

WHISKY – SCOTLAND



Douglas Laing Big Peat
Islay Blended Malt Scotch Whisky
(Scotland; Vision Wine & Spirits,
Lyndhurst, NJ)

46% abv

40 phenolic parts per million (meaning that it's quite smoky). Ecreu/pale yellow/brut champagne color; ideal clarity. Immediately, I pick up rubber tire, pencil eraser, seaweed, iodine, Band-aid in the first inhalations after the pour; second tier sniffings discover hemp, rope, smoked salmon, bonfires. Entry is far more smoky than the bouquet and suddenly the peat-reek is in control of the flavor profile to the at-present exclusion of other taste possibilities; midpalate is sweeter than the entry, malty, breakfast cereal-like, toasty, tobacco ash-like, sooty, and carbolic. Concludes long, peaty, smoky, ashy, salty, but delicately sweet and malty through the peat-induced histrionics.

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★★★★/Highly Recommended



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