

MALT WHISKY



**ALL OUR MALT WHISKIES ARE SOLD IN
MULTIPLES OF 25ML MEASURES.**



Single malt Scotch whisky is one of the most revered spirits in the world. It has much scope for variation, it can offer complexity or simplicity, unbridled power or a simple whisper. To legally be called a single malt scotch, the whisky must be distilled at a single distillery in Scotland, in a copper pot still from nothing other than malted barley, yeast and water. It must then be aged in an oak cask for at least 3 years and a day and be bottled at no less than 40% ABV.

There are regional variations within Scotland and terroir and geography play a massive part in the character of the whisky. Though in a scotch single malt, it is the oak barrel that has the largest effect upon the character of the finished spirit, purported to be at least 60% of the final flavour.



Highland Single Malt Whisky.

Single malt from the Highlands takes on many shapes and forms. Typically, single malt from the region is put into 4 sub regions.

To the north there are big bodied single malts with cereal richness and sweetness.

Towards the south, there are lighter, fruitier whiskies with a definite dryness.

To the east, there are some full bodied, dry whiskies with lots of fruit and pungency.

The western highlands offer full body and real power, with peaty, smoky overtones, nearer the coast, there are some more maritime flavoured whiskies.

OBAN 14 YO. (43% ABV)

A bustling seaside resort which has housed the distillery for more than 2 centuries. The nose is rich and smokey, the palate is thick and full. The finish is of good length with fruit and dry oak.



DALWHINNIE 15 YO. (43% ABV)

Awarded 95 points in Jim Murray's Whisky Bible, this is excellent value for money. The flavours are simple but flawless, clean and crisp.

GLENMORANGIE 10 YO. (40% ABV)

This really is a classic malt, so creamy and fruity. Notes of lemon, nectarine and apple. Spices.

A fresh and balanced palate with a gentle, malty and very fruity finish.

OLD PULTENEY 12 YO. (40%ABV)

Matured in ex-bourbon casks for 12 years, this was a double gold winner at the 2006 San Francisco World Spirits Awards.

Crisp, clean nose reveals herbs and almonds. Medium body with nutty, sultana and spice palate. A medium finish with oak.

DALMORE 12 YO. (40% ABV)

A toasty, coffee rich dram with beautiful spice notes and a thick mouth feel. Very rich for a 12 yo. Notes of marmalade with winter spices and fruitcake on the palate with a medium orange finish.



GLENGOYNE 10 YO. (40% ABV)

A soft, sweet gold medal winner at the 2007 San Francisco World Spirit competition. Slightly herbal, with a bourbon influence, more creamy than fruity. Barley rich, clean and dry on the palate with a long finish.

EDRADOUR 10 YO. (40% ABV)

From one of Scotland's smallest distilleries in the east highlands. Delicious honey notes complimented by an oily mouth feel and a stylish finish.

GLENMORANGIE 12 YO LA SANTA. (43% ABV)

First matured in bourbon casks, then moved to Oloroso and Pedro Ximinez sherry casks for a finishing period. Rich and creamy with dark chocolate, dried fruit and rich honey.

THE ARDMORE LEGACY. (40% ABV)

A light peated, wood, spice led flavour. Made with 80% peated and 20% unpeated malt. Light char and earthy notes on the nose at first, followed by sweet cinnamon and toffee. A lasting peat smoke finish.



ROYAL LOCHNAGAR 12 YO. (40%ABV)

Said to be a favourite of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert whilst staying at nearby Balmoral Castle. Royal Lochnagar was originally a key ingredient in VAT 69 but most production is now for the single malt. A medium body, a pleasant palate with initial sweetness quickly overtaken by acidity. Dry, medium length finish with an attractive, lingering sandalwood aftertaste.

TOMATIN 12 YO. (43% ABV)

Matured in a combination of bourbon barrels and sherry casks. Smooth and silky, with a rich, fruity aroma. With sweet flavours of ripe apples and pears and a subtle hint of nut before the long, pleasantly oily finish.



ISLAND SINGLE MALT WHISKY.

