



# 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