

Whisky

ADVOCATE

91

Port Askaig

17 year old, 45.8%

A new line of Islay single malts from Specialty Drinks, an extension of The Whisky Exchange. (The bottle doesn't tell you which distillery this whisky came from, but if you look at a map of Islay you can probably figure it out.) I like this expression better than the more expensive 25 year old. There's impeccable balance and more vibrancy in this 17 year old, with seaweed, smoked Spanish olive, coal soot, pencil shavings, citrus, and anise, along with subtle kipper and picked ginger. All this is layered on a bed of oily, honeyed malt. Salty, peppery, sooty, tarry finish. Nicely done! £50

—Vol. 18, #3