



*Michel Courreur*



## Prijscourant Whisky 2019





Unieke Malt Whisky's van Michel Couvreur nu bij Well of Wine.

In het slaperige Bourgogne dorpje Bouze lès Beaune huist een van de werelds meest gespecialiseerde Whisky experts, het huis **Michel Couvreur**. Dit familie bedrijf staat in de wereld van Malt Whisky, kwalitatief te boek als een van de groten, hun visie is eerder revolutionair dan traditioneel. Michel Couvreur keek veel verder dan de regio van herkomst of de expertise van de distillateur in kwestie. Voor Couvreur was de vatrijping de essentie van grote whisky. In 1978 streek hij neer in de Bourgogne, het dorpje Bouze lès Beaune. Het woord Bouze heeft met water te maken en niet voor niets. De heuvels zijn verzadigd met water en de kelders daardoor zeer koel en vochtig.

Met een vorm van 'kruisbestuiving' brengt Michel Couvreur twee werelden bij elkaar. Aan de ene kant de jonge, vurige distillaten van geselecteerde stokers uit Schotland. Aan de andere kant de stokoude, met wijn doordrenkte, vaten uit verschillende wijngebieden. Zo onderhoudt Maison Michel Couvreur nauwe contacten met top huizen als Niepoort (Oporto) en Toro Albala (Montilla Moriles). Ook werkt men met oude Sherryvaten en fusten waarin eerder Vin Jaune (Jura) rijpte. Deze, vaak vele decennia oude vaten worden naar de Bourgogne getransporteerd om daar te worden gevuld met heldere, 'witte' zeer jonge Malt Whisky. Het afvullen van deze kostbare oude vaten gebeurt louter met 'valdruk' het is dus de zwaartekracht die de Malts verplaatst, en geen pomp. Daarna worden zij 'vergeten' om gedurende lange tijd in alle rust te mogen rijpen.

Dat gebeurt deels in de onder, en naast het huis gelegen kelder met een unieke temperatuur en vochtigheid. Maar in 2019 werd de tegenover het huis gelegen rijpingskelder opgeleverd. Hier zal ook de distributie vandaan worden geregeld.

Men is het hele jaar door bezig met het opsporen en kopen van zéér oude vaten die met grote voorzichtigheid worden vervoerd van de wijndomeinen naar de Bourgogne. Ook experimenteert Couvreur met alternatieve vorming van rijping, in Terra Cotta amforen bijvoorbeeld. Er zijn verschillende rijpingstijden, 12 jaar, 25 jaar en nog veel langer.

Komt het moment van botteling dan wordt er rechtstreeks uit het vat afgevuld, zonder filtrage. De kenmerkende, vierkante, hand gekurkte flessen worden uiteindelijk met de hand afgelakt en geëtiketteert alvorens te worden verkocht. Het spreekt voor zich dat hier geen sprake is van een 'massabedrijf' maar van een kleinschalig werkende producent. Affineur is de beste woordkeuze, zoals dat in de kaaswereld heet.

Michel Couvreur overleed in 2013 maar zijn bedrijf wordt voortgezet door zijn echtgenote Martha, zijn dochter Alexandra, haar man Cyril Deschamps en de briljante keldermeester Jean-Arnaud Frantzen die de Couvreur filosofie uitdragen.

Deze schitterende en unieke Malts zijn nu eindelijk in Nederland te koop, tot voor kort zag je ze alleen maar in de top gastronomie van Frankrijk en een enkele topspecialist in de detailhandel.

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## Prijzen juli 2019

Omschrijving	Inhoud	Prijs
<i>the Unique whisky 44%</i>	0,7	49,95
<i>Cap a Pie 45%</i>	0,7	61,95
<i>Overaged Malt Whisky 43%</i>	0,7	72,95
<i>Overaged Malt Whisky 52%</i>	0,7	95,00
<i>Special Vatting Malt Whisky 45%</i>	0,7	135,00
<i>Couvreur Clearach 43%</i>	0,7	49,95
<i>Intravagan'za Clearach 50%</i>	0,7	65,00
<i>Pale single malt Whisky 45%</i>	0,7	89,95
<i>Candid Malt Whisky 49%</i>	0,7	99,00
<i>Blossoming Auld Sherry Single Malt Whisky 45%</i>	0,7	194,00
<i>High Privacy 1998 43,8%</i>	0,5	279,00
<i>Very Scherried 25 ans 45%</i>	0,5	359,00
<i>The Nineteen's 1990 47%</i>	0,5	399,00

Prijzen: inclusief b.t.w.

