## Old Malt Cask (distilled at Port Ellen)

**25 year old, 54.7%**

These Port Ellen whiskies are becoming increasingly rare since the distillery closed down for good in 1983. This is a very good example of an old-fashioned Islay whisky: never heavy, but with lots of kick. There's plenty of wet leaf, bonfire smoke, coal tar, and some earthy, damp kiln notes and brine. But you'll discover a lovely honeyed maltiness for balance, along with tangerine, dirty martini, and cocoa for complexity. Smoky, briny finish. There will be a time when some of us will tell the next generation of whisky drinkers about the joys of Port Ellen. Mare sure you're one of those telling the story, not listening to it. (Exclusive to Kensington Wine Market.) $250 (Canadian)

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