The Islands represent a very diverse region and one that is not strictly recognised as a region by the Scotch whisky association – technically the Islands are part of the highlands.

To the very north is Orkney, whose single malts are coastal and full in the case of Highland Park, with plenty of honey, malt, heather and smoky malt.

HIGHLAND PARK 12 YO. (40% ABV)

Many believe the gold standard of malts. Sweet with citrus, comforting with heather honey and complex with wisps of smoke wafting through. Warm, lengthy, slightly peaty finish.

ISLE OF JURA 10 YO. (40% ABV)

Fresh on the nose with notes of damp hay and soft, malty cereal notes. Thick and full on the palate, sweetness creeps in with creamy smoothness and a touch of aniseed. A long finish with peppery winter spice.

ISLE OF JURA SUPERSTITION. (43% ABV)

Initial gristy cereal on the nose gives way to evocative smoke and heady malt. Sweet and porridge like on the palate, a cereal fest on the tongue. Medium length finish with cocoa and rice paper, hints of honey and spice on the tail.



ROBERT BURNS. (43% ABV)

This single malt from Arran celebrates the famed Scottish poet Robbie Burns. Fresh on the nose, apple peels, some blossom and spice, vanilla cream and juicy pear. Fruity on the palate with notes of custard and warm pastry, apple peel and vanilla spice on the finish.

TOBERMORAY 10 YO. (46.3% ABV)

Matured for 10 years in ex- bourbon casks, the slight peat influence of the Mull water gives a unique character to the smooth notes of fruit and spice. Gloriously smooth and velvety on the palate with a ginger and oak finish.

TALISKER 10 YO. (45.8% ABV)

A classic Island dram from the Isle of Skye. Thick pungent smoke with trace of kippers on the nose, full bodied with plumes of smoke and peppery peat on the palate. A long finish of barley and malt.



ISLAY SINGLE MALT WHISKY.

Islay is usually associated with producing exceptional peaty single malt whiskies, however, the north of the Island is known for producing fruitier single malts. The Island boasts many exceptional distilleries producing world renowned single malt whisky.

ARDBEG 10 YO. (46% ABV)

Jim Murrays 2008 whisky of the year! A ridge of vanilla leads to a mountain of peat on the nose. On the palate, sweet vanilla counterbalanced by lemon and lime followed by that surging Ardbeg smoke that we all know and love. A long and glorious finish, sea salted caramel and beach bonfire smoke.

BOWMORE 15 YO DARKEST. (43% ABV)

This malt has enjoyed maturation in Oloroso sherry casks. Dark and punchy with sherry notes on the nose. Rich, woody and syrupy on the palate with a hint of smoke, with spice, toffee and a sherry finish.



BOWMORE 12 YO DARKEST. (40% ABV)

The nose is a subtle lemon and honey, balanced beautifully by Bowmores trademark peaty smokiness. Sweet and delicious heather honey and gentle peat smoke on the palate with a long mellow finish.

BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YO. (46.3%)

Lightly peated for an Islay single malt, consequently a light, fresh dram. A fresh, sweet, seaweed nose and a soft, subtle sherry flavour on the palate. A herbal, balanced salty tang on the finish.

BRUICHLADDICH CLASSIC LADDIE. (50% ABV)

Elegantly sweet with honey barley on the nose, whilst red apples and white grapes with touches of cinnamon flavour the palate. A mineral rich finish with toffee and more malt.

LAGAVULIN 16 YO. (43% ABV)

