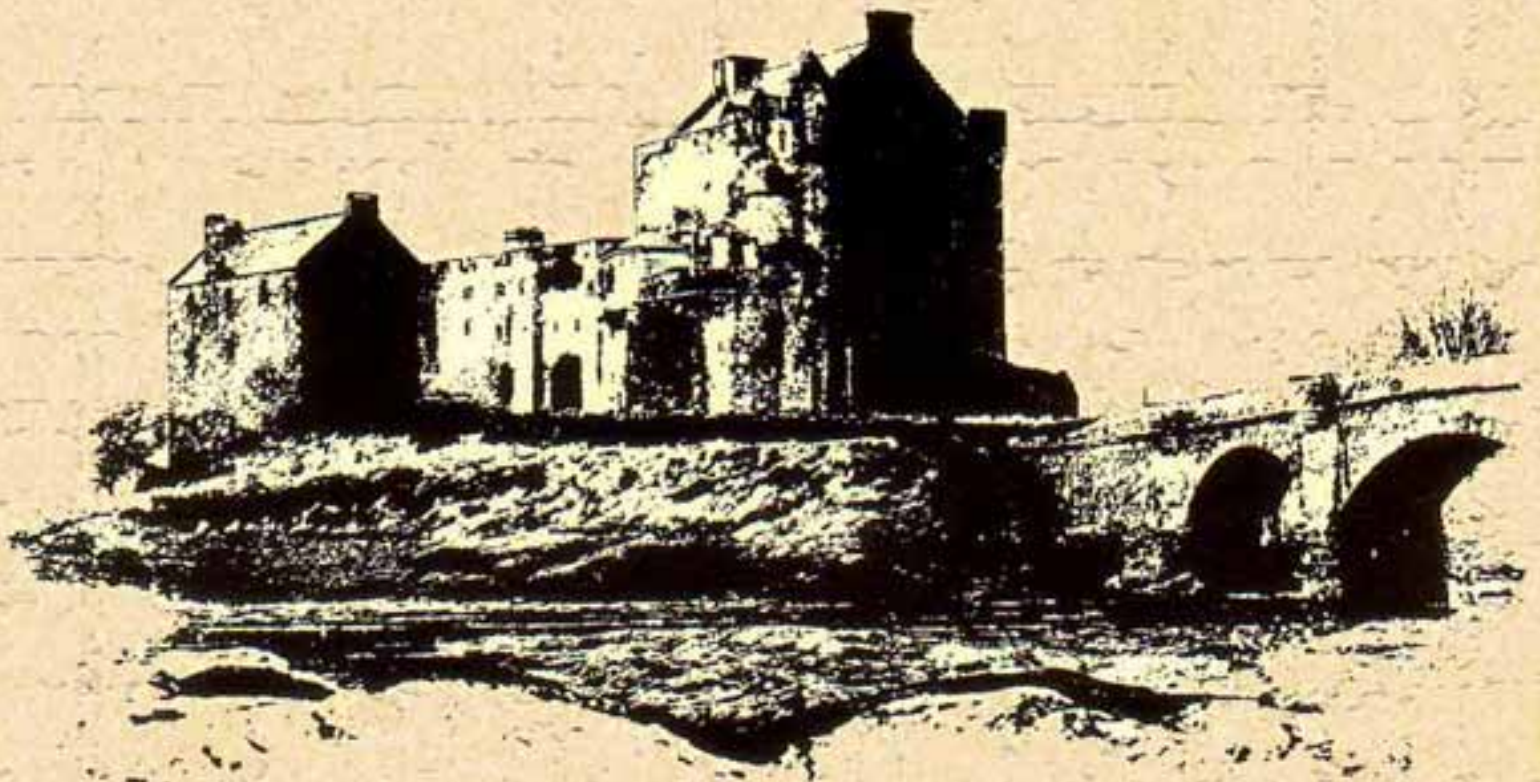


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Benriach 1986

Age: 19 years	ABV: 54,7 %
Distilled: 1986	Outtake : 297
Bottled: 2006	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: Benriach Distillery – exclusively for The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Nose is ripe apples & pears, yellow/green fruits. Similar flavours appear on the palate and the whisky gets quite complex developping peach, quince jelly and sweet/sour-notes. The finish is rather sweet, fruity (again) and with a very light & decent track of smokiness. The Whisky opens up with a dash of water added and is one of the kind that gets better as you drink it.

