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CALIFORNIA CHERRYWOOD SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

THE NAME COMES FROM THE POPULAR 16TH CENTURY NOVEL, THE ADVENTURES OF ESPLANDIAN. IN THE BOOK, CALIFA IS THE QUEEN OF AN ISLAND MADE UP OF GOLD AND PEARLS. THIS WAS A WILDLY POPULAR STORY AT A TIME WHEN THE SPANISH WERE EXPLORING THE HIGH SEAS AND CHARTING THE WEST COAST OF NORTH AMERICA. DURING AN EXPLORING EXPEDITION SET BY HERNAN CORTES, THE CONQUISTADORS LANDED UPON THE BAJA PENINSULA AND MADE A WILD ASSUMPTION THAT THEY FOUND CALIFA'S GARDEN OF EDEN-LIKE TERRESTRIAL PARADISE AND THAT IT WAS IN FACT AN ISLAND.

THEY NAMED IT "CALIFORNIA" AFTER QUEEN CALIFA

AGED 5 YEARS

AN AMERICAN SINGLE MALT WHISKEY THAT CELEBRATES
THE ABUNDANCE OF CALIFORNIA.

ALL INGREDIENTS ARE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GROWN

TWO-ROW BARLEY SOURCED FROM A LOCAL MALTING HOUSE

SMOKED OVER CHERRYWOOD

DOUBLE POT DISTILLED, ON GRAIN, WITH A 550 GALLON 4 PLATE SHORT COLUMN POT STILL ALLOWING US TO MAKE A MORE FULL BODIED WHISKEY

AGED 5 YEARS IN 53 GALLON CHARRED TIGHT GRAIN PROPRIETARY BLEND OF NEW FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK BARRELS. THIS OAK REGIMENT PROVIDES AN OPTIMUM SPIRIT TO OAK RATIO. FINISHED FOR 1 MONTH IN FORTÉ WINE BARRELS. LAYERING IN COMPLEXITY WHILE COMPLIMENTING THE NATURAL PROFILE OF THE SPIRIT

THE INAUGURAL BOTTLING WAS IN JULY 2022 FOR THIS EXCEPTIONALLY DISTINCTIVE SINGLE BARREL WHISKEY

THE NUMBERS:

100% NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GROWN, DISTILLED, AGED AND BOTTLED

AGED 5 YEARS

96 PROOF, 48% ABV

COLOR: REDDISH GOLD

NOSE: DARK CHOCOLATE, CANDIED CHERRIES, SMOKE AND A HINT OF CINNAMON

BODY: RICH AND CHEWY

PALATE: COCOA NIBS, SLIGHT SALINITY OF HIMALAYAN SALT, STEWED FRUIT AND CARAMEL HIT UP FRONT WITH A SMOOTH TEXTURE YIELDING TO A FIRM YET BALANCED HIT OF TOASTY SWEET OAK THAT TICKLES THE PALATE FOR A LINGERING LONG FINISH



BAM!!! LOUD AND SHOWY, BUT PUT TOGETHER BEAUTIFULLY. HITS ALL THE MARKS AND LEAVES YOU WANTING MORE. VERY SESSIONABLE AND MAY LEAD TO BAD (GOOD) DECISIONS.