

# OAK CROSS

## BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Malt Whisky Collection

**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.

We begin by sourcing whiskies from three single malt distilleries; one for its ethereal fruity character, one for its enchanting perfume and one that lends a complex and substantial structure to the blend.



All are aged in American oak casks before we place a portion into innovative hybrid casks featuring heavily toasted new French oak heads. These give the whisky an added richness and spice-like complexity.

By carefully blending back the French oak-aged whisky with its American oak-aged forebear, we are able to create a refined, rich, but well-mannered malt whisky, with fruity aspects that will remind you of baked apple or pears, complemented by a rich, toasty oak character.

  
**JOHN GLASER** — Founder & Whiskymaker

### FLAVOUR DESCRIPTORS

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

### DISTILLERY SOURCING

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

### BOTTLING DETAILS

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

### 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.

### WOOD

The marrying casks are a mix of first-fill Bourbon barrels and our proprietary "Oak Cross" casks made of American and new French oaks.



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### Whisky Composition



**First Fill American Standard Barrel**

60% Total Liquid Volume  
Fruitiness



**First Fill American Standard Barrel**

20% Total Liquid Volume  
Meatiness



**First Fill American Standard Barrel**

20% Total Liquid Volume  
Perfumed

Vatted to create a 'Highland Malt' blend, re-casked with a proportion matured for a further six months in our highly active hybrid barrels.



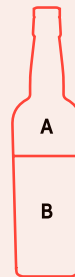
**Hybrid Cask High Vanilla Toast**

40% Total Liquid Volume  
Vanilla



**First Fill American Standard Barrel**

60% Total Liquid Volume  
Fruitiness



Typical vattling. Every batch is unique and small variations will occur.

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