



THE LAST VATTED MALT

Limited Edition

Vatted Malt Scotch Whisky

This is a valedictory farewell to the *Vatted Malt*, one delivered with honour and pride. At midnight on November 22nd, 2011, an era ends. After that point, it will be illegal for whiskymakers to use the term *Vatted Malt* to label a Scotch whisky made from the combination of two or more single malts.

From 23rd November 2011, this style of whisky will by law have to be labelled as a Blended Malt Scotch Whisky. To mark the occasion, *Compass Box* have created a limited edition bottling, *The Last Vatted Malt*, made from a marriage of fine, old single malt whiskies from Islay and Speyside distilleries.

Availability

One-off, limited release of 1,323 bottles.
Bottled in November 2011.

Flavour Descriptors

With intense aromas and flavours of dried fruits and maltiness underscored by a subtle sweet smokiness, all robed in the revealing signs of whiskies of antiquity.

Recommendations

Sipped neat or with the addition of water, to taste.

Distillery Sourcing

Single malt Scotch whiskies from distilleries located in the village of Aberlour in Speyside and in the village of Port Askaig on Islay.

Wood

22% first-fill Sherry Butt, 78% American Oak Hogsheads.

Bottling Details

Bottled at 53.7%. Not chill filtered.
Natural colour.

An Homage to the Vatted Malt

We have been talking about this impending date for some time with our good friend Sukhinder Singh. Together we have decided to create a whisky to send off *Vatted Malts* in style, as an homage to this classic and very Scottish piece of the whiskymaker's lexicon that is sadly being laid to rest. *The Last Vatted Malt* is a testament to the high merit of blending single malts—to create a whisky flavour profile that no single distillery can produce.

This whisky combines intense aromas and flavours of dried fruits and maltiness underscored by a subtle, sweet smokiness, all robed in the revealing signs of whiskies of antiquity. It is composed of two single malts: approximately 22% of the recipe is whisky distilled at the younger of the two distilleries in the village of Aberlour in 1974 (36 years-old), aged in a first fill sherry butt. The balance is from the famed distillery in the village of Port Askaig on Islay, made in 1984 (26 years-old), aged in American oak hogsheads.

To the *Vatted Malt*! We bid you adieu.

John Glaser, Whiskymaker