# THE UNIQUE WHISKY

**light and fine**

THE APPETIZER

ROBE : GOLDEN

NOSE : SLIGHTLY IODINE, FRESH ALMOND



MOUTH : NERVOUS BUT EASY TO DRINK

FINISH : VANILLY ROUND, FLORAL

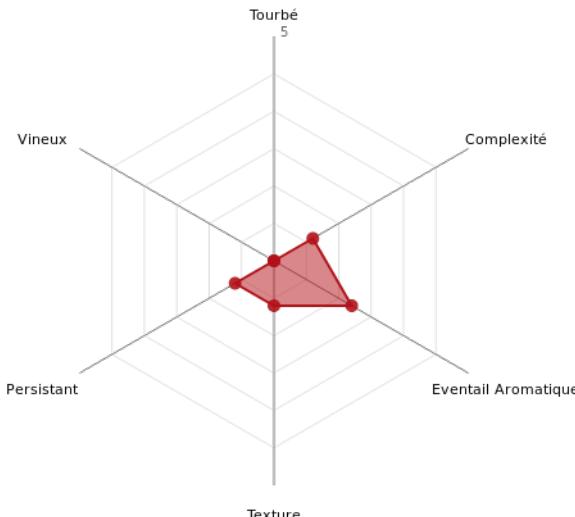
## Presentation

The classic "BLENDED" which used to be called "The Grain Whisky" because composed by a most part of Grain. An exception in the MC range because it's not a fresh Sherry casks maturation, The Unique is enhanced thanks to very old whisky casks. Iodine flavors with a touch of almond and vanilly sweetness. Delicate and subtle, it reminds the white fruits. Nervous in palate, it appears round after taste that makes it easy to drink to begin as appetizer. To be served cool.

## Tasting suggestions

cocktail: Robb Brow (vermouth

## Aromatic Profile



## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Blended Whisky
DISTILLATE	Grain whiskies and malt whiskies blended
AGE	4 years
DISTILLATION DATE	***
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	62%
BOTTLE DEGREE	44%
BARREL AGEING	whisky casks and hogsheads
CELLAR ZONE	middle humidity
PRESENTATION	soft box





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## CAP A PIE WHISKY

round and tight

A VERY MALTED BLENDED

ROBE: AMBER



MOUTH: TIGHT BUT SMOOTH

NOSE: IODINE, FRESH ALMOND

FINISH: A TOUCH OF TOASTED, SHERRY AFTER-TASTE

### Presentation

First edition in 2018, it should become a classic! Our usual "The Unique whisky" with a higher proportion of Malt Whiskies. Iodized fragrance with a hint of almond, vanilla sweetness, light floral, white fruit. On the palate nervous but very round with a hint of Sherry. Gourmand and drinkable, it is drunk as an aperitif at low temperatures. The high proportion of malt whiskies make that after tastes become more complex.

### Tasting suggestions

Short drink

cocktail: Robb Brow, with a spoon of Vermouth.

### Technical Data

CATEGORY	Blended Whisky
DISTILLATE	Blended of Grain and Malt whiskies
AGE	4 years
DISTILLATION DATE	***
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	62%
BOTTLE DEGREE	45%
BARREL AGEING	whisky casks for Grain and Sherry casks for Malt
CELLAR ZONE	middle humidity
PRESENTATION	soft box





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## OVERAGED MALT WHISKY

smooth, tabaco, freshful elegance

THE REFERENCE

ROBE : REDDISH AMBER  
NOSE : DRIED FLOWERS, TABACO, SHERRY, FAT ALMOND



MOUTH : FRUITY, POWERFUL

FINISH : SHERRY WITH A TOUCH OF SMOKE

### Presentation

The inevitable: elegance and nice balance. Fragrance of dried flowers, flaxen tobacco, sherry wine, fat almond, a little smoked. Fruity, powerful and long in the mouth. Aimed at a balance between new pure young malts and fathomless maturity of older ones. End of mouth : sherry roundness enhanced by a slightly smoked. Fabulous nice balance between the nervous young single malts and the mellow olders.

