

Vintage car in a rose-garden

Cask No. 1.181

DKK 650,-

Nose: take a ride in a vintage car (soft leather seats), park near a rose-garden in the 'valley of green grass' and unpack a picnic from orange boxes and terracotta pots – Mmm – millionaire shortbread, custard creams and petits fours; toffee, tablet, Dolly Mixtures and sherbet lemons – oranges and pomegranates to finish. Palate: intense, warming, evocative – close your eyes – you're in an old library – leather books, wood, flowers – chocolate limes and digestive biscuits are lying around – funny how old books taste of pepper, anise, even absinth and wormwood (depending on the title) – but – hey-ho – all the shades of life are here.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour:Sandy sea-bed Date distilled: 7-Jun-02

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 56,5%
Age: 11 Outturn: 231

DK 6 btl

Aromatic and enigmatic

Cask No. 1.182

DKK 650,-

The nose was fresh, bright and attractive, with lemon, lime, sherbet straws, peach, orange oil, fruit salad and crème caramel; then we discovered polished leather, varnished wood and a garden shed – given time the heady scents of flower meadows surrounded the shed. The palate was untypical of the make – even untypical of whisky according to one panellist (maybe grappa or slivovitz); very perfumed and aromatic – greengage skins, orange fondant, chocolate and pepper – definitely enigmatic. With water the nose became more floral and cosmetic, but the palate's lemon bonbons and vanilla sponge eventually provided sweet, fruity, floral contentment. From the Marypark malt-producers.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: Pale brassy gold Date distilled: 7-Jun-02
Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 57,1%

Age: 11 Outturn: 137 DK 6 btl

Starry, starry night

Cask No. 3.221

DKK 780,-

Childhood memories of airfix paint, Scalextric tyres, linseed oil and Caramac. Smoked duck breast and grilled oyster on the barbeque. To taste they found red licorice laces and burnt marshmallows. A big puff of peat, tarry rope and chorizo on the tongue. With water, they found it became fresher with aromas of menthol and English lavender. A crisp mineralic quality smoothed out the peat. It reminded one of 'sooking spoots' (sucking razor clams) from the shell. A clean and spritely finish of black pepper and sparkling water make this a perfect nightcap.

Region: Islay

Colour: Red panda Date distilled: 19-Apr-94

Cask: **Refill butt** Strength: **54,2%** Age: **19** Outturn: **538**

DK 6 btl

Sweet, floral, perfumed smoke

Cask No. 3.223

DKK 930,-

The nose had light peat smoke, stony beaches, balsa wood, first aid boxes, lavender soap and flowers on a bonfire; plus some sweeter aspects of cup-cakes, pineapple turnover and jelly beans. The palate, at natural strength, had lots of sweet floral perfumes (yes – the usual lavender and violet), surgical gloves and magic balloons – interesting and fun – a bit of a party dram. The nose with water was sweetly buttery, with light smoke drifting over flower meadows, but clean, like a disinfected waiting room. The palate became smooth and creamy with perfectly balanced sweet, floral smoke – very nice stuff from Islay's capital.

Region: Islay

Colour: Sunlit honey Date distilled: 21-Sep-89
Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 51,2%

Age: 24 Outturn: 213

nk 6 btl

Spicy lamb 'next-day' sandwich

Cask No. 4.193

DKK 675,-

The aroma neat was very welcoming; warm buttered toast with thick set honey or gently peat-smoked orange marmalade next to battered sausages and fresh berries with balsamic drizzle and almond cream. The taste came as a surprise; a Sunday roast leg of lamb with parsley, buttered potatoes and surprisingly extra hot horseradish. In time sweeter notes appear; cinder toffee, dark cherries and honey-spiced oranges. With water waxy, oily like a new Barbour jacket or PVC tablecloth, slightly salty and woody – driftwood on the beach and a hot sauna bench. The taste is now maritime, oily and ashy as well as meaty like a cold lamb 'next-day' sandwich flavoured with exotic spices.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: Shiny brass Date distilled: 2-Jun-00

Cask: 1st fill barrel

Age: 13

Strength: 62,1%

Outturn: 220

DK 6 btl

Sing along with Julie Andrews

Cask No. 10.78

DKK 600,-

Maria was gathering up goodies for her weekend. Lime basil perfume and Glacier mints. Salt crust on monkfish and pork on the braai. Pollen and peat smoke, sushi and sea bass. These were a few of her favourite things. Her lover wears an animal pelt coat and engine drivers boots. Pause for water. Lavender fresh laundry, Iced gems and hand cream. Tug boats and ferries and all on the West Coast. Around your tongue curls a gentle sweet smoke...... okay you get the drift, it's an engaging gentle wee Islay number.