Statistics: 88/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 88 €



Bunnahabhain 1977

Age: 29 years	ABV: 45,1 %
Distilled: December 1977	Outturn: 108
Bottled: April 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: A rather complex nose that offers ginger, herbal sweets, dried fruits. On the palate this changes into white nougat (turkish style) with roasted nuts & gingerbread-spices. An "easy drinking" light to medium bodied malt with a sweet-sour finish that gets better the more you drink it.

Price: 109 €



Bunnahabhain 1977 (Artist Edition)

Age: 30 years	ABV: 43 %
Distilled: 1977	Outtake: -
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: A spicy nose with notes of malt, salt, well rounded wood and damp granite. In the mouth there is enough sweetness to stop the whisky from being dry. Spicy, nutty notes with vanilla. Very long and full-bodied for its 43%. The aftertaste adds some sweet smoke.

Price: 90 €



Bruichladdich 1990

Age: 17 years	ABV: 57,9 %
Distilled: May 1990	Outturn: 90
Bottled: June 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: One of our shortest tasting notes and surprisingly unanimous: "liquid melon cream cake (gateau)", highly drinkable, with or without water. Amazingly full-bodied, by the way

Price: 69 €



Caol Ila 1984

Age: 22 years	ABV: 59 %
Distilled: December 1984	Outturn: 261
Bottled: May 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Iodine, flintstone and cold smoke are the main characteristics of this bottling - both on the nose and the palate. Sometimes a slight metallic taste can be detected, particularly in direct comparison with our sherry matured counterpart of the same year. An interesting challenge indeed, for both whiskies are totally different. The iodine sweetness of the ex-bourbon Caol Ila shows its potential when it successfully "fights" the smokiness. This one's a good example of the usually high standard of Caol Ila whisky. One member said it tastes like "smoked ham candy" - if that existed...

Price: 99 €



Cognac Grande Champagne

Cuvée The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: This Cognac made from 100% Grand Cru regions is a typical, well-matured Cognac with floral sweetness and with every refinement. As there is no term that describes it more adequately connoisseurs often refer to this complex impression/phenomenon as "refinement". It comes luckily without any perfume or soapy flavours that were common for older Cognac bottlings in the past. Full-bodied, soft & silky with a long-lingering finish. Extremely well drinkable spirit that is likely to find friends in the whisky community as well. That's why we're glad to be able to present this particular bottling.

Price: 95 €



Connemara 1992

Age: 15 years	ABV: 50,5 %
Distilled: August 1992	Outtake: -
Bottled: September 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Barrel
Region: Ireland	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Ink, antiseptic, soot and glue. After a short while all these aromas combine to a well balanced impression of a medical peatiness, but non Islay-style. The whole is supported by fruits and vanilla. Then there are almonds and warm butter with smoked bacon. In the mouth the peach-like fruitiness is more present than one might expect considering that heavy nose. Water adds more fruitiness and sweetness.

Statistics: 89/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)

Price: 81 €



Cooley 1992

Age: 15 years	ABV: 56,4 %
Distilled: 1992	Outturn: 312
Bottled: August 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Barrel
Region: Ireland	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The first impressions are mirabelle, glue, peach and chocolate filled with orange-syrup. Then the sweetness turns into something like marshmallow and caramel-toffee. In the mouth you get peach, pears und some caramel. Water brings a short whiff like old books but changes again to that nice combination of peaches, glue and a hint of toasted bread. Fills the mouth with a full and long taste.

Statistics: 90/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)

Price: 76 €



Glencadam 1974

Age: 32 years	ABV: 57,3 %
Distilled: December 1974	Outturn: 355
Bottled: March 2007	Cask Type: Sherry Butt
Region: Highland	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Dry Sherry on the nose, a hint of chocolate candy and roasted nuts. Fully flavoured and pleasantly sharp with sugary dried fruits, ginger and asian spices (sweet-sour seasoning). Reminds you of the characteristic strawberry notes which are said to be found in older expressions of Glencadam whisky. It`s ideal for adding some amounts of water, it then changes its profile quite frequently when water`s added and after some time in the glass. Without water quite hot but mouth-coating

Statistics: 85/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
89/100 points at www.maltmadness.com

Price: 139 €



Glenglassaugh 1978

Age: 27 years	ABV: 56,8 %
Distilled: December 1978	Outturn: 211
Bottled: September 2006	Cask Type: Sherry Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair – Artist Edition

Tasting Notes: This Glenglassaugh is rather typical. Discreetly integrated sherry, delicious medium-bodied with a finish of alcohol filled chocolate. Unlike with its sister casks, here the sherry is not predominant but rather makes it full-bodied. A malt for the evening by the fire-place, nice for sipping and ideally enjoyed with a cigar.

