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COMPASS BOX RELEASES MAGIC CASK

A Limited Edition Inspired By A Single Extraordinary Sherry-Seasoned Cask



LONDON, December 14, 2020 – In 2016, Compass Box re-racked one-year-old malt spirit of robust character into first fill Oloroso-seasoned butts. By 2019, one particular cask – #2 – proved so compelling that they began to experiment. Beginning in early February 2021, Compass Box will release Magic Cask, a Blended Malt Scotch Whisky, in limited quantities nationwide.

“Sometimes just one cask in a blend of many can provide the touch of magic that allows the whole arrangement to sing,” says Compass Box Founder and Whiskymaker John Glaser. “We first took advantage of this phenomenon in 2006 when an experimental whisky, finished in an ex-Madeira barrique, led to the limited edition bottling we called Magic Cask. In 2021, we’re delighted to be able to share with you again the magical influence one exceptional cask – a Sherry-seasoned cask in this case – can have on a recipe.”

Whiskymaker James Saxon adds, “We have had samples of whisky from the lost Imperial Distillery in our Blending Room for some time. Aged in first fill Bourbon barrels, the spirit is brimming with fruit and vanilla notes and exhibits a lovely tongue-clinging texture. However,

finding the right project and accompaniments to this parcel of single malt proved a challenge. Then, last year, we discovered cask #2 amongst samples drawn from our 2016 Sherry cask maturation experiment. Full to the brim with cherry fruit and cedar spice character, it was a remarkably precocious whisky. When combined with the parcel from the lost distillery, it created an exceptionally rich and layered blended malt Scotch whisky.”



Magic Cask Tasting Notes:

(46% ABV; 750ml, \$175 SRP, 1,800 bottles available in the U.S.)

Aromas of marmalade and chai tea spices, with hints of plum. Ripe golden dessert apples dominate the luscious palate, supported by an oaky richness. Flavours of toffee and cocoa powder are also conjured up.

Technical Details:

Blended Malt Scotch Whisky bottled at 46%; natural color; not chill-filtered

Serving Recommendations:

Savor Magic Cask neat, as a digestif, to appreciate its power and depth.

Magic Cask joins other recently launched limited edition whiskies Hedonism Felicitas, Rogues’ Banquet and Peat Monster Arcana from Compass Box.

For information about Compass Box, please visit www.compassboxwhisky.com or follow [@CompassBoxWhiskyCo](https://www.instagram.com/CompassBoxWhiskyCo) on Instagram.

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ABOUT COMPASS BOX

We are Scotch whiskymakers. This word ‘whiskymaker’ is our word – it does not appear in a dictionary. And for 20 years we have been relentlessly focused on reinventing Scotch whisky, with every new blend designed to help make the world of whisky a more interesting place. Of course, we have not done it on our own. We have collaborated with some of the world’s most visionary bartenders and designers to really push the boundaries of what is possible. We have won more awards for innovation than any other producer in Scotland because we are always experimenting. Always looking for sparks of creativity that will deliver

something totally compelling, yet completely surprising. Whiskies that just must be experienced. This vision motivates us as whiskymakers. Our blends are consistently rated equal to or better than the great single malts of Scotland by the most respected voices in the industry. Six-time *Whisky Magazine* Innovator of the Year. 2020 *Whisky Magazine* Hall of Fame Inductee, John Glaser, Founder of Compass Box.

JOHN GLASER, WHISKYMAKER

American ex-pat John Glaser is the founder and head whiskymaker of Compass Box, the boutique Scotch whisky blending house widely recognised in the industry for their innovative approach to the creation and enjoyment of whisky. John began his career on a path to become a winemaker, before re-routing himself through the corporate world and ending up as a Marketing Director for Johnnie Walker in London. With a desire to do things differently, John started Compass Box from the kitchen of his west London home in 2000 in order to bring the joys of Scotch whisky to more people. From the beginning, his vision has been to create one of Scotland's finest and most compelling whisky companies, re-imagining the standards for quality and style in the industry. In 2020, John was inducted into the *Whisky Magazine's* Hall of Fame. Two decades later, Compass Box now has two blending rooms in London, a team of 20 working internationally and stocks of maturing whiskies in Scotland. In 2020, Compass Box celebrates its 20th anniversary. With a forward-looking approach and unrelenting focus on creativity and integrity, John and his team continue to take forward his mission to make the world of Scotch whisky a more interesting place.