

# A Journey Through Flavour with Whisky & Seafood

SMWS Aberdeen at The Silver Darling

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THE SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY

## FIFE PEATY POTION

Small Batch Single Malt

### Batch 32

Hailing from a forward thinking and truly modern Fife distillery, this unique small batch single malt is a delicious peaty potion. We elected to blend two styles of single malt produced there, one unpeated and the other heavily peated. We married the resulting blend in first fill PX and oloroso sherry butts for around 18 months before bottling at a lovely point in the maturation where oranges, raisins and fragrant smoke meet. The neat nose was wonderfully vibrant, full of medicinal tinctures, smouldering heather, zinc oxide and lanolin cream, new leather upholstery, peat embers in a hearth and, underlying all that, some comforting tarry notes and suggestions of a mechanic's tool box. Reduction brought orange oils, camphor, dunnage mustiness, smoked toffee, plums baked with treacle and then big, spicy, marmalade vibes. The neat palate was a medley of dark and red fruits, muddled together with wood smoke, dark-grained breads, liquorice root, herbal extracts and chip shop brown sauce. Water evolved the bitterness of expensive dark chocolate, added more dried herbal notes and brought a tangy carbolic edge, with peppery warmth and flaming oranges in the finish.



CASK TYPES	1st fill Oloroso & PX butts
AGE	7 years
DATE	05/06/2017
OUTTURN	1 of only 1 492 bottles
ABV	50.00%
PRICE	£45.00

## HARBOURSIDE HOOPLA

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 93.207

The nose was a colourful collage of sea salt, dried kelp and pecorino romano; wasabi, rosemary and Assam tea; chamois leather, teak oil, pipe tobacco and toasted marshmallows – endlessly entertaining. The palate transported us to Campbeltown harbour, watching hessian sacks of grain being unloaded from an old paddle steamer, while we chewed tobacco, dried apple rings, fresh crab or smoked salmon, according to our preferences. Adding water brought a canvas-rigged sailing ship into the harbour; mariners in waxed jackets gave us peaches and orange blossom honey. The palate now had salted roast almonds and tannic notes of oak, hazelnut shells and old tea pots.



REGION	Campbeltown
CASK TYPE	2nd fill Bourbon Barrel
AGE	32 years
DATE	1 October 1991
OUTTURN	1 of only 139 bottles
ABV	52%
PRICE	£750.00 - £500.00*

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## RED WINE AND BRINE IN THE OLD COAL MINE

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 4.395

Sand and seashells crunched beneath our feet as we stepped into the darkness. Wafts of heather smoke billowed from deep below, bringing aromas of grilled pork chops, oregano and samphire sautéed in salted butter. Venturing deeper we uncovered cherries being washed along in a stream of pinot noir wine. Our faces were blackened with cocoa powder and coal dust. A dash of water released walnuts infused in rich sherry, and scatterings of orange peel on smoked salmon canapés. Our mouths were coated with a sticky mix of chimney soot and honey by the time we discovered smoked bacon, glazed sausages and praline-filled barnacle shells. At 19 years of age, we combined selected casks from the same distillery. We then returned the single malt into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads (19 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Oloroso ex-Bodega Butt
AGE	25 years
DATE	09/06/1999
OUTTURN	1 of only 629 bottles
ABV	50.4%
PRICE	<del>£ 325.00</del> £ 250.00*

## FATBERG AHEAD!

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 23.81

An immediately robust and distillate-forward example of this Islay make, one which gives the lie to the idea that it is a 'gentle' malt. The nose was brimming with wet gravel, plaster and fat slabs of halloumi grilling on a barbecue. We gathered impressions of mechanics' overalls, tug boats, cheese curds and a farmyard, plus burning heather and old wooden malt bins. Reduction brought out wet grains and buttered toast, dried nettles, lemon thyme, cuttlefish and scallop ceviche with tangy citrus juices. The palate was wonderfully oily and satisfyingly rich, delivering big notes of hessian, freshly kilned malt, hay bales and kippers with barbecue sauce, with a lovely saline and mineral character. Adding water teased out more playful notes: lemon bonbons, hazelnut oil, lapsang souchong tea leaf, waxed jackets and horse saddles, yet it remained superbly oily and fat in the long and coastal finish.



REGION	Islay
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon Barrel
AGE	15 years
DATE	08/05/2008
OUTTURN	1 of only 234 bottles
ABV	59.7%
PRICE	<del>£ 175.00</del> £125.00*



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