

WHISKY – SCOTLAND



**Douglas Laing Rock Oyster
Island Blended Malt Scotch Whisky**
(Scotland; Vision Wine & Spirits,
Lyndhurst, NJ)
46.8% abv

This blended malt includes single malts from the islands of Arran, Orkney, Jura, and Islay. Pale greenish/tarnished silver color; flawless purity. The opening sniffs of sea salt and earthy moss could only have this be a maritime driven whisky; after more air contact, the fragrance turns fruitier as traces of pears, lemon drop, and apricot appear in tandem with cereal aromas, mostly breakfast cereal. Entry flavor profile is far more animated and evocative of the seaside than the bouquet, as salty flavors of kippers, smoked oyster and Lapsang Suchong tea abound early-on; mid-palate echoes the entry, adding feinty aspects of tobacco ash, black tea, and digestive biscuits that dominate the medium length aftertaste.

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★★★★/Highly Recommended

