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## WHISKY - SCOTLAND



**Benromach  
Peat Smoke 2006  
Single Malt Scotch Whisky**  
(Scotland; Vision Wine & Spirits,  
New York, NY)  
46% abv, \$70.

Flax/straw yellow color; unblemished clarity. Yes, indeed, there is undeniable evidence of salty, briny, medicine chest, iodine-like peat but it's not of the barn burning variety that crosses one's eyes — it's more akin to sea breeze, oyster shell, seaweed; secondary sniffs encounter smoky aromas of a light touch, including dried tobacco, cigar tobacco, filled ash tray, heather, and cereal. Entry is pleasingly sweet, mildly salty, briny, with deft flavors of dill, fennel; midpalate is toasty, honeyed, malty, complex, yet lithe in texture. Aftertaste features the delicate smokiness admired in the entry. It's the gracefulness of the peat presence that makes this malt so alluring and characterful.

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★★★★/Highly Recommended