



## KAVALAN CLASSIC

### Single Malt Whisky

Kavalan Classic is the distillery's entry single malt — a no-age-statement expression matured in a diverse mix of ex-bourbon, sherry, wine and refill casks. Bottled at 40% volume. CASK PROGRAMME: the multi-cask blend — ex-bourbon for vanilla and structure, sherry for fruit weight, wine and refill casks for added complexity — sits inside Yilan's subtropical maturation regime. Sharp temperature swings between hot, humid summers and cool mountain winters drive the spirit deep into the wood and back out again; what would take twelve years in Scotland often arrives in four to five here. The character is generous, fruit-forward and wood-finished without aggressiveness. SERVING: an everyday Asian-whisky pour — a Glencairn at room temperature, a single ice cube if the room is warm. The fruit-forward profile makes it a strong house whisky for the cocktail repertoire: the Penicillin (honey-ginger syrup, fresh lemon, peated wash), the Old Fashioned, the Highball. At the table it pairs with grilled chicken yakitori, Cantonese roast pork, or a creamy Brie de Meaux.

#### Tasting notes

##### **Color**

Bright amber gold.

##### **Aroma**

Honey, tropical fruit (mango, pineapple), vanilla, coconut, subtle chocolate.

##### **Taste**

Creamy entry despite 40% — butter, soft caramel, ripe mango, hazelnut, nougat, gentle wood.

##### **Finish**

Medium to long, warm, spiced — burnt caramel, vanilla, drier wood-driven exit. KAVALAN DISTILLERY Built in 2005 in Yuanshan Township, Yilan County, on Taiwan's east coast — a region where Snow Mountain spring water meets a subtropical climate that runs maturation three to four times faster than Scotland's. The distillery was designed in collaboration with Dr Jim Swan, the late Scottish whisky consultant who reshaped Pendergyn and Kilchoman. The international whisky community took two years to take the project seriously; after the Solist Sherry won World's Best Single Malt in 2015 the conversation shifted permanently.