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Port Ellen (1982) - Malts of Scotland

It's not every day that you get the chance to taste a 1982' Port Ellen (with no further age statement). So we are all the more delighted to be able to taste such a special dram. The distillery has not produced whisky since 1983, and a reopening is planned for this year. Getting hold of bottlings - especially at reasonable prices - is almost impossible at the moment.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Port Ellen
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Malts of Scotland	NAS	58.1% Vol.	1,855.71 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

We are sitting in a small old wooden hut by the sea on an old leather sofa with a view of the Port Ellen distillery on the island of Islay in Scotland. In front of us is a buffet of dried dates wrapped in bacon, figs, sea asparagus and some good German wholemeal bread, which smells wonderful. It is accompanied by salted caramel and chocolate-coated coffee beans. A gentle sea breeze blows through the open window and light smoke from the campfire with paprika, stick bread and smoked bacon.

PALATE

We reach for the bowl with a varied mix of red berries, which are fruity, sweet and quite creamy. A few berries taste a little strange. They are the redcurrants - they must have been lying in ashes from an old barbecue. A mill with white pepper and a salt mill are on the table, probably for the peppers on the skewers by the campfire. The mills certainly won't be for our mint and herb tea. Now we are served the smoked bacon - it goes surprisingly well with mint tea. It starts to rain outside.

FINISH

The campfire extinguishes. Woody and ashy flavours linger for a long time, slightly musty from the rain and yet dusty and dry.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Port Ellen 1982 is an unforgettable dance between smoky power and deep, fruity notes – a true fireworks display for the senses that leaves you wanting more. If you don't enjoy this, maybe you should give whisky another try. A genuine experience that shows just how much character a single dram can hold!

SASCHA

The Port Ellen 1982 impresses with its balanced combination of intense cask strength and complex maturation, delivering a precisely structured aroma profile that blends smoky and fruity facets. Despite its power, it feels surprisingly harmonious and multi-layered, making it a benchmark for high-quality Islay whiskies.

RATINGS

MARCEL
91/100
World class

SASCHA
95/100
World class

VALUE FOR MONEY
0/5
No rating

