

Classic Selection

Caol Ila 2013

"Virgin Oak Finish - Private
Cask"



The darker, juicier, more muscular side of Islay, thanks to a finish of 12 months in our special American virgin oak barrels. Virgin oak means that the wood has a deeper influence on the whisky: on its deeper amber colour, and most importantly on its taste. The tannins from the barrel initially tend to mask the peat: the nose is not immediately smoky, but it's deep, brooding. It has a very balsamic quality, of old furniture and damp forests, earthy and leafy, with a touch of resin. It's just a slow burner at the palate: the oaky and buttery quality imparted by virgin oak gives it robustness and smoothness at the same time, but when - after a few seconds - the peat explodes... then it's unmistakably Islay. Very ashy, with fireplace and bonfire smoke, but also very tarry and with notes of black liquorice and brown bread, and a final herbal touch. A different kind of Islay malt!



CODE	W&M486	Cask type	Refill Hogshead
Distilled	2013	Finish	1st fill Virgin Oak Hogshead
Bottled	2023	N°	#306687
Strength	48,0%	Outturn	364
		Exclusive for	Mac Y

