

Classic Selection

Caol Ila 12yo "30th Anniversary"

The best choice of casks goes into the bottlings for our 30th Anniversary, and this Islay malt makes no exception. Made particularly smooth, full bodied and flavourful by a finish of 28 months in first fill Bourbon hogsheads, it's an intense and juicy expression from this distillery. At the nose it's initially a bit quiet, as if the creamy richness of the oak has muted the peat a bit: there is a pleasantly sweet and dark character, with a background of tarriness. But just add a bit of water, and proceed to the first sip: the unmistakeable peaty profile is there to envelope your tastebuds. Smoke, tar and ashes are ready to strike, on a backbone on chewy sweet maltiness, vanilla and oak tannins. It's a young and vibrant peated malt, but with a lot of muscular character too. Towards the end, the oaky influence, leathery and deep, becomes even more evident.





