



THE LAST VATTED GRAIN

Limited Edition

Vatted Grain Scotch Whisky

This is a valedictory farewell to the *Vatted Grain*, one delivered with honour and pride. At midnight on 22nd November 2011, an era ends. After that point, it will be illegal for whiskymakers to use the term *Vatted Grain* on labels for a Scotch whisky made from the combination of two or more single grain whiskies that have been distilled at more than one distillery.

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

Availability

One-off, limited release of 297 bottles.

Bottled in November 2011.

Flavour Descriptors

Deep aromas and flavours of vanilla pastry cream, toffee and lightly toasted nuts, with a subtle and elegant complexity.

Recommendations

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

Distillery Sourcing

Invergordon (31%, distilled in 1965),
Carsebridge (14%, distilled in 1979),
Port Dundas (20%, distilled in 1991) and
Cameronbridge (35%, distilled in 1997).

Wood

First-fill American oak barrels.

Bottling Details

Bottled at 46%. Not chill filtered.
Natural colour.

An Homage to the Vatted Grain

At *Compass Box*, *Vatted Grain* is close to our hearts as we believe this term was created for us. In 2000, we launched a grain whisky called *Hedonism* which was a blend of grain whiskies from different distilleries. The industry began referring to this style as *Vatted Grain* whisky. However, from 23rd November 2011, this style of whisky will by law have to be labelled as *Blended Grain Scotch Whisky*.

With aromas and deep flavours reminiscent of vanilla pastry cream, toffee and lightly toasted nuts. It gains its subtle and elegant complexity through a combination of whiskies from four Scottish grain whisky distilleries.

The foundation of the recipe is based on 42 year-old grain whisky from the Invergordon distillery (approximately 31% of the recipe), and 29 year-old whisky from the now-closed Carsebridge distillery (14%). The middle and top notes of the whisky come from 20 year-old whisky distilled at the now-closed Port Dundas distillery (20%) and 14 year-old whisky distilled at the Cameron Bridge distillery (35%).

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

John Glaser, Whiskymaker