

BLACKER STILL 1986 - OLFACTORY OVERDRIVE.

AN OLD ISLAY DISTILLER'S BELIEF SAID THAT 'THE BLACKER THE STILL, THE BETTER THE WHISKY'. NOT TOO LONG AGO ALL STILLS ON ISLAY WERE DIRECT-FIRED - COAL FIRES BURNED UNDER EACH STILL. DUE TO THIS THE COPPER STILLS BECAME BLACKER WITH AGE.

CHARACTER

VISCOUS, WARM, RICH AND RESPONSIVE. A SPIRITUAL PLEASURE IN ITS PRIME WITH THE GENIAL, HEART-WARMING, UNIQUE MARRIAGE OF ISLAY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN.

COLOUR

DUSKY, VINTAGE SWEET SHERRY.

NOSE

THE FIRST WAVE OF AROMATICS IS ONE OF MIXED FRUITS, SWEET SULTANAS, PRUNE, RIPE PLUMS AND RAISINS ALL SPRINKLED WITH DEMERARA SUGAR. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY THE CLASSIC TROPICAL FRUIT NOTES WHICH ARE THE BRUICHLADDICH HOUSE STYLE. THEY INTERMINGLE SUPERBLY, SUPPORTED BY NUTMEG AND TOASTED WALNUTS, THEN A DASH OF BRINE FLOATS BY. THE AMBROSIAL AROMAS ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY STRONG AND ELEGANT; THEY RISE SLOWLY LIKE THE INCOMING TIDE TO REVEAL THE SWEETNESS OF THE UNPEATED MALT - BISCUITY AND CRISP - LEANING TOWARDS VANILLA WITH A TWIST OF MELLOW OAK AND ALMOND.

PALATE

THE PALATE PRESENCE IS ONE OF CONCENTRATED, UNDERSTATED POWER AND FINESSE THAT ALLOWS THE FLAVOURS TO EMERGE SLOWLY. THE SHERRY/PORT NOTES CONCEDE TO THE PURITY OF THE MALT, AND SEEM HAPPY TO SUPPORT, RATHER THAN DOMINATE, BRINGING HARMONY TO THE GLASS. ON THE BACK PALATE, A NUTTY SHERRY/TOFFEE FLAVOUR BRINGS CLOSURE AND CONTENTMENT.

RARE OLOROSO SHERRY BUTT MATURATION

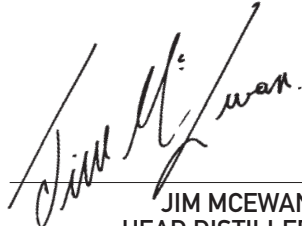


FINISH

A SATINY AFTERTASTE THAT SEEMINGLY GOES ON FOREVER, CULMINATING ON THE MELLOWNESS OF THE OAK. ABSOLUTE DECADENCE

MOOD

LATE NIGHT MISCHIEF.


JIM MCEWAN
HEAD DISTILLER

BRUICHLADDICH

PROGRESSIVE HEBRIDEAN DISTILLERS