### Tasting suggestions

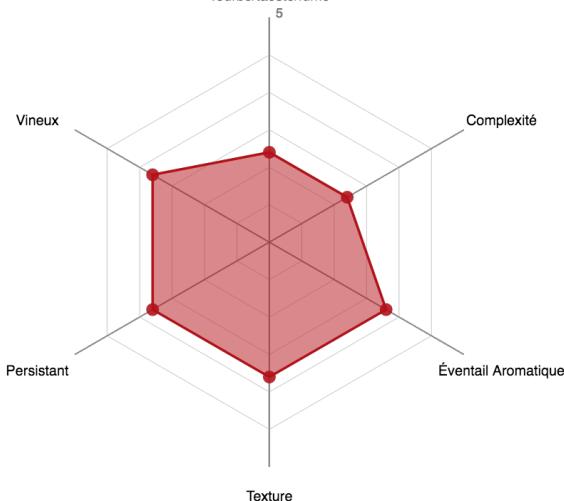
Cocktail: very classic Old fashioned.

Best companion of smoked salmon.

To be preferably consumed cool (14 to 15° Celsius), as an appetizer as well as digestive.

### Technical Data

CATEGORY	Blended Malt Whisky
DISTILLATE	Blended Malt
AGE	12 years
DISTILLATION DATE	***
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	52%
BOTTLE DEGREE	43%
BARREL AGEING	Mainly sweet PX casks
CELLAR ZONE	dry before humid
PRESENTATION	soft box



# SPECIAL VATTING MALT WHISKY

**spicy, iodine, proof tabaco**

A CIGARE COMPANION

ROBE : DARK AMBER  
NOSE : BLOND TABACO, IODINE, SHERRY



MOUTH : TIGHT, POWERFUL, OXYDATIVE SHERRY

FINISH : POWERFUL, DRIED FLOWERS, ELEGANT RANCIO

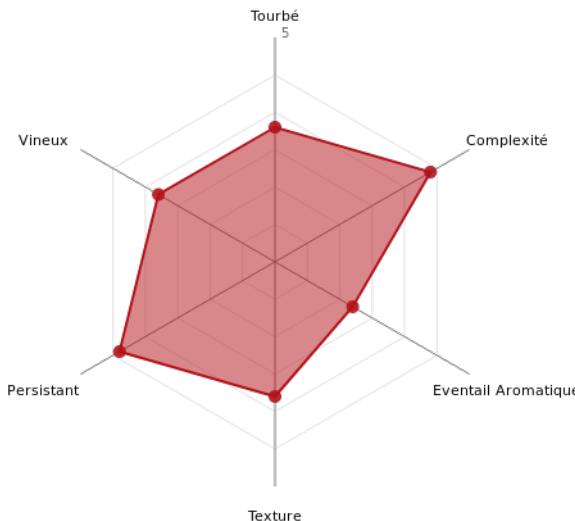
## Presentation

We like Blended Malt Whiskies because it's the good balance quest. The Special Vatting is composed by a spicy and Amontillado matured malt whisky with an younger, more peated, more iodised, which gives powerfull and fresh flavors. Complexity and balance are reached thanks to a third single malt very fine and subtle. Spicy and warm flavors from oxydative Sherry are enhanced by peated and iodised fresh malts. Sherry, leather, tabaco and dried flowers are its feature flavors. Silky texture, nice length and proof makes it very complex.

## Tasting suggestions

Enjoyed by cigare lovers.  
For digestive only.

