

An Islay Lullaby

Cask No. 53.181

DKK 700,-

The initial nose neat had a very calming effect on the Panel with descriptors of dry roasted peanuts, spicy Japanese rice crackers, pork cracklings covered in honey and toasted sesame seeds . With time, earthy aromas, a damp woodland with autumn leafs and acorns on the ground appear. The taste did catch us off guard as it is a dry wood smoke, charcoal, orange pith and salted cashew nuts added to a Bombay Mix packet. With water it becomes a salty pebble beach, dry oak wood, toasted tea cakes and pink marshmallows as well as a slightly burnt currant bread. The taste is now so mellow, singed orange peel, toasted almonds and a touch of oily drift wood in the finish. This dram, from the largest distillery on Islay, is better than camomile tea before going to bed.

Region: Islay

Colour: Spring sunrise Date distilled: 3-mar-1997

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 57.7% DK 6 btl

Age: 16 Outturn: 303

Smoked salt lip balm

Cask No. 53.203

DKK 720,-

Nosing neat one of the Panel member's immediate response was 'just like salt and vinegar popcorn', we were all eating it on the machair starting a barbeque. The air is filled with a salty sea breeze. Using sparingly lighter fluid to get the coal fire going, ready to start grilling shellfish, smoked salmon and smoked bacon. The coals are starting to glow and flavours of smoked vanilla sugar and smoked salt lip balm as well as Japanese seaweed reveal themselves on the palate. With water aromas of hot sausage rolls, lemon oysters and sweet balsamic vinaigrette, whilst in the taste Parma ham on burnt toast and sweet pickled herring salad with red onions.

Region: Islav

Colour: Riesling wine Date distilled: 3-sep-1996

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 57.9%
Age: 18 Outturn: 300 DK 6 btl

Magical, mellifluous marvelosity

Cask No. 73.62

DKK 900,-

The nose conjured up a classy gentlemen's' club (leather armchairs, oak panelling, cigars, black tea, Jamaica cake); also dark cherries, orange peel and rum-soaked raisins. The palate had delicious, spicy depth – golden syrup, toffee, marmalade, honey and espresso, before cinnamon and ginger tingled us right to our tonsils. The reduced nose was sweet, woody and smile-inducing – happiness flooding over the panel like maple syrup or butterscotch sauce over pancakes – a magical, mellifluous marvelosity. The reduced palate was elegant and refined, with honey fudge sweetness and spice cake temptations destroying any attempt to remain unimpressed. The distillery's name means 'big stream'.

Region: Speyside Deveron

Colour: Deep Egyptian amber Date distilled: 31-maj-1989

Cask: Refill butt Strength: 57.8%

Age: 25 Outturn: 384 **DK 12 btl**

'Glamping in a Yurt'

Cask No. 76.115

DKK 765.-

We are on a glamping holiday waking up early in the morning in a yurt, getting up from our Japanese style futon, stepping out on to the redwood pine decking while watching the sunrise over the sea and sand dunes. The air is filled with smells of green grass wet with morning dew, freesias and clover. Whilst enjoying the moment we eat a slice of Royal chocolate biscuit cake with cinnamon, crystallised ginger and maraschino cherries. With water elegant aromas of jasmine, magnolia and orchids are adding to the ozone filled air warming up with the rising sun and in the taste, chocolate dipped ginger snaps and that first sip of coffee that you've made just right. Perfection!

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **Honeycomb** Date distilled: 19-jul-1995

Cask: Refill butt Strength: 56.9%
Age: 19 Outturn: 534

DK 12 btl

A manly adventure

Cask No. 93.58

DKK 675,-

The nose was a manly adventure – we were with Dr Livingstone in the African jungle – his dugout canoe had an outboard, he was chewing bubble-gum and wearing hair pomade. We imagined a camp scene with canvas, barbecued fish with tropical fruits – then surgical spirit, a leather Gladstone bag and rope (tourniquet on a hippo-bitten porter perhaps?) The palate (no surprise that this distillery is half-way to Islay – tastes like it too) has creamy vanilla, toffee humbugs and lemon and lime starburst, but also coal smoke, oyster shells, ash, embers, salt and leather – someone suggested a hospital cleaner's footwear – quite a mouthful!

Region: Campbeltown

Colour: **Primrose gold**Cask: **Refill barrel**Age: **15**

Date distilled: 31-jul-1999 Strength: 61.3%

Outturn: 210

DK 6 btl

The Undergraduate

Cask No. 93.59

DKK 675.-

Sometimes the panel get carried away on an imaginative journey and this was one of those occasions. Many shades of coal dust, engine oil and lederhosen competed with carbolic soap and elastoplasts. Red toffee apples, vanilla ice cream and peaches in syrup provided sweetness to the party. Tidal waves lapping on shingle beach and honey marinade fish on the barbie. Water tames the minx and a fresh herbal 'lite' character emerged. Members of the panel recounted fondly their misspent youth drinking Pisco sours (lime cocktail), nibbling olives and smoking roll ups in seedy undergraduate flats. Not for the feeble.

