

IN HOMAGE TO THE EXCEPTIONAL SINGLE MALT PRODUCED IN THE ISLAY VILLAGE OF PORT CHARLOTTE UNTIL 1929, THIS FIRST LIMITED RELEASE - THE VISION OF MASTER DISTILLER, JIM MCEWAN - WAS DISTILLED IN:

2001.

# PORT CHARLOTTE

## EVOLUTION

# PC5

## CASK STRENGTH

### ISLAY SINGLE MALT

*Jim McEwan*

#### JIM MCEWAN'S TASTING NOTES:

**CASK TYPE:** BOURBON AND SHERRY.

**COLOUR:** SUNSHINE ON WARM COPPER.

**BODY:** MEDIUM WEIGHT, ALIVE, MUSCULAR, POWER-PACKED. NO EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION REQUIRED, IT'S 100% GALE FORCE ISLAY. A REDISCOVERY OF HAND-MADE SINGLE MALT - THE WAY IT USED TO BE. THE WAITING IS OVER!

**NOSE:** LIKE A THUNDERSTORM, THE AROMAS BURST FROM THE GLASS LIKE SOME KIND OF HEBRIDEAN FIRECRACKER - EXPLODING WITH PEAT, BRACKEN, HEATHER ROOTS, TURF, OAK, CHARCOAL, MARINE PITCH AND GUSTING SEA SQUALLS - IT'S FLYING! THE SLIPSTREAM REVEALS SHERRY - MELLOW, RICH AND NUTTY; FOLLOWED BY BOURBON - SWEET VANILLA AND RUSSIAN TOFFEE. AND THEN YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: AND THE FRUITY AROMAS DRIFT IN - GREEN APPLES, GOOSEBERRY, HONEYED LIMES THEN A WAF OF HAWTHORN AND SWEET OAK; BUT THEY ARE MERELY A BRIEF RESPITE FROM THE RETURNING STORM, WHICH AS THE SPIRIT WARMS ON THE BACK OF THE PALATE, BRINGS AN INFUSION OF ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT MAKE THIS ISLAND'S WHISKIES SO SPECIAL.

**PALATE:** ALL THE AROMAS FOUND ON THE NOSE ARE SWEEP ONTO THE PALATE WITH INCREDIBLE PEAT-FIRE WARMTH, FILLING THE HEART WITH PASSION. IT'S YOUNG WHISKY AND OLD SKILLS IN ABSOLUTE HARMONY; NOT FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED.

**FINISH:** DELIVERANCE FROM INDIFFERENCE!

08.26 ON THE MORNING OF THE 28TH MAY 2001.

THE VERY FIRST PORT CHARLOTTE SPIRIT TRICKLED THROUGH THE SPIRIT SAFE. DISTILLED FROM HEAVILY PEATED BARLEY (40 PPM) IN HOMAGE TO THE ORIGINAL 1881 DISTILLATE. IT WAS BAPTISED PORT CHARLOTTE TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE LIGHTER SPIRIT (5 PPM) AND TO KEEP ALIVE THE MEMORY OF THE OLD DISTILLERY 2 MILES DISTANT, THAT CEASED IN 1929. THIS IS THAT SPIRIT.

- THE FIRST RELEASE OF PORT CHARLOTTE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY.
- LIMITED EDITION RELEASE OF 6,000 SEQUENTIALLY NUMBERED BOTTLES
- 63.5 PER CENT ALC./VOL. CASK STRENGTH
- SHERRY CASK MATURED IN BDC'S WAREHOUSES LOCATED IN PORT CHARLOTTE, 2 MILES FROM BRUICHLADDICH.
- PEATING LEVEL 40PPM
- HIGHLY COLLECTABLE AS THE FIRST EVER PORT CHARLOTTE RELEASE - AND DEMAND GREATLY EXCEEDS THE RELEASE QUANTITY
- DISTILLED AND BOTTLED AT BRUICHLADDICH DISTILLERY AS PORT CHARLOTTE SINGLE MALT WHISKY IN HOMAGE TO THE HEAVILY PEATED STYLE OF SINGLE MALT THAT USED TO BE DISTILLED AT PORT CHARLOTTE DISTILLERY.
- CASKS SELECTED BY ACCLAIMED MASTER DISTILLER, JIM MCEWAN.
- NOT CHILL FILTERED
- COLOURING FREE
- DISTINCTIVE CONTEMPORARY GRAPHIC DESIGN THAT WILL STAND OUT ON RETAIL AND BAR SHELVES
- UNQUESTIONABLY A KEY SINGLE MALT BRAND OF THE FUTURE

