

**Compass Box**  
**Flaming Heart, Batch #2,**  
**48.9%**

Balanced Islay whiskies combine peat smoke characteristics with a sweet foundation. They're not one-dimensionally smoky. This whisky is an excellent example. This is a peat-laden whisky with refinement and grace. Creamy vanilla, caramel, and honey harmoniously marry with persistent -- yet controlled -- peat smoke. Crisp spice notes and dancing fruit throughout adds complexity. Well done.

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