Region: Campbeltown

Colour: Deep peach gold Date distilled: 31-jul-1999

Cask: Refill barrel Strength: 61.3%

Age: 15 Outturn: 335 **DK 6 btl**

Intensely Tasty

Cask No. 127.39

DKK 695,-

It reminds you of tobacco leaves and fish drying on wooden racks by the shore Imagine Germolene, First Aid boxes and soap in a coal scuttle. In a fisherman's boot, you find salt and smoke. If you're hungry; seafood platters, dark honey, bacon and rye bread with caraway, sausage with fennel. Taste sea shells on a salty jetty. Treacle and spicy liquorice. Tabasco and Scotch Bonnet. Toasted caraway and sesame seeds drizzled with honey. Tantalising seafood cocktail and oily mackerel. Tempted by deep-fried Mars Bars? Cooked in the same oil as the fish? Imagine this initial distillation two-thousand-and-one.

Region: Islay

Colour: Golden marigoldv Date distilled: 21-jun-2002

Cask: **Refill butt** Strength: **66.9%** Age: **12** Outturn: **588**

DK 12 btl

Stunning Panoramio of exotic fruits

Cask No. 132.2

DKK 1780,-

The nose displayed a Panoramio of exotic fruits (mango, melon, dragon-fruit, blackcurrant, peach, sherbet lemons) along with suggestions of parma violets, paint, fennel seeds, coffee, dark chocolate oranges and waffles in syrup – 'Stunning!' declared one panellist. The palate was a satisfying, mouth-drawing combination of sweetness, fruit and perfumed wood – drying but juicy – we found mango, coconut, light smoke and Hawaiian pork with pineapple. The reduced nose led us into a model shop (glue, balsa, plastic) between a sweet-shop and a fruit-shop. The palate found darker layers of mystery – Szechwan pepper, liquorice and chewing tobacco. The distillery's water came from Mt Asama.

Region: Japan

Colour: Deep peach gold Date distilled: 4-Sep-1991

Cask: Refill butt
Age: 22

Strength: 62,4%
Outturn: 335

DK 10 btl

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HUSK CASUAL FRIDAY PÅ LIDKOEB 13. MARTS OG I TORVEHALLERNE 14. MARTS, SAMT CASUAL THURSDAY PÅ HIGHLANDERS BAR 20. MARTS

Aromatic spices and exotic fruits

Cask No. 4.186

DKK 865,-

The nose, pleasant but elusive, whispered different stories to different ears carpentry, leather, canvas and rocky shores; pot-pourri, vanilla, heather honey, Moroccan spices and Deep Heat. The palate absolutely chimed with its years - complex and flavourful, with light smoke, charred oak and aromatic spices (cinnamon, pepper, coriander seed, fennel seed) balanced beautifully against exotic fruits, fig rolls and brandy snaps. The reduced nose found honey, lychee, melon, pineapple and sherbet straws, with darker shades of Hoisin duck, pepper and faint smoke. The palate was mouth-coating and delicious - honey, dried fruits, prosciutto, melon, figs and subtle lavender. Our most northerly distillery.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: Toffee penny wrapper

Date distilled: 31-maj-1991

Strength: 52.4%

Outturn: 258

Cask: Refill hogshead Age: 23

DK 6 btl

Let the magic unfold

Cask No. 4.187

DKK 675,-

A fairly shy start on the nose neat with aromas of sweet vanilla and stewed fruit compote. But as one Panel member described it "look for the magic behind the quiet entrance"; tobacco leafs, cigar boxes, chocolate flakes, lemon zest, sea spray and smoked mussels. The taste was elegant and sophisticated with a balance between ginger spice, peaty smoke and sea water saltiness. When adding water tropical fruits emerge like papaya, mango and banana possibly all mixed together in a fruit punch and in the taste sour cherry and stem ginger Florentines infused with peat smoke. From the most northerly distillery this is a magical sample from a magical island.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: Antique pine table Date distilled: 19-apr-1999

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 59%

Age: 15 Outturn: 192 Champagne and oysters – in hospital

Cask No. 29.153

DKK 875.-

We all picked up medicinal elements on the nose (elastoplasts, First Aid box, Deep Heat); some were transported to a Steamie (soapy bubbles, clean wet wood) while others ended up by a seaside fairground sweetie stall (smoke, boiled sweets, toffee, vanilla, cinnamon, candied fruits, marzipan). The neat palate was tasty and easy-drinking - Buttercup cough syrup, burnt sticks, subtle aniseed, toasted marshmallows, lucky tatties, crème brûlée and embers. Water brought fresh fizziness to the nose (flying saucers, Cremola Foam, oysters and champagne) while the palate developed pencil shavings and Liquorice Allsorts in a hospital. From the distillery with a Royal Warrant.

