

TAILISKER

PORT RUIGHE

REGION: ISLAND | AGE: NAS | ABV: 45.8%

A permanent addition to Isle of Skye's only distillery, the Port Ruighe (pronounced 'Port Ree') was introduced in 2013. Thanks to a refill in European oak casks followed by a port cask finish, we can expect deep vinous notes to accompany Talisker's characteristic sea-kissed brine and smoke.

PROPERTIES

type: single malt
 casking: ex-bourbon, european oak
 finish: port casks
 chill filtration: no
 flavour profile:



23/30

NOSE

intensity: 4/5 (mild to full)
 complexity: 3/5 (simple to intricate)
 diversity: 4/5 (limited to wide)
 lucidity: 4/5 (vague to vivid)

Bouquet

nosefeel: 4/5 (peppery)
 aromas: 4/5 (salted caramel, bonfire, brine, oranges)

12/15

FINISH

linger: 4/5 (short to long)
 flavour: 4/5 (plain to full)
 notes: 4/5 (cordite, lapsang souchong, blood orange)

PAIRINGS

Dishes: mince pie, kippers, smoked salmon
 Cigars: medium - full wrapper: sun-grown e.g: plasencia alma fuente

CONCLUSION

Although similar to the Distiller's Edition available in the USA, Port Ruighe offers a distinctively more fruity experience with mellow citrus notes as well as some dark chocolate. Despite being complex, it's remarkably easygoing for a laid-back sip.

ROBE

16/20

hue: sauternes
 clarity: 4/5 (hazy to crisp)
 legs: 4/5 (thin to large)
 whirls: 4/5 (no effect to cloudy)
 fast to slow: 4/5

PALATE

20/25

primary: umami, sour
 mouthfeel: oily, eucalyptic
 complexity: 4/5 (simple to intricate)
 texture: 4/5 (light to velvet)
 maturity: 4/5 (youthful to mellow)
 opening: 4/5 (marmalade, brine, salted caramel)
 heart: 4/5 (iodine, dark chocolate, creosote)

EXPERIENCE

10/10

label: 2/2
 packaging: 2/2
 cork quality: 2/2
 occasion: 2/2
 value: 2/2
 /70cl
 RRP \$50 PAID -

TOTAL SCORE

81/100



Scoring Key: Below 40: Mediocre | 41-60: Average | 61-80: Good | 81-100: Outstanding

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