## Aromatic Profile



## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Blended Malt Whisky
DISTILLATE	Blending
AGE	12 years
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	53%
BOTTLE DEGREE	45%
BARREL AGEING	Mainly Amontillado
CELLAR ZONE	Middle then high humid
PRESENTATION	soft box



# COUVREUR'S CLEARACH

cereals and sherry

BEFORE WHISKY

ROBE : LIGHT AMBER, CLOUDY

NOSE : ALMOND, HERB FRESHNESS



MOUTH : MELLOW

FINISH : OXYDATIF SHERRY, CEREALS, GRAINS

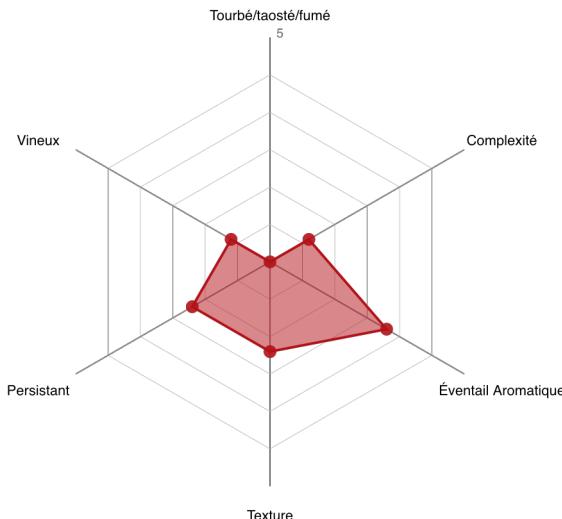
## Presentation

*Be careful, it appears cloudy! It's normal, it's unfiltered and very Young. Typical to very young malts with almonds and frangipane (red jasmine) fragrance, nice grassy freshness with a slight touch of honey. Lively in the mouth, its maturation in wine casks, despite its young age, is revealing some silky elegance. Possessing young spirit's intense and lively characteristics, it displays the flavours of first vinous impregnations. Clearach is generally the name given to the new make spirit, just from the still, before the minimum required 3 years of maturation in wood.*

## Tasting suggestions

*To be consumed as an aperitif or as a "Norman Hole" (the traditional Norman intermezzo made of one single shot of strong Calvados between two heavy courses).*

## Aromatic Profile



## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Malt Cereal Spirit
DISTILLATE	light and fruity, cereals
AGE	3 ans
DISTILLATION DATE	***
DISTILLATION DEGREE	63%
NATURAL DEGREE	58%
BOTTLE DEGREE	43%
BARREL AGEING	Oloroso and PX Sherry casks
CELLAR ZONE	Dry and middle humid
PRESENTATION	soft box



# INTRAVAGANZA CLEARACH

powerful of sherry and cereals

YOUNG CASK STRENGTH

ROBE : AMBER, LIMPID  
NOSE : FRESH ALMOND, FRESH GRASS, LEES



MOUTH : NERVOUS BUT EASY TO DRINK

FINISH : CEREALS, TIGHT AND SHERRY (MOSCATEL)

## Presentation

How to obtain a young spirit very soft and round. The same spirit as our "Clearach" without water addition and a special selection of casks (Moscotel). The casks are left in the very humid and deep cellar, make loose strong alcohol and makes the spirit becomes smooth. Almond flavors because young cereal spirit, honey, moscatel, very fruity. Nervous and smooth, could remind white fruits spirits.

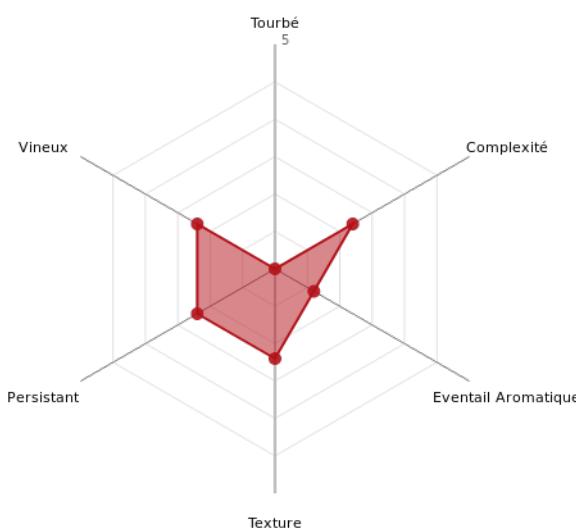
## Tasting suggestions

Serve chilled but when it becomes warmer, you feel more complexity.

