COMPASS BOX WHISKY CO. FACT SHEET

# THE STORY OF THE SPANIARD

#### **BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY**

**Malt Whisky Collection** 

## A showcase of malt whiskies aged in Spanish wine casks.

The newest addition to our range, we plan to produce this malt whisky once or twice per year, depending on our ability to source the quality of Spanish wine casks we require.

A long time ago, a friend and I journeyed through the South of Spain, stopping by every little village bar we could. They were tiny little bars filled with heavy smoke, serving beers and liquors I had never heard of.

In one place, an elderly man took it upon himself to teach us about the local Sherry wines. They captured my imagination with their nutty, saline character and tremendous spectrum of style. Years later, when I discovered Scotch whisky, I was reacquainted with Sherry through whiskies aged in former Sherry casks, which are known for the rich, deep flavours they provide. I've been drawn to this style of whisky ever since.

Inspired by an eponymously named bespoke whisky we recently created for a bar in New York City called The Spaniard, we decided to explore this style further to create a malt



whisky blend with its core whiskies aged in Spanish Sherry and Spanish red wine casks.

We've named it THE STORY OF THE SPANIARD as a nod to my chance encounter with that elderly gentleman in the South of Spain, all those years ago.

In this, our first release, 48% of the whiskies have been aged in ex-Sherry casks and 25% in ex-Spanish red wine casks. We may change the type of casks from year to year based on availability and experimentation, but Spanish casks – either Sherry wine casks or Sherry-style wine casks – will always play the key role.

JOHN GLASER – Founder & Whiskymaker

### FLAVOUR DESCRIPTORS

Full, soft and sumptuous on the palate with notes of citrus peel, red wine and spices. The finish is long, with hints of rich vanilla panna cotta, ripe berries and cherries.

#### **DISTILLERY SOURCING**

Made entirely of Highland single malt whiskies from distilleries in and around the villages of Doune, Longmorn, Alness and Aberlour.

#### **BOTTLING DETAILS**

Batch TS 2018-A (June 2018).

Bottled at 43%.

Not chill-filtered.

Natural colour.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

This is a whisky ideal for late evening sipping, served on its own or with a large ice cube or splash of water. Serve in a wine glass as a nod to the Spanish wine cask maturation!

#### WOOD

Whiskies aged in a mixture of American, European and French oak cask types, some of which previously held Spanish Sherry or red wine.

