

## VIRGIN HUNGARIAN OAK CASK

KILLOWEN BONDED EXPERIMENTAL SERIES 10 YR OLD WHISKEY

MOURNE MOUNTAINS, IRELAND

The blend itself includes whiskeys that are ten to twelve years old from different distilleries all across Ireland, 2 single malts and one grain. Throughout this time, we also hunted the globe for the finest casks to complement certain flavour notes in these blends, this cask in particular found its way to us thanks to a well-known Hungarian, Irish-whiskey enthusiast.

The cask itself is the most beautiful to enter the Killowen bond. It is hand made from start to finish, the original oak trees are assessed and felled by hand in Hungary, then dried for years under tin lean-to roofs, before being sized and cut into staves by eye, hand and traditional tools. The unique, chunky detail of the croze and chime display a craftmanship that stands out from other international high-quality casks we have in stock. Even the oversized, chunky bung hung hole stopper is crafted and detailed with love.

## **TASTING NOTES**

**NOSE**: Honey-suckle and floral aromas intensified by the grain component but far from overpowering. A wood spice reminiscent of star anise along with a lemon zest. These notes are on a canvas of vegetal fragrance reminiscent of early September's rural, laneway, Hedgerow cutting.

**PALATE**: The wood spice is clearly clove at this stage with plenty of finely ground white pepper. The stone fruits are evident from the Single malt but this is not as forthcoming as the abundance of soft dark-brown sugar. Out on it's own there is a hint of wild evergreen lvy, known to gardeners when tending to their craft in late winter.

**FINISH**: On the backdrop of caramelised demerara sugar sweetness, there is an explosion of raw clove buds. Finishing off with thick cut orange rind, like that found in rind found in a hearty marmalade. Nothing Short of a juicy mouth-watering spice bomb!

ALCOHOL SIZE RELEASE

52.5% ABV 375ML 356 BOTTLES

BLEND CHILL FILTRATION COLOURING

10 YR OLD BLEND NONE NONE



## KILLOWEN SMALL BATCH IRISH DISTILLERY

The most authentic of distilleries, Killowen Distillery is seated in the heart of the Mourne Mountains in County Down, where horizons are framed by sweeping hills that slope gently into the sea. It is a place where old traditions and the finest natural resources have been blended to produce world class craft spirits.

Killowen Distillery has a cult following that describe it as a 'true distillery.' Seated at the slopes of Knock Shee (the Fairy Mountain), the path to the distillery is the path smugglers took during the Napoleonic Wars to bring French brandy into the North of Ireland and until recently was a perfect hideout for local poitín makers (moonshiners).