Very nice as a "Trou Normand", frozen in the middle of the lunch: one shot!

## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Malt Cereal Spirit
DISTILLATE	light, fruity
AGE	3 y.o.
DISTILLATION DATE	***
DISTILLATION DEGREE	63%
NATURAL DEGREE	50%
BOTTLE DEGREE	50%
BARREL AGEING	Oloroso and Moscatel casks
CELLAR ZONE	very high humidity





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## PALE SINGLE SINGLE

floral, fine and subtle

THE INTROVERT

ROBE : LIGHT GOLDEN

NOSE : DELICATE FLAVORS, IODINE, SUBLTE



MOUTH : TIGHT BUT ROUND

FINISH : VERY COMPLEX, EXOTIC, LIGHT

### Presentation

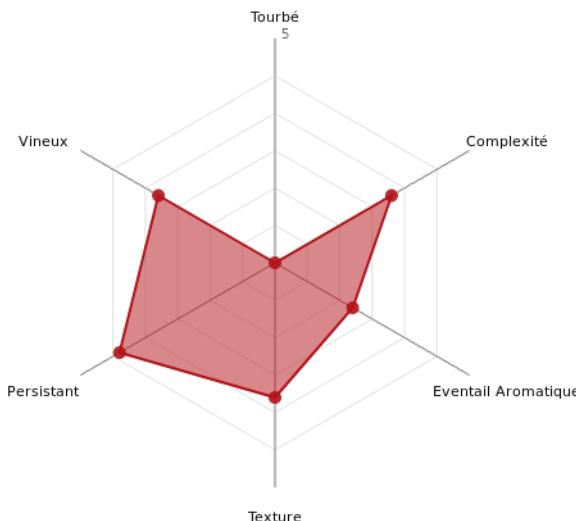
Different whisky than Michel Couvreur uses to purpose, Sherry influence being more discret and Fino Sherry casks make whiskies iodine and floral.

Pale colour because the nature and impregnations of casks. Nervous, fruity and slightly iodised, but free from wood-astrengency. Subtle and long in the mouth. Timid, it needs time to open, its delicate elegance has to be relished. An appearance of fragility behind a fabulous length.

### Tasting suggestions

Good companion of cheeses like Epoisses

### Aromatic Profile



### Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Cask Whisky
DISTILLATE	floral and fine
AGE	12 ans
DISTILLATION DATE	2005
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	56%
BOTTLE DEGREE	45%
BARREL AGEING	Fino
CELLAR ZONE	middle then high humidity
PRESENTATION	soft box





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## CANDID MALT WHISKY

peat and sweet

SALTED BUTTER CARAMEL

ROBE : AMBER



MOUTH : POWERFUL, TIGHT, LIQUORICE

NOSE : NERVOUS, GRILLED ALMOND

FINISH : PEAT, FRESH, PEPPER, SPICY

### Presentation

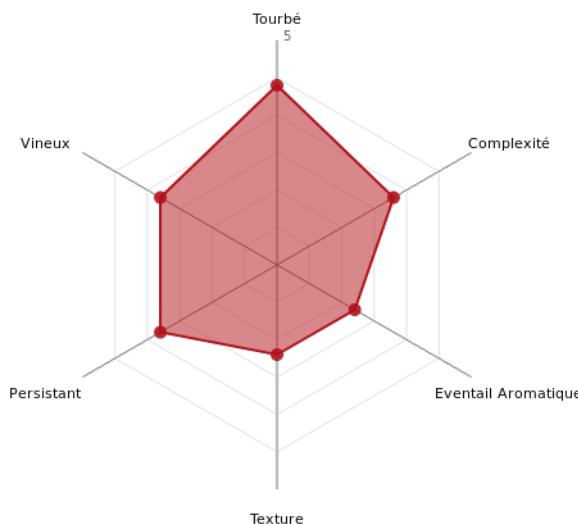
Mellow peat thanks to the Sherry maturation: Tight and nervous nose, fresh and floral, reminding grilled almond. Full of flavors, powerful and nervous, it feels rounds with liquorice flavors. Silky texture makes feel soft. Nice length, very fresh, round, spicy and pepper, slightly toasted.

