

**Port Ellen 32 year old
(11th release) Special
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53.9%

Port Ellen's make was usually filled into old casks to maximize its smoke when used young. To us, therefore, it's Islay's most austere malt, yet the guys who worked there all talk of its sweetness.

Here, finally, is an example of that.

Yes, there's some wet slate and briny smoke, but it's balanced by citrus, waxy fruits, and a central sweetness adding complexity. It might have taken a long time to get here, but it was worth the wait.

(Editor's Choice)

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