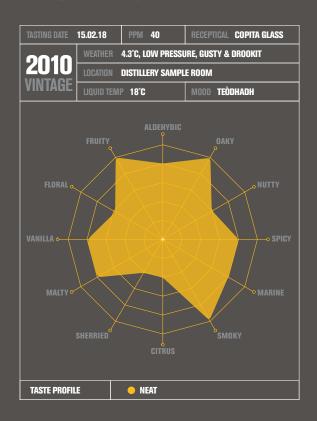
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INITIALLY YOU ARE MET WITH A
SUMMER FRUIT AND PEAT SMOKE
EXTRAVAGANZA! RASPBERRY
AND CHERRY, WITH TURKISH
DELIGHT AND SMOKY DRIFTWOOD
EMBERS BURST FROM THE GLASS
JOSTLING FOR ATTENTION. THERE
IS A DISTINCTLY SUMMER FEEL TO
THIS DRAM, NO BROODING PEAT
MONSTER IT HAS A LIGHT, BRIGHT
AND FRUITY AIR. AS THE WHISKY
OPENS YOU FIND THE ISLAY SEA
BREEZE, OZONE AND SALTY. THE
OAK, BOTH AMERICAN AND FRENCH
GIVE REAL DEPTH TO THE DRAM,
CLASSIC VANILLA, TOASTED BREAD,
CHOCOLATE, ROASTED COFFEE
BEANS, LIQUORICE WALNUT AND
ALMOND. EACH TIME YOU GO BACK
TO THE GLASS THERE SEEMS TO BE
A BUBBLE OF RED BERRY AND RIPE
PLUM BURSTING UNDER YOUR NOSE.

PALATE

CERTAINLY WARMING AT 59.2%,
LIVELY AND SWEET WITH ICING
SUGAR AND MARSHMALLOW,
BOUND IN SMOKE. THERE IS A RUSH
TO CAPTURE ALL THAT IS TAKING
PLACE. SWEET RED FRUIT AND PEAT
SMOKE MELT AWAY SLIGHTLY AS
THE POWER OF THE OAK COMES
THROUGH WITH TOBACCO LEAF AND
TOASTED OAK. MAPLE SYRUP, PECAN
AND COFFEE ARE COMPLIMENTED
BY HINTS OF ORANGE AND COOKED
PEACH. THERE IS A COMPLEXITY
HERE THAT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE
ON THE FIRST SIP. AS YOU GO BACK
TO THE GLASS THAT INITIAL RUSH
OF FLAVOUR HAS BECOME A MORE
COMPLETE EXPERIENCE. NOW THERE
IS SALT SPRAY, DRY SMOKE AND
THE OAK IS MORE PROMINENT,
RASPBERRY AND PLUM COMBINE
WITH VANILLA AND BUTTERSCOTCH.

FINISH

ON THE FINISH THE PEAT SMOKE IS A LITTLE MORE MEDICINAL THAN NORMAL, THINK BANDAGES AND CREOSOTE. A DRYNESS FROM THE OAK TELLS OF THE TOASTING OF THE FRENCH AND THE CHAR OF THE AMERICAN AND THE FINAL COMBINATION IN PERMIUM FRENCH OAK TOGETHER. THE INFLUENCE OF THE EXTRA MATURATION IN SUMPTUOUS FIRST GROWTH CASKS HAS ADDED A LAYER OF FRUIT THAT WEAVES ITS WAY THROUGH THE SMOKE AND INTO THE HEART OF THE WHISKY. THE SPIRIT IS VISCOUS AND TEXTURED ALLOWING A LONG FINISH WHERE CREAMY VANILLA, SPICY CLOVE AND RIPE PEACH MELT AWAY FROM THE POWERFUL PEAT SMOKE ALLOWING IT TO FINISH ALONE, LEAVING THE PORT CHARLOTTE DNA FIRMLY IN PLACE.

CHARACTER

LIVELY, SUNNY, ROSY, A WONDERFUL Experience and Superb Combination of Fruit Laden French Oak, Strong Peat Smoke And Islay Maturation.

