

Classic Selection

Caol Ila 2015

"Virgin Oak Finish - 100 U.K. Proof"



Every bottling has a different story, every time the whisky matures in a different way. This time, the influence of a 9 months finish in very active Virgin Oak casks resulted in something different: no buttery, creamy, smooth notes that mask the peat... but on contrary, a very robust aromatic backbone that amplifies the Islay character! At the nose, the medicinal notes of iodine are spaner than ever: bold, rustic, tarry, earthy. There's a slightly sour note of balsamic vinegar, and of a touch of old oak. It almost smells winey, even if it was not matured in wine casks. At the palate it's powerful and stormy: a blast of black pepper, peat, liquorice root and pinewood bonfires. No evident sweetness: the tannins work together with the peat to turn the smokiness to eleven! A brawny, loud and undisciplined Islay malt!



CODE W&M475 Cask type Refill Hogshead

Distilled 2015 Finish 1st fill Virgin Oak Hogshead

Bottled **2023** N° **#314287-92**

Strength 57,1% Outturn 1876



