



WITHOUT PEER
SAMAROLI
SCOTCH

In 1968 Silvano Samaroli began purchasing the finest single-cask and blended Scotch he could find. Born in Bologna but living in Scotland, Samaroli is a fanatic entrepreneur with an exceptional palate and an almost savant-like knowledge of the finest Scotch whiskies. His great passion is in finding, bringing up, and bottling truly interesting Scotch whiskies. Re-casking his selections in new, *virgin* oak to heighten complexity and depth, Samaroli has created a revered and quite remarkable library of supremely rich, intense spirits, including both single malts and vatted (blended malt) whiskies. **These rare bottlings are without rival.**

scotch whiskies

ISLAY EDITION 2016 *Blended Malt Scotch Whisky*

Due to their unique marine location, Islay malts are quite distinctive—think smoke and iodine/kelp. *Here, the iodine component is persistent but it doesn't confine the rhythm and the dimension of this spirit. The finish is of cereal, very rich in yeast with bread notes, salty butter, and seaweed. Balsamic scents of salts and minerals, pungent notes of oregano, marjoram, and sesame. 100% barley; 43%. 'Elegant and powerful, very long. From the moonlit coast, after months of sailing, nearing home and recognizing the fragrances and scents of the homeland.'*

1995 ALLT-Á-BHAINNE SPEYSIDE *Single Malt Scotch Whisky*

120 bottles were drawn off this **21** year-old 1995 single cask of Speyside for 2016 release. Distilled in a double pot still at Allt-á-Bhaine near Braeval in Speyside (Highlands). Élevage in single cask brings layered complexity and unique nuance: *On the nose, hints of yellow fruit, bread dough, wet meadow warmed by the first rays of sunshine, and bark consumed by the weather; rich but dry palate with salty notes; hint of minerals on the finish.*

1995 'S PEATY *Blended Malt Scotch Whisky*

21 years in cask #118, a mix of Laphroaig and Highland Park, some Speyside.

'S Peaty was inspired by the concept of smoked peat, a popular style in Islay where some of the blend was distilled. Selections of Speyside, Orkney Islands, and Islay introduce a wealth of facets to the final blend. *Salted butter aromas, yeast, spices and flowers.* Samaroli: "Wonderful bouquet harmoniously confirming richness in diversity as well as the union that marks completeness. A tower of Babel arches through our palate, evoking the memories of standing in an old kitchen among boiling pots and cutting knives, everything with symmetrical, rhythmic, hypnotic precision ... understanding this blend, maybe we'll discover a little more about ourselves too..."

1994 BRAEVAL SPEYSIDE *Single Malt Scotch Whisky*

222 were bottles drawn from this single **22** year-old Braeval cask for release in 2016.

The bouquet expresses flowers and fruit, pineapple, pear and yellow flowers perpetually over-running each other in tone and scent; then mimosa, almond, and coffee powder creating a mental image of an almost shiny palette; coriander and honey energetically draw the outline; the explosive finish leaves us as spellbound, as though—without warning—we've found ourselves face to face with a great museum masterpiece.

1988 BUNNAHBHAIN ISLAY *Single Malt Scotch Whisky*

From a total bottling in 2016 of 120 btl's from a single **28** year-old Bunnahabhain cask.

*The effusive nose catapults us onto a beach—powder, iodine, and peat—and there's a wood fire burning not far from us. Mint, freshly roasted coffee, marjoram and spices. The taste is persistent and sharp as we expected, as it must be, the full grade accompanies with great pace. Vivacity and elegance, complex structure and grace. **As amazing as it is rare.***

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