Colour: Lemony gold Date distilled: 12-okt-1990

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 49.9%

nk 18 btl Age: 24 Outturn: 270

A Feast of Flavours

Cask No. 35.108

DKK 635.-

A fat powerful nose full of chestnut puree spread thickly on granary toast served with Horlicks. Slabs of treacle tart and a scoop of Camp coffee ice cream with nutty toffee sauce and washed down with hot chocolate. The panel reclined into a polished leather sofa and were served meats roasted with caraway and fennel. Lashings of red currant jelly, apple sauce and onion marmalade. Brandy snaps singed at the edges and golden syrup flapjack with a shot of espresso to finish. The panel suspected some alchemy at the distillery which experiments with wood. Tread carefully with the water.

Fruity aromas flitted around like moths at lit windows - candied orange and

lemon, gooseberry, apple Danish and fruity sticks of rock; also crème brûlée,

cinnamon-flavoured bubble-gum and forest floors. The neat palate was sweet

and tart at the same time (apple sours, rhubarb rock, fresh rhubarb dipped in

sugar); but with good sprinklings of spice (pepper, chilli, mulled wine spices).

straightforward, enjoyable bittersweet balance with liquorice and ouzo notes to

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: A string of amber beads Date distilled: 17-maj-2001

Cask: 1st fill butt Strength: **60.8**%

Age: 13 Outturn: 588

DK 24 btl

DKK 590,-

'Cracking!'

Cask No. 4.189

DKK 650,-

DK 6 btl

'Cracking!' said one panellist - no dissenters - a nose-clearing blast of light smoke, charred oak and embers, led into aromatic blackcurrant leaf, tree bark and menthol, various fruits (especially bramble) and the sweetness of honey, jam tarts and pink wafers. The palate was unexpectedly big, delicious and juicy, with exotic fruits (blackcurrants, cherry, grapefruit) cedar, balsa, vanilla and salty caramel - could have been an old Speyside, apart from the powdery ash and heather smoke. The reduced nose was uplifting and invigorating (lavender, seaspray, freshly-baked cherry pie). The taste, with cherry, melon and burnt heather, was full-flavoured, tongue-itching and moreish; H-eavenly P-alate.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: Brassy gold Date distilled: 24-aug-2000

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 59.9%

Age: 14 Outturn: 204

nk 6 btl

In reduction, the nose became spicier (fennel, aniseed, pepper) with marmalade, dried fruits, lemon meringue pie and tobacco. The reduced palate had a

Sweet, tart and spicy

Cask No. 37.56

Region: Spevside Spev

Colour: Tinkerbelle's hair Date distilled: 11-jun-2002

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 58.5%

complicate the finish. This distillery is near Ballindalloch.

DK 6 btl Age: 12 Outturn: 258

Tiger Balm, Limoncello and scented candles

Cask No. 9.83

DKK 900.-

The nose, spirity at first, became aromatic - linseed oil, orange oil, tiger balm, eucalyptus, lime zest and Limoncello, with additional notes of waxed paper and scented candles. The palate twisted two strands of flavour together; sweet, tart and fruity (strawberries, cooked peaches, raisins, ice-lolly stick, macaroon bars, salty toffee) plaited into bitter heat (chilli, pepper, peach stones, tree bark, quinine). The reduced nose added coconut tanning cream by an open-air pool, biscuits in Tupperware, rhubarb rock and hints of smoke. The palate became nutty, buttery and biscuity with hints of flower stems and pleasant weighty texture. Campari own this distillery.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: Victorian London street lamp Date distilled: 18-apr-1988

Cask: Refill butt Strength: 56.7%

nk 6 btl Age: 26 Outturn: 498

A symphony of sophistication

Cask No. 39.97

DKK 880.-

The nose's pomander perfumes evoked Shakespeare's 'sweet sound that breathes upon a bank of violets'; it also carried harmonious exotic fruits, Terry's chocolate orange, varnished wood, tobacco and ginger cake – a symphony of sophistication and complexity. On the palate, sugary espresso dregs and toasted oak were sharpened by bitter orange peel and tart blackcurrant and damson. With water, the nose suggested new-built wooden cabinets in a sweetie shop (rose and orange creams, sherbet straws, cinnamon-dusted confectionary). The reduced palate was pleasantly textured and attractive - juicy apple and raspberry counterpointed by Moroccan spices. The distillery has been associated with swans and spiders.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: amber Date distilled: 29-okt-1990

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 45.7%

DK 6 btl Outturn: 234 Age: 24