Statistics:
85/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)
84/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
85/100 Points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008

Price: 114 €



Highland Park 1988

Age: 19 years	ABV: 55,7%
Distilled: 1988	Outtake: 309
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Cask
Region: Orkney	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The Highland Park at cask strength doesn't show its full secrets until he had some time and after adding some water. Peaty smoke and honeydew melon, plums and mash tun, lemon and heather. A complex whisky which opens up slowly but is then very convincing.

Statistics: 90/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 69 €



Highland Park 1988 (Artist Edition)

Age: 19 years	ABV: 46%
Distilled: 1988	Outtake: -
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Orkney	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Notes of ripe and young whisky are very close together in this sample. Tart, somewhat harsh impressions alternate with fresh and light ones. Some peaty smoke with sweet peaks on the tongue. Lasts long in the mouth with vanilla, moist heather, honey and freshly turned soil. Very complex for its 46 %.

Price: 59 €



Karuizawa 1988

Age: 19 years	ABV: 60,6%
Distilled: 1988	Outturn: 462
Bottled: Juni 2007	Cask Type: Sherry Wood
Region: Japan	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Pleasant winy smell like good sherry (not the rubbery and sulphury ones). Sweet, full-bodied, old Cognac with peaty heather. In the mouth cold smoke with sweet, ripe apple with lots of already brown spots. With water the heavy sweetness tends towards Hoisin-sauce, strong milky coffee with brown sugar or cough syrup. Also you get some nice woody notes. The aftertaste is full-bodied and very very long. Take your time with this whisky. Its full beauty will only reveal itself to the patient ones.

Price: 117 €



Karuizawa 1988

Age: 19 years	ABV: 58,3%
Distilled: 1988	Outtake: 480
Bottled: Juni 2007	Cask Type: Refill Sherry
Region: Japan	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: A sweet nose, cough syrup, gingerbread followed by an appetizing sourness. Lots of body in the nose. Ripe, wine like notes like sweet sherry. In the mouth „Werthers Echte“ caramel toffee combined with soot, salt and gingerbread. All this is carried by its very well combined 58,3% alcohol. With water the whisky opens up. There is more sweetness and animal notes such as stable and leather. At the end smoke and sweetness stay in every part the mouth

Price: 117 €



Laphroaig 1988

Age: 9 years	ABV: 56,7%
Distilled: 1988	Outtake: -
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Refill sherry butt
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: On the nose this one starts creamy, with dry smoke, flintstones, sea weed & iodine. The taste is first quite fruity (yellow plums) and floral(lavender)but then the powerful smoky flavours take over without compromise steadily accompanied by a certain creaminess (sour cream!). The finish is rather long, lingering, getting more and more harmonic. The aftertaste that remains has been described as "like rusty metal plates" by one panel member – a powerful, edgy but never boring Islay Malt we were happy to share with our friends from The Nectar, Belgium.

Statistics: 89/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 55 €



Longmorn 1976

Age: 31 years	ABV: 54,1 %
Distilled: May 1976	Outturn: 131
Bottled: June 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Typical nose of a mature whisky - ripe fruits, quince jelly, (artificial) sweetness, lemon/orange zest. Similar taste with compact body, now going to vanilla sweetness, nutmeg, combined with a (rather difficult to determine) fruit profile. It's definitely not the exotic/grapefruit aroma that can be found in older vintages of Longmorn. Our panel members did not manage to point out a reasonable association and so this ended up in rather weird suggestions such as "Ginger Ale Whisky" or "Red Bull concentrate"....

Statistics: 92/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
 87/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008
 90/100 points at www.maltmadness.com

Price: 155 €



Tobermory Ledaig 1973

Age: 33 years	ABV: 48 %
Distilled: June 1973	Outturn: 281
Bottled: December 2006	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Isle of Mull	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Nose is decent smokiness mixed with plum jam. On the palate it is rather complex with white pepper, cardamom, essential oils, cardboard, smoke (again) and even a delicate hint of iodine. One taster felt like being reminded of a “wet pebble beach”. The smoke gets more present after a while, not the heavy/tary kind of smoke actually but rather some cold smokiness remaining from burnt papers. Due to the rather low abv it`s recommended to take a bigger sip/measure – the more you drink it, the more it sticks to your palate. Very interesting flavour profile in fact!

