS. A CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA NOTE COMES THROUGH AND SOME SALTY, SANDY CHARACTER. PEAT EMBERS GIVE A LAST HINT OF SMOKE.

#### CHARACTER

THIS DRAM WILL LEAVE YOU REELING, THE PORT CHARLOTTE SPIRIT IS BEAUTIFULLY MATCHED WITH THE Oloroso CASKS. THE INITIAL BLENDING OF WHISKY TAILORED TO SUIT. ANOTHER CASK EXPLORATION THAT SHOWS THE VERSATILITY OF PORT CHARLOTTE WHISKY AND A SHOWS THE EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF CASKS WE SOURCE.

THE KIND OF DRAM THAT MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH PEATED WHISKY.

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