Like a fight between Sherry and Peat: "Candid" means that this whisky has been bottled just before that peat disappears because too wood ageing. Disclosure malt whisky was the whisky made in 2008 : the first Islay whisky that convinced to continue this kind of maturation.

### Tasting suggestions

Cocktail: Candid Lemon

### Aromatic Profile



### Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Malt Whisky
DISTILLATE	peated, nervous
AGE	9 ans
DISTILLATION DATE	2008
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	53%
BOTTLE DEGREE	49%
BARREL AGEING	half PX Sherry cask
CELLAR ZONE	dry then humid cellar
PRESENTATION	soft box



# BLOSSOMING AULD SHERRIED

**spicy, warm and honey**

IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD...

ROBE : DARK  
NOSE : WARM, PX FLAVORS



MOUTH : SMOOTH, MELLOW AND TIGHT

FINISH : VERY COMPLEX, DRIED FRUITS, FRESH ALMOND

## Presentation

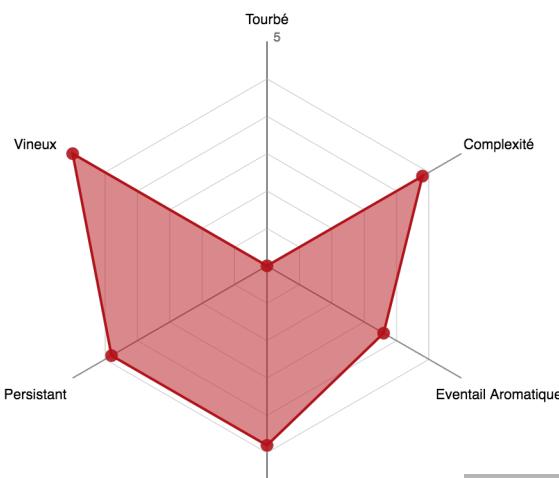
Image of whisky, Michel Couvreur likes to produce since the "Anno Domini Whisky" purposed in 2000. Fragrances of Sherry, flowers, vanilla, dried fruits. Mellow, and long in the mouth. A fabulous balance between sherry's warmth and the fresh flavours only barley can produce. Fabulous demonstration of a whisky matured in a very impregnated sweet PX Sherry cask. Its label does not indicate time spent in wood because the whisky's maturity is reached differently in every cask. Age is only one of the complex factors on which maturation depends. Blossoming Auld Sherried is the perfect demonstration of sherry impregnated wood's greatest significance.

## Tasting suggestions

To be preferably consumed after dinner at room temperature (17 to 18°C).

Could be the best companion for winter peaceful evenings with a piece of dark chocolate.

## Aromatic Profile



## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Cask Whisky
DISTILLATE	powerful, intense
AGE	15 ans
DISTILLATION DATE	2002
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	55%
BOTTLE DEGREE	45%
BARREL AGEING	extremely old PX
CELLAR ZONE	middle then high humidity
PRESENTATION	wooden box



# HIGH PRIVACY 1998 SINGLE CASK WHISKY

**liquorice, zan**

MEMORIES

ROBE : AMBER



BOUCHE : SOFT, NO ALCOHOL FEELING

NEZ : LIQUORICE, HERB, BROWN PEAT

FINALE : COMPLEX, MOVING, DRIED FLOWER, TABACO

## Présentation

Every whisky is tried differently, some of them remind special memories and can't be appreciated objectively.

This whisky's new make spirit was hard to be found, 20 years ago.

Every year, we enjoyed to discover the new characteristics reached and the complexity gained in the PX cask, sharing with Michel Couvreur every tasting details. Now, each drop reminds us his smile meaning "we are on the good way".

