



# OAK CROSS

*Blended Malt Scotch Whisky*

We call this whisky *Oak Cross* because it offers the best characteristics of both American and French oak aging. A rich, medium-bodied blended malt Scotch whisky, *Oak Cross* combines vanilla characters from American oak and spicy, clove-like characters from French oak.

## Innovative New Oak Casks

We work with a small mill in France that produces some of the highest quality cooperage oak in the world. It was our work with this mill that led us to experimenting with secondary maturation of malt whiskies in casks fitted with new French oak heads. This is something no one else in Scotland does. The result is whisky with more character and complexity. We use this technique on about 40% of the whisky in *Oak Cross* and it results in a superior finished product.

## The Signature Range from Compass Box

*Oak Cross* is part of the *Signature Range* from *Compass Box*. The five Scotch whiskies in this range cover the entire spectrum of Scotch whisky styles, from the delicate, sweet character of *Ayla*, to the subtle vanilla, clove and fruity characteristics of *Oak Cross*, the rich and spice notes of *The Spice Tree*, the peaty-smoky character of *The Peat Monster* and the elegant flavours of vanilla cream, toffee and coconut in *Hedonism*. Each is made from casks chosen individually, cask-by-cask, to ensure perfect maturity. The whiskies are combined according to each recipe and returned to casks for marrying up to 24 months before bottling. Steps like these enhance complexity, flavour integration and soft mouthfeel. Extra steps, but we think they're worth it.

John Glaser, Whiskymaker

### Flavour Descriptors

On the palate, notes of clove and vanilla accent a sweet maltiness and subtle fruit character.

### Recommendations

Suitable as an aperitif served with a chilled water in the winter months. Full enough to serve as a summertime digestif. Excellent match for many cheeses.

### Distillery Sourcing

Made entirely of Highland single malt whiskies from the villages of Brora (fruitiness), Carron (meatiness) and Alness (perfume).

### Wood

All the whiskies are aged for their primary maturation in a mix of American oak cask types. The marrying casks are a mix of first-fill Bourbon barrels and our proprietary "Oak Cross" casks made of American and new French oaks.

### Bottling Details

Bottled at 43%. Natural colour. Not chill filtered.