Statistics:

89/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)

90/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 159 €



Macallan 1993 (Artist Edition)

Age: 14 years	ABV: 50 %
Distilled: 1993	Outtake: -
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Sherry Wood
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The nose of a good fruit liquor with nut chocolate, some citrus aroma you use for baking. Despite the whisky’s youth the impact of the alcohol is very moderate and well rounded. In the background there is sherry. It adds sweetness and body to the whisky. At the end there are pears and black pepper.

Price: 45 €



Port Ellen 1982

Age: 24 years	ABV: 59,6 %
Distilled: Oktober 1982	Outturn: 509
Bottled: May 2007	Cask Type: Sherry Butt
Region: Islay	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: On the nose, there`s bacon, smoked ham, tar as well as some raisiny aroma combined with green & yellow fruits (apples, pears?). The palate is intense & oily with well-integrated sherry-flavours, smoke and tar (again), followed by a "medicinal", sticky sweetness. Due to the maturation in an ex-sherry cask this whisky is rather different from our previous bottlings of Port Ellen, but nevertheless on a pleasantly high drinking level. A pity that this distillery was closed in 1983 and so the numerous young & concentrated spirits of the old days will never return. Fortunately, the quality of some casks increase with age, adding depth & complexity. This one appears to be one of this kind.

Statistics: 91/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
94/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008

Price: 155 €



The Speyside 1991

Age: 15 years	ABV: 53,7 %
Distilled: June 1991	Outturn: 190
Bottled : March 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Speyside Distillery – exclusively for The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The nose offers an unusual mix of roasted flavours (nuts, coffeee?), malt & caramel. On the palate there`s a malty sweetness (from cereals) dominating with the roasted notes getting less present. A rather simple whisky that reminded us of liquid shortbread, one panel member guessed that was how a malt must taste like with a teaspoon of "Ovomaltine" added....

Price: 49 €



Speyside Single Malt 1971

Age: 35 years	ABV: 51,4 %
Distilled: January 1971	Outturn: 534
Bottled: September 2006	Cask Type: Oloroso Sherry Butt
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Heavy Oloroso Sherry already on the nose. The palate is then very much the same, offering a dense & creamy body with a mix of resins and dried fruits. The finish is long lingering, sweet & mouth-coating. With a dash of water added the whisky becomes more complex and harmonic without losing the intensity. A liquid dessert and by the way, a quite characteristic example for sherry wood matured malts from this well-known Speyside distillery.

Statistics: 91/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
 91/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)
 87/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008

Gold medal winner Malt Maniac Awards 2006 www.maltmaniacs.com

Price: 133 €



Speyside Single Malt 1966

Age: 40 years	ABV: 52,4 %
Distilled: 1966	Outturn: 150
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Oloroso Sherry Wood
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: There`s typical Oloroso-style sherry on the nose: dense structure, sweet liqueurs, old leather, dark chocolate. On the palate raisins come up, maybe some kind of dark fruits that have been put in alcohol for some time, even hints of burnt matches on the finish. Though greatly influenced by the sherry (and) wood, it`s a round, creamy, mature malt - if you`d ever run out of a very old Cognac this one would be an ideal substitute.

Statistics: 91/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)
 95/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008
 89/100 points at www.maltmadness.com

Price: 189 €



Speyside Single Malt 1965

Age: 41 years	ABV: 53,5 %
Distilled: 1965	Outturn: 150
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Sherry Wood
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: More nervous on the nose compared to the 1966 distillation. Clearly less sherry-dominated! On the palate we all found it close to perfection, even with a hint of smoke, pipe tobacco, all with a delicate sherry-sweetness in the background. Very complex, sweet & heavy with a long-lingering finish, amazingly enough without over-intensive wood impact. An extremely drinkable allrounder that reveals the character of this famous distillery`s make - a liquid/bottled document.

Statistics: 92/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)
 85/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008
 92/100 points at www.maltmadness.com

Price: 189 €



Springbank 1971

Age : 35 years	ABV: 59 %
Distilled : April 1971	Outturn : 239
Bottled : January 2007	Cask Type : Sherry Wood
Region: Campbeltown	Bottled by : The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: On the nose it reminded us of coconut ice with cream. On the palate follow sweet fruit flavours and a touch of ginger. A typically full-bodied, creamy old style Springbank that doesn`t get weaker or woody with some drops of water added. One member of the tasting panel felt reminded of "Crème Brulée" as well. Very hard to detect that this one comes from a refill sherry cask in fact.