Region: Islay

Colour: Full Moon
Cask: Refill hogshead
Age: 6
Outturn: 277
Date distilled: 3-0ct-07
Strength: 61,2%
Outturn: 277

DK 24 btl

Something sweet for a beekeeper

Cask No. 13.46

DKK 600,-

This was the nose of a youthful but well-made dram – big vanilla sponge cake notes, apricot jam, marmalade, Jaffa cakes, toffee bonbons and buttered pancakes – but with other interesting elements woven through – calamine lotion, doormats, emulsion paint and bee smokers (wood, leather, burnt cardboard, wax and honey). On the palate, chilli/mustard heat and tingles softened with water, leaving an uncomplicated but tasty and moreish dram, full of attractive sweet flavours (iced sponge cake, vanilla fudge, brandy snaps, tutti-frutti ice-cream, spiced fruit cake, apricot Danish) and subtle, slightly more earthy touches of leather tobacco pouches. From the coastal distillery at Alness.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: **Translucent straw** Date distilled: **12-May-05**

Cask: Refill barrel Strength: 60,2%

Age: 8 Outturn: 235 DK 12 btl

Strong, Sweet and Salty

Cask No. 17.38

DKK 660,-

An enticing aroma of sweet perfume filled the air as well as crème caramel, fondant fancies, white pineapple gummy bears, fruit jellies and fondant cherries. With all those sweet scents there is an earthy, savoury, herbal note which one can find in a good unaged Rhum Agricole. The taste was strong, salty and sweet like a perfumed briny sea breeze followed by flavours of wine gums, vanilla icing sugar and marshmallows. Water adds the fizziness of Creamola foam or a lollipop dipped in sherbet. In the taste sugared almonds, sweet pears and freshly cut apple slices sprinkled with cinnamon.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: White Burgundy Date distilled: 23-Jan-02

Cask: **Refill barrel** Strength: **56,6%** Age: **12** Outturn: **251**

DK 12 btl

Pomanders in a lady's parlour

Cask No. 26.102

DKK 1000,-

The nose had undeniable sweetness (Edinburgh Rock, glazed fruit tarts in a patisserie and jam-making) but beyond that we found an enigma of teasing aromas, including Barbour jackets, scented candles, basketry, leather, polished wood, shale, sandalwood, fir and freesias. With water we detected more citrus and 'rose creams and pomanders in a refined lady's parlour'. The palate was deliciously sweet and warming with a pleasant waxy mouth-feel; sweet flavours of marzipan petits fours, honey, Danish pastries, fruit fondants and chocolate truffles; but the experience made more complex with lemon, orange zest, leather, cinnamon, clove and aromatic oils. Brora's only working distillery.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: Light amber Date distilled: 13-Dec-84
Cask: Refill butt Strength: 56,0%

Age: 29 Outturn: 416 DK 36 btl

Fresh and lively

Cask No. 26.103

DKK 625,-

The nose started off fresh, lively, even spirity, with grapefruit and lemon – but it trailed a train of attractive aromas – bubble-gum, blueberry muffins, spring flowers, vanilla, fresh linen, sea breezes and lemon meringue pie. Warmer and sweeter with water – we found linseed oil and black pepper, creamy toffee and mandarin Danish pastries. The unreduced palate was hot and zesty with tingling spices and tannins (bitter lemon, curry and liquorice stick); but with marzipan, butterscotch and coconut sweetness. Considerably improved with water, it developed fruit-cake, banana loaf, buttered scones, brandy snaps and apple and cinnamon. This Brora distillery was built in 1968.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: Liquid sunshine Date distilled: 16-Jun-03

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 60,1%

Age: 10 Outturn: 239 **DK 6 btl**

A boiler suit in ballet shoes

Cask No. 27.106

DKK 675,-

The panel instantly loved this big and burly character. We imagined him wearing oily shipyard overalls in a boat with a smoking stove. Black Forest ham and wild boar crackling. To taste - aha! He begins to dance with cherry cola, roast duck with sweet barbeque sauce. With water he jigs to an explosion of dried figs, cherry tomatoes, vanilla coke and cinder toffee. The boilersuit is crusted with sea salt after shucking oysters. The dance slows with licorice, nectarine and lavender. The finish is of toasted almond and cobnut. A braw boy who wears his heart on his sleeve.