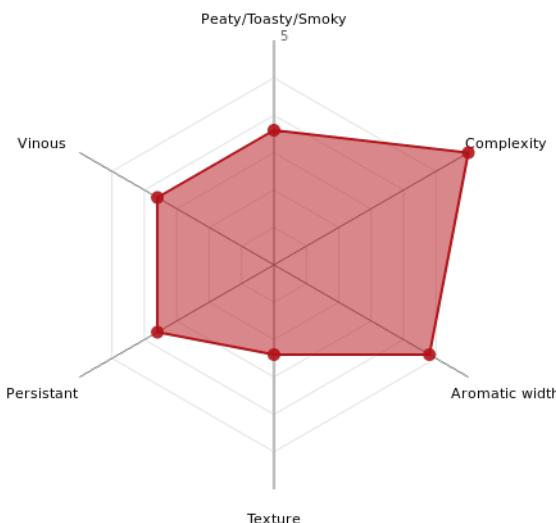
The peat is enhanced by 20 years of "PX" patience, it has become finer and finer, being amended in liquorice flavors and reminding a breath of humid and acid forest. The alcohol strength is a little low but the powerful flavors is amazing.

Already nostalgic to not be its maturation's witness anymore, the page is turned. This whisky is an hommage of what we have received and what we will transmit.

## Données Techniques

CATÉGORIE	Single Cask Whisky
DISTILLATION	iodine, peated
ÂGE	20 y.o.
DATE DE DISTILLATION	23rd July 1998
DEGRÉ DE DISTILLATION	70% alc./vol.
DEGRÉ NATUREL	43.80% alc./vol.
DEGRÉ EN BOUTEILLES	43.80% alc./vol.
ÉLEVAGE EN FÛTS	PX cream
ZONE CAVE	humid
PRÉSENTATION	wooden box

## Profil Aromatique



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**honey, round, complex**

UPPER CLASS

ROBE : DARK REDDISH AMBER

NOSE : TIGHT, POWERFUL, ALWAYS CHANGING



MOUTH : SILKY, SMOOTH

FINISH : SHERRY, SPICY, EXOTIC POWERFUL, COMPLEX

## Presentation

Classic old school when the single malt is matured more than 20 years in sweet PX cask. Dark amber robe, ruby reflections. Vanilla, almond and sherry flavours: fascinating tropical-style sensuality. Intense silky texture. Extremely complex and concentrated: one centilitre per balloon glass may procure 15mn of ecstasy. Longer same kind of maturation as Blossoming, its colour becomes more "burned", keeping very nice reddish reflects. Old single cask may appear not easy to drink because tight, strong and concentrated characters. Let open in glass, it will open: mellow, delicious balance between flavors and powerful, not aggressive, absolutley tender.

## Tasting suggestions

To relish silently at room temperature (17 to 18°C)

## Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Cask Whisky
DISTILLATE	rich and proof
AGE	more than 25 yo
DISTILLATION DATE	17/09/1990
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70%
NATURAL DEGREE	45%
BOTTLE DEGREE	45%
BARREL AGEING	PX
CELLAR ZONE	between dry and humid
PRESENTATION	wooden box





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THE RARITIES

## 90S' SINGLE MALT WHISKY

tight, tabaco flavors, elegant and complex

WHEN OLOROSO MATURATION BECOMES DELICATE

ROBE : AMBER

NOSE : FRESH, SUBTLE



MOUTH : ROND ET TENDU À LA FOIS

FINISH : TABACO, COFFEE, AMAZING COMPLEX AFTER TASTE

### Presentation

The bottling is made upon request. Bottling date and the customer name are written on the back label, each bottle being numeroted and registred in the company book.

Perfect witness of the Oxydative wine maturation! Amber color. Delicate and subtle nose. Model of tight and dry texture. Delicate flavors reminding the oxydative Sherry. Very complex, amazing balance between the mellow and the both tabacco and leather family flavors, with a tinge of woody tastes.

Perfect balance that whisky could give between, toasted, woody, vanilly and honey flavors.

### Technical Data

CATEGORY	Single Cask Whisky
DISTILLATE	Deep, intense
AGE	more than 27 yo
DISTILLATION DATE	15/12/1990
DISTILLATION DEGREE	70% alc./vol.
NATURAL DEGREE	47% alc./vol.
BOTTLE DEGREE	47% alc./vol.
BARREL AGEING	Oloroso - oxydative
CELLAR ZONE	Middle humidity
PRESENTATION	wooden box

### Tasting suggestions

Very fine and delicate, it must be relished in silence.





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