Statistics: 96/100 points Jim Murray`s Whisky Bible 2008
 93/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 225 €



Springbank 1968

Age: 37 years	ABV: 47,5 %
Distilled: March 1968	Outturn: 216
Bottled: June 2005	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Campbeltown	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Fully golden, this whisky starts very complex with a mixture of metal, flint stone, a slight earthiness and a fruity combination of candied orange skin and a hint of wild strawberry. As expected from the nose it has a very complex palate. This whisky changes from one sip to the next one. Once the fruity components dominate, the next time a dry buttery note with vanilla, lecithin and bitter chocolate is more present. It dries with a dry, woody saltiness, before it turns to a pleasantly creamy, later dry finish. Compared to our Springbank 1969 bottling a completely different whisky.

Statistics: 90/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 194 €



Talimburg 1986

Age: 20 years	ABV: 43,8%
Distilled: May 1986	Outturn: 240
Bottled: June 2006	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islands/Skye	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair – Artist Edition

Tasting Notes: A rather typical Talisker of the mid 80ies. Not as peppery as earlier vintages may have been, but with smoke, ginger, lemon grass and hay instead. Well drinkable due its low alcohol content but still far from being weak. It offers all its flavours at once, the finish being medium long and complex. Highly drinkable coastal styled make described as "Smoky Ginger Ale" by one member of our tasting panel.

Statistics: 90/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 89 €



Tomatin 1984 (48,1%)

Age: 22 years	ABV: 48,1 %
Distilled: 1984	Outtake: 211
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The first impression you get is that of ripe and sweet fruits with some wood glue in the nose. Then there are overripe nectarines and at the end the sour notes of gooseberry combined with hints of smoke and wood. In the mouth you'll also find vanilla sugar. Altogether it reminds us of "Rumtopf" (a mixture of rum, sugar an fruits) with vanilla cream. Water adds caramel toffee but takes away some of the fruitiness.

Price: 84 €



Tomatin 1984 (48,9%)

Age: 22 years	ABV: 48,9 %
Distilled: 1984	Outtake: -
Bottled: 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: The nose is a bit more lean and subtle than his brother's with 48,1%. Rather like ripe pears, not this full in its sweetness but very elegant with mineral notes. In the mouth the aroma of citrus is added to the pears, then a surprising red note like cassis. Water increases the sweetness but also takes away some fruitiness.

Price: 84 €



Tomatin 1977

Age: 30 years	ABV: 48,6 %
Distilled: February 1977	Outturn: 223
Bottled: February 2007	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: This one`s rather reserved on the first nosing. But the taste is much more impressing: exotic fruits (grapefruit, candied lemon & orange peel, passion fruit) but in a nicely light way, almost like to be found in some irish whiskies. There`s also a sugary sweetness in the background as well as an adequately austere impact from the wood. A very drinkable overall mixture of fruitiness, sweetness & austerity - the entire panel took a second dram of this malt.

Statistics: 88/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 109 €



Tomintoul 1966

Age: 40 years	ABV: 45,2 %
Distilled: Oktober 1966	Outturn: 139
Bottled: November 2006	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Speyside	Bottled by: The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: Nose starts with a kind of fruit-mix that goes on on the palate: orange & quince jelly, small yellow plums, fermented pears. There`s also a sweet/sour wood impact with hints of dried herbs & flowers, ginger, caramel. Definitely opens up with a dash of water added (even at the rather low strength of 45.2%) and then gets more complex and aromatic. One taster felt like being reminded of bittersweet fruit jam.

Statistics : 90/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)
85/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 149 €



Vanilla Sky 1992

Age: 14 years	ABV: 53 %
Distilled: November 1992	Outturn: 297
Bottled: December 2006	Cask Type: Bourbon Hogshead
Region: Islay South Shore	Bottled by The Whisky Fair

Tasting Notes: A very typical bourbon matured South Shore Islay Dram. There is initially a mix of vanilla, tar, smoke, cold ashes and a hint of iodine. On the palate it gets rather complex with hints of nori-leaves, burning matches, sweet/sour flavours as well as the characteristic smoke & tar joining in. The aftertaste is very long and gives you a mouthful of Islay Whisky aromas even after some minutes but take care, this malt `takes no prisoners` according to the words of one panel member. A heavy, sweet, intense and slightly aggressive peat monster.

Statistics: 87/100 points at www.lindores.be (Belgium)
89/100 points at www.whiskyfun.com (France)

Price: 74 €

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