

COMPASS BOX STRANGER & STRANGER

Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

Compass Box Stranger & Stranger Limited Edition is a blended malt Scotch whisky | 46% volume, 4,802 bottles, released in 2018 to celebrate a decade of collaboration between Compass Box and design agency Stranger & Stranger. WHAT IS IN THE BLENDED WHISKY? a vatting of four single malts, Glenlossie 80%, Glen Elgin 14%, Clynelish 5%, Dailuaine 1%, matured in recharred hogsheads, recharred barrels, refill hogsheads and a small first-fill butt component. SERVING: serve neat in a Glencairn at room temperature; a few drops of water are worth adding to separate the herbal fennel and anise notes from the custard and fresh apple. A blended malt for those who appreciate the craft of assembly rather than single-cask intensity. An excellent aperitif whisky or an after-dinner pour; the soft, sweet profile pairs well with honey-glazed nuts or mild cheese.

Tasting notes

Color

Bright pale gold.

Aroma

Custard, dark sugars and fresh apple open into a herbal character, fennel, anise, tea leaves. Tropical bubblegum and creamy vanilla appear in the background, characteristic of the Glenlossie-led blend.

Taste

Soft, sweet palate: strawberries and cream, vanilla pudding, light leather and honey. Dense wood spice from the experimental grain carries the structure, with rising mango, papaya and apricot.

Finish

Finish of new oak, exotic vanilla and a twist of candied citrus. A lingering fruity sweetness that recalls Compass Box's signature character: precise blending, expressive wood, rounded texture.

COMPASS BOX DISTILLERY Founded in London in 2000 by John Glaser. Its approach: treat each release as a chef's signature, with fully declared components (malts, distilleries, cask types, ages, percentages), a transparency stance that in 2015 led to a high-profile standoff with the Scotch Whisky Association and gave rise to the 'Scotch Whisky Transparency Campaign'. Compass Box selects casks from the best Scotch producers, matures often in experimental wood and bottles at 46% or above, non-chill-filtered, natural colour.