Region: Campbeltown

Colour: Pink copper Date distilled: 30-Apr-00
Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 50,0%

Age: 13 Outturn: 294 **DK 12 btl**

Maritime mellifluosity

Cask No. 29.155

DKK 765,-

The nose took us immediately to Islay – peat-smoke in the maltings, seaweed, barbecued fish with fennel and tarragon; sweet Dutch tobacco, syrup sponge pudding and pencil shavings – an agreeable mix. The palate had big, astringent smoke, liquorice, tar, sugar-coated fennel seeds, five-spice roast pork, sushi seaweed and Newhaven fish boxes. In reduction, the nose seemed even more maritime – beach bonfire smoke, rock-pools, tarry ropes, fishing boats and smoke houses, with salty citrus, herbs and syrupy sweetness to balance. The palate suggested blow-torched mackerel and seared scallops, but with lots of sweetness – thumbs up all round. From the 'love-it-or-hate-it' distillery.

Region: Islay

Colour: Blazer button gold Date distilled: 4-Apr-95
Cask: Refill barrel Strength: 59,2%

Age: 18 Outturn: 209

DK 6 btl

Fantastic flower fragrances

Cask No. 35.113

DKK 625,-

The nose had fabulous fruitiness (damsons, dates, sangria, dessert wine, marmalade) and some old wood (library shelves, antique furniture) but the main attraction was the fantastic fracking flare-up of flower fragrances (freesias, old roses, musky incense, expensive perfume). The palate was super-sweet with fine woody spices – sticky toffee pudding, crystallised ginger, caramel hob-nobs, macaroons, rocky road and cinnamon sugar. The reduced nose developed iced gingerbread, heathery hillsides, lavender aromatherapy and Yankee Candle stores. The palate had Cornish vanilla ice-cream, chocolate gingers and violet creams – so tasty, so easy – unbelievable quality for the age. The distillery is named after the county.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Polished mahogany Date distilled: 25-Apr-03

Cask: 1st fill Chenin Blanc hogshead Strength: 51,9%

Age: 10 Outturn: 214 **DK 6 btl**

Sweet banquet in a decorated room

Cask No. 39.89

DKK 855,-

The nose was a banquet of sweet things in a freshly-decorated room – vanilla fudge, toffee Revels, chocolate coated raspberry, crème brûlée, brandy snaps, rum truffles and millionaire's shortbread all competed with wood, paint, lino and varnish. On the palate, fruit (apple, pear), toffee and fudge bars stood up to woody notes of cinnamon stick, tea, quinine, almonds and saunas. The reduced nose turned out apple and rhubarb crumble, banana loaf, gingerbread men and oranges in a canvas kit-bag; tobacco, menthol and eucalyptus later. The palate maintained its balance of sweetness and wood. The distillery, at one time, did not disturb spiders.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: bronze gold Date distilled: 29-0ct-90

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 46,7%

Age: 22 Outturn: 206 DK 12 btl

Sophisticated adult sweetness

Cask No. 39.101

DKK 915,-

Starting somewhere between fruit vinegar and magic balloons the nose quickly redirected itself towards apricots in syrup, mango, guava and orange blossom – before settling into the polished opulence of a country house – figs, dates and incense burners on expensive waxed wooden tables. The neat palate had mouth-drawing exotic fruits, liquorice, aniseed, perfumed wood and Chartreuse in sugary espresso dregs. Water introduced light medicinal and nutty notes to the nose but the star of the show was the reduced palate – sophisticated adult sweetness; fig jam, boozy langue du chat biscuits and honey with teasing tendrils of smoke. Might have a forest connection.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Smoky amber Date distilled: 29-0ct-90

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 46,9%

Age: 23 Outturn: 243 DK 6 btl

Jam Session

Cask No. 50.54

DKK 915,-

Sweet aromas from the word go; treacle toffee, honeycomb, cinnamon swirls, roasted pears with brown sugar and rich dark chocolate macadamia nut cookies. All of these are engulfed in perfume like being in a ladies powder room with fresh cut lilies in the corner. The taste is that of red fruit jam, brown butter cranberry gingerbread cakes, chocolate raisins all mixed together with wood spices and oak tannins. With water it is like an explosion in the kitchen making jam, sweet notes of marzipan and Turkish delight. The taste is now that of millionaire's shortbread, fig rolls and tropical fruit salad.

