

# ISLAY BARLEY 2009

CLAGGAN, CRUACH, ISLAND  
AND MULINDRY FARMS.

THIS 2009 VINTAGE WAS DISTILLED FROM GRAIN GROWN IN 2008 BY GILBIE MCCORMICK OF CLAGGAN, HUNTER JACKSON AT CRUACH, IAN MCKERRELL OF ISLAND AND ALASTAIR TORRANCE FROM MULINDRY. THESE FARMS ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED ON THE ISLAND, PROVIDING A VERY DIFFERENT TERROIR TO THE WILD MARITIME LOCATION OF OUR 2007 RELEASE FROM ROCKSIDE.

WE BELIEVE TERROIR MATTERS. DISTINCTIVE, AUTHENTIC AND UNIQUE, THIS IS LAND AND DRAM UNITED.

## CHARACTER

GREAT STRUCTURE. FIRM, MUSCULAR AND MORE COMPLEX THAN EXPECTED. SEVERAL LAYERS OF FLAVOUR ARE MELDING INTO A BARLEY SUGAR AND OAK MELLOWED TEXTURE WHILE DRIFTING OVER SWEET KILN-DRIED BARLEY. THE SENSES ARE SINGING WITH JOY AS IT ZINGS OVER THE PALATE LEAVING NO DOUBT AS TO THE ISLAND OF ITS BIRTH.

## COLOUR

YELLOW GOLD, LATER SUMMER BARLEY.

## NOSE

THE OPENING NOTES ARE OF SOFT, REALLY RIPE GOOSEBERRIES, FRESH PINEAPPLE AND MANGO. IT IS HARVEST TIME IN A GLOBAL ORCHARD, SWEET RED APPLE, PLUMP GREEN GRAPES AND EVEN A HINT OF PEACH. IT IS A BRILLIANT OPENING LEADING YOU FURTHER INTO THE GARDEN WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY THE HARMONIOUS AROMAS OF CARNATIONS, MIMOSA AND MINT. NIGHT SCENTED STOCKS AND LILIES DRIFT ON A MID-SUMMER BREEZE, CONTINUING THROUGH THE GOLDEN FIELDS OF ISLAY BARLEY. THIS IS A HEBRIDEAN JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER, BUT WAIT, THE SWEETEST VANILLA NOTES ARE EMERGING WITH HINTS OF SPICY BOURBON AND A TOUCH OF TOASTED OAK. DARK PLUMS APPEAR WITH DATES AND THAT OLOROSO RICHNESS THAT ONLY JEREZ CASKS CAN PROVIDE.

## PALATE

THE TASTE IS DIRECTED. MALTY SWEET, CEREAL, HONEY, CLEAN AND CITRUS FRESH. A STUNNING EXAMPLE OF HOW TRICKLE DISTILLATION USING VICTORIAN EQUIPMENT AND 134 YEARS OF PRACTICE CAN PRODUCE A YOUNG SPIRIT THAT NEEDS NOT THE WEIGHT OF OAK TO SHINE. THIS SENSATIONAL SUCCULENT YOUNG SPIRIT OFFERS CANDIED ALMONDS, HINTS OF TOFFEE APPLE, NOUGAT WAFERS, BANANA, GINGER BISCUITS AND SHERRIED SPONGE. IT IS A TALE OF TWO CITIES. ON THE NOSE THE FLORAL AROMATICS WERE AN ISLAY WELCOME TO A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE OF ANCIENT OZARK OAK AND YOUNG ISLAY BARLEY.

"ONCE AGAIN LAND AND DRAM UNITED."



## FINISH

ENJOY THE INVITATION OF AN ISLAND'S WARMTH AND THE SINCERITY OF ITS PEOPLE, ITS HISTORY AND ITS FUTURE. YOU ARE NOW ONE OF OUR FAMILY. WELCOME.

## MOOD

IT IS THE PERFECT WELCOME HOME DRAM AT THE END OF A HARD DAY. YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR BEST SO YOU ARE ENTITLED TO DRINK THE BEST. BECAUSE YOU CAN.

  
JIM MCEWAN  
HEAD DISTILLER

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