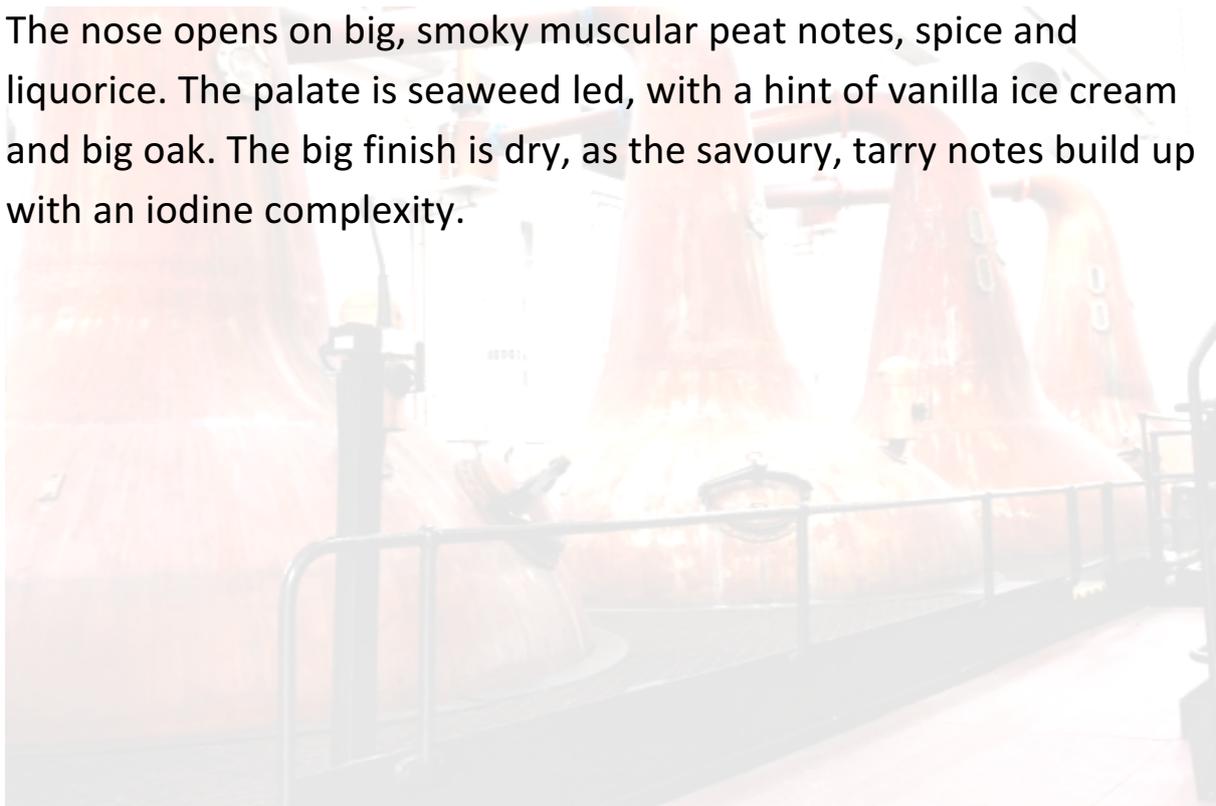
One of the smokiest noses from Islay, its big, very concentrated, sweet spices, mature sherry and creamy vanilla. Stunning.

With a very thick and rich palate, a massive mouthful of malt and sherry with good fruity sweetness. A long spicy finish.



LAPHROAIG 10 YO. (40% ABV)

The nose opens on big, smoky muscular peat notes, spice and liquorice. The palate is seaweed led, with a hint of vanilla ice cream and big oak. The big finish is dry, as the savoury, tarry notes build up with an iodine complexity.





CAMPBELTOWN MALT WHISKY.

Campbeltown was once, one of the most prolific regions in Scotland, sadly, American prohibition hit the area and until recently, there were only 2 distilleries producing whisky.

SPRINGBANK 10 YO. (46% ABV)

A mixture of both bourbon and sherry matured whisky. The nose is big bodied with oak aridity. The peat is present and quiet pungent with an earth rootiness. Notes of exotic fruit and salinity. The palate is full bodied with a good helping of cereal sweetness. There is a richness to the peat with a dark nuttiness and whirling smoke. The finish is long and crisp with a coastal tang and a trailing peat and oak dryness.



LOWLAND SINGLE MALT WHISKY.

The lowlands is a region of more gentle, floral whiskies. In this region, triple distillation is preferred which makes the whisky more delicate.