Region: Lowland

Colour: Golden copper Date distilled: 10-Jul-90
Cask: Refill barrel Strength: 50,0%

Age: 23 Outturn: 104 **NK 12 btl**

Cod wrapped in Parma ham

Cask No. 53.207

DKK 865,-

The smell of sweet peat smoke greeted the Panel; aromas of singed heather and a fresh sea breeze mixing with battered sausages and grilled cod wrapped in Parma ham. In the taste we have moved inside a beach hut sheltering from the rain; lamp oils with sandalwood fragrance are being lit, some are smoking pipes with aromatic tobacco, others cigars. With water the aromas are back outside; the salty sea breeze and over the white embers of the barbeque, glazed honey and mustard sausages as well as king prawns are waiting to be eaten. The taste is now sweet, fried honey bananas, fruit kebabs and grilled pineapple skewers.

Colour: Harvest moon Cask: Refill butt

Date distilled: 13-Jul-93 Strength: **58,7**% Outturn: 572

DK 6 btl

Old bagpipes under a bed in Islay

Cask No. 53.208

DKK 750,-

This evoked very specific memories. Our piper pipped it. Another found fishing tackle and golf bags. Fish boxes and road tar from the Newhaven boy. The nose had a nettle like prickle but also roasted ham and prawns in chilli sauce. Citrus rind on an ashy hearth as the smoke drifted off. The washerwoman found damp wool, lanolin and moth balls. The doctor traced TCP on lint. The taste with water was Iberico ham and served with cornichons on a shell. On the finish they found walnut pesto along with timber shavings and pine needles. Sweet, salty and smoke.

Colour: Moonbeams on water Cask: Refill hogshead

Age: 17

Date distilled: 26-Mar-96

Strength: 57,1% Outturn: 285

DK 6 btl

Viking fire funerals

Cask No. 53.209

DKK 765,-

The nose transported some of us to hospital corridors, while others imagined Viking fire funerals with leather, tarry torches and burning boats; even a beach kitchen on hand to comfort the mourners with smoked salmon, barbecued ribs and bacon rolls. The palate had intense wood smoke, tar, coal-bunkers, ash, cloves and bacon-flavoured crisps; the texture was waxy and mouth-nipping. The reduced nose – just template Islay – sea breezes, gorse, heather mingled with cigar smoke and ash. The palate sweetened nicely – sugar-coated fennel seeds, Liquorice Allsorts, salted caramel and burnt marmalade. Beautiful clean smoke in a glass from the 'Sound of Islay'.

Colour: Pale barley gold

Cask: Refill hogshead Age: 18

Date distilled: 24-Aug-95

Strength: 53.2% Outturn: 225

DK 6 btl

In the Spanish mountains

Cask No. 123.8

DKK 660.-

From the nose, we conjured an image of Spanish mountain villages - horses, haywains, orchards, citrus groves, rose gardens, sunshine on rosemary and rustic farm-labourers whittling wood. We also found plentiful sweetness in plum jam, juicy raisins, chocolate, toffee, marshmallows and fig rolls. Water brought out raspberry notes and Sangria. The palate was fruity, winey and tasty, with various jams, dried figs, vanilla sponge, Soreen and granola, but spicy notes of ginger, clove and chilli tweaked our tongues. Water sweetened it further resolving those tweaks into tingles -cranachan, jam tarts, Pavlova and posh Pimms. The distillery is near the West Highland Way.

Region: Highland Southern

Colour: Deep rose gold Date distilled: 30-Apr-01

Cask: Refill Port Pipe Strength: **59,2**%

Age: 12 Outturn: 743 nk 24 btl

CASUAL DAYS





