

PORT CHARLOTTE

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HEAD DISTILLER

PORT CHARLOTTE
CASK EXPLORATION SERIES:
MARSALA, 2009.

HEAVILY PEATED ISLAY SINGLE MALT

OUR PORT CHARLOTTE MISSION HAS FROM DAY ONE BEEN A CHALLENGE, A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY. THE CHARISMA OF HEAVY PEAT COMBINED WITH THE FEMININE ELEGANCE PRODUCED BY OUR LONG-NECKED STILLS AND PATIENT, SLOW TRICKLE DISTILLATION HAS BEEN BOTH A MYSTERY AND AN EDUCATION.

OVER THE YEARS WE'VE LEARNT THAT PORT CHARLOTTE WORKS PARTICULARLY WELL WITH SWEET WINE CASKS. THE FRUIT AND SWEETNESS IS A GREAT BALANCE FOR OUR

SMOKY, EVOCATIVE SPIRIT. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MATURED PORT CHARLOTTE IN MARSALA CASKS - THE LEGENDARY RICH, UNCTUOUS WINE FROM SICILY.

WE USE ONLY THE BEST CASKS AVAILABLE, AND IN THIS CASE THE WOOD HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD MARSALA WINE FOR NINE YEARS. THE RESULT NOW IS A GLORIOUS AUTUMNAL WHISKY, WITH TOP NOTES OF CLOVE AND SEVILLE ORANGE, RIPE PEACH AND APRICOT - ROSE PETALS, AND VANILLA FROM THE FRENCH OAK.

LEFT TO OPEN IN THE GLASS WE GET MORE PEACH WITH SALTED CARAMEL, THE PEAT SMOKE A MIST BEHIND THE SPICE AND SWEET FRUIT NOTES. ULTIMATELY THE TAR AND CHARRED OAK COME THROUGH AND YOU ARE TRANSPORTED. THIS IS A FEEL GOOD WHISKY, AN AUTUMN WALK IN THE WOODS THEN A GOOD BOOK BY A ROARING FIRE KIND OF WHISKY. FROM SICILY TO ISLAY, TO YOUR GLASS.

“THE SWEETNESS IS A GREAT BALANCE FOR THE SMOKE & THE FRENCH OAK ADDS A DRYNESS WHICH ELEVATES THE SPIRIT.”
- ADAM HANNETT

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

WHISKY TYPE:
HEAVILY PEATED
ISLAY SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY

PHENOL LEVEL:
40 PARTS PER MILLION

VINTAGE/AGE:
2009

ALCOHOL STRENGTH:
56.3% alc./vol

AVAILABILITY:
GTR CORE LIMITED ✈️
30,000 BOTTLE RELEASE

BARLEY PROVENANCE:
100% SCOTTISH BARLEY
FROM INVERNESSHIRE
REGION

MATURATION PROFILE:

- 48% FRENCH OAK CASKS FOR 6 YEARS
- 52% AMERICAN WHISKEY CASKS FOR 6 YEARS
- VATTED AND ACED IN MARSALA CASKS FOR 2 YEARS

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

LIQUID COLOUR:
AUTUMNAL PINK

TASTE DESCRIPTOR:
PEAT SMOKE, CHARRED
WOOD AND SOFT PEACH

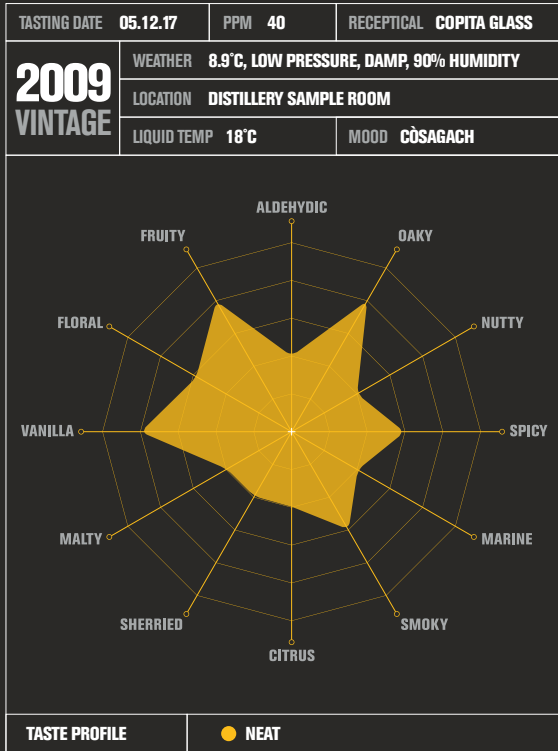
RELEASE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 2018

CHEAT SHEET:
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 FIRST EVER MARSALA EDITION REPLACES THE PC2007 CC:01.

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TASTE NOTE



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CLOVES AND ORANGE INITIALLY. ROSE PETALS, TOASTED OAK AND A SLIGHT YET BITING PEAT SMOKE. RIPE PEACH AND HINTS OF APRICOT COME THROUGH. LEFT TO OPEN, THE GLASS WILL REVEAL MORE WARMED PEACH WITH VANILLA AND SALTED CARAMEL. THE SMOKE IS SLIGHTLY HIDDEN BEHIND THE FRUIT AND THE VANILLA SWEET OAK NOTES. ONCE CONSIDERABLY AIRED THE TAR AND CHARRED WOOD FROM THE SMOKE COME THROUGH MORE.

PALATE

ON THE PALATE, THERE IS A VELVET TOUCH THAT RELEASES A LITTLE HEAT BEFORE MOVING INTO A SUBTLE DRYNESS FROM THE FRENCH OAK. FRUIT AND SMOKE COMBINE BEAUTIFULLY WITH TAR AND PEACH, POACHED PEAR AND RED APPLES. A NOTE OF DRY EARTH, DRIED PEAT MAYBE ALONG WITH VANILLA, CLOVE SPICE AND TOASTED OAK. A SPLASH OF WATER BRINGS A NUTTY, CHRISTMAS CAKE EDGE AND THE CLASSIC MARINE, OZONE NOTES.

FINISH

THE FINISH HAS A TENDER SOFTNESS AND IS A LOVELY MIX OF SOFT PEACH AND PEAT SMOKE. THE MARSALA EDGE IS SWEET FRUIT AND A DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS CAKE WHISPER, THE SMOKE FADES AND THE TOASTED OAK LEAVES A NUTTY VANILLA THAT IS SATISFYINGLY WARM.

CHARACTER

SOFT YET BURSTING WITH FRUIT AND CHARACTER. A FEEL GOOD WHISKY, AN AUTUMN WALK IN THE WOODS THEN A GOOD BOOK BY THE WARM FIRE KIND OF WHISKY. ENJOY.

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