AUCHENTOSHAN AMERICAN OAK. (40% ABV)

Aged entirely in first filled American oak casks, a light, bright whisky with plenty of vanilla sweetness at its centre – great as an aperitif dram. Oranges and lemons with wafts of grassy air on the nose. Citrus peels and peaches, a little buttery on the palate. Lasting notes of grapefruit and toffee in the finish.

GLENKINCHIE 12 YO.(43% ABV)

The nose is quite light, yet fragrant. Notes of fresh cereal and grist some barley sweetness and a nutty note. Acacia honey creeps in with gentle warmth. The palate is very fruity with hints of Madeira and sweet stewed fruits. A hint of calvados and tannic oak lining the mouth. There is a freshness and roundness to this dram. The finish is of medium length with notes of cereal and a fresh greenness.



SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT WHISKY.

As a style, Speyside malt whiskies are usually lighter and sweeter than other Scotch single malts. As they grow older they develop body. The Speyside region has the vast majority of all the Scotch distilleries and thus, there is a great variation.

ABERLOUR 10 YO. (40% ABV)

A sweet and full nose with sherried raisins, hints of toffee and a pleasant nuttiness. Quite full bodied, spicy rich fruitcake, toffee notes and a creamy malty feel on the palate. Caramel and honey with sweet spices linger in the finish.

BALVENIE DOUBLE WOOD 12 YO. (40% ABV)

Aged in refill American oak casks before being finished in first fill European oak sherry casks. Grist on the nose with supple nuttiness intertwined with spice. Honeyed sultanas and grapes.

The palate is sweet with good body. The finish is spicy, slightly drying, and still sweet.



CARDHU 12 YO. (40% ABV)

A well balanced, gentle single malt. Good body, decent sweetness and rich on the nose with streaks of smoke, apple peels and bruised pears. Smooth, rounded and gentle on the palate. A long finish with a touch of peat.

CRAGGANMORE 12 YO. (40% ABV)

Aromatic, floral on the nose with heather and fruit salad. Rich honey, berries and almond flavours on the palate with a smoky and good length on the finish.

GLENFARCLAS 10 YO. (40% ABV)

Lots of sherry, honey with a touch of toffee on the nose. Winter spice, fruitcake and a touch of smoke on the palate. A long, spicy finish with a touch of oak.

GLENFIDDICH 12 YO. (40% ABV)

Winner of a gold medal at the 2007 International Wine and Spirits Competition, aged for 12 years in American and European oak casks. Grain, slightly floral on the nose, citrus develops. Light, floral, spices and very smooth on the palate. A sweet touch of oak and oily in the finish.



GLENFIDDICH 15 YO SOLERA. (40% ABV)

Matured in bourbon barrels, Portuguese sherry and virgin oak casks the whisky is married in a Solera vat. Sherry, citrus – orange in particular and dry wood on the nose. Sherry, raisins, fruitcake, spices and sweetness on the palate with candied fruits then oak on the finish.

GLENROTHES SELECT RESERVE. (43% ABV)

American oak, vanilla and coconut with a hint of plums on the nose. Full malty flavour, medium sweet with vanilla and orange zest on the palate. A long and slightly spicy finish.

GLENLIVET 12 YO. (40% ABV)

Soft, smooth balance of sweet summer fruits and the floral notes of spring flowers with a delicate perfume on the nose. Soft mouthfeel with elegant orange and lemon notes with vanilla and toffee adding richness to the palate. The juicy citrus notes linger in the finish.

MACALLAN 12 YO SHERRY OAK.(40% ABV)

Deliciously smooth with rich dried fruits and sherry balanced with wood smoke and spice. Described by F Paul Pacult, the renowned international whisky writer in his book, kindred spirits, as simply the best 12 year old single malt around.



MACALLAN GOLD. (40% ABV)

Sweet notes of toffee and custard tarts balanced by some fresh green apple skins on the nose. With cinnamon, baked apples and raisins, this is quite rich and weighty on the palate. A clean, rich, smooth finish.

MACALLAN AMBER. (40% ABV)

Raisins and brioche, with some cleansing grapey notes and toasted spice on the nose. Cinnamon and boozy raisins with a mouth filling rich texture on the palate but precise and clean and easy to drink.

