

WHISKY

HIGHLAND MALTS

Aberlour, Speyside

Dating from at least 1826, this French owned (Chivas brothers) distillery produces soft, spicy, quite full flavoured malts. The 16 year old is matured in traditional oak casks and in sherry casks for added depth, and the a'bunadh cask strength version is a blend of young and old sherry aged whisky.

- **10yrs**, 40%
- **16yrs Double Cask Matured**, 43%
- **A'bunadh (The Origin)**, 59.6%

Ardmore, Speyside

Built in 1898, Adam Teacher established the distillery to ensure a good supply of whisky for Teachers blended whisky. Lying just below Knockandy Hill, between Inverness and Aberdeen, Ardmore was one of the last remaining distilleries to rely on coal powered fires to heat its stills and did not convert to steam 'til 2003.

- **Traditional**, 46%
- **Legacy**, 40%

Balblair, Northern

One of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, dating back to 1790. The products are firm and smooth.

- **Elements**, 40%

Balvenie, Speyside

Medium bodied malts, becoming fuller with age. Orange and honey flavours. Established in 1892.

- **Doublewood**, 12yrs, 40%
- **Caribbean Cask**, 14yrs, 43%

Benromach, Speyside

First established in 1898, closed in the mid 1980's but reopened in 1998. Firm, flowery and slightly peaty.

- **12yrs**, 40%

Cardhu, Speyside

Delicate, lightly peaty with a hint of honey. Established in 1811 as an illicit producer. First licensed in 1824.

- **12yrs**, 40%

An Cnoc, Speyside

Originating in 1894 to produce malts for Haig blends, this is a light, smooth and creamy whisky.

- **12yrs**, 40%

Cragganmore, Speyside

Very complex, firm but not heavy, quite dry. The Double Matured Port Finish version is fuller. Production began 1869.

- **12yrs**, 40%
- **Vintage Port Finish**, 40%

Dalwhinnie, Speyside

Clean and lightly peaty. Well rounded. Scotland's highest distillery, established 1898. The Double Matured Oloroso Finish version is firmer with a little sherry sweetness. Winter's Gold is made only with spirit that has been distilled between October and March, and interestingly enough, they suggest that you try serving this expression frozen!

- **15yrs**, 43%
- **Vintage Oloroso Finish**, 43%
- **Winter's Gold**, 43%

Edradour, Midlands

From the smallest distillery in Scotland, established in 1825. Creamily smooth with a hint of mint.

- **10yrs**, 40%

Glendronach, Speyside

The 'Traditional' version. Well-balanced sweetness, full bodied and smooth. Matured in sherry casks.

- **12yrs**, 40%

Glenfarclas, Speyside

Big, malty & complex whiskies with a hint of sherry. All are quite full bodied. Established in 1836 and in the same family since 1865. The 10 year old is delicate and complex. A fine aperitif. In 2006 the 12 year old was named the "Best Sherried Whisky" in the Single Malt World Cup, and in 2007 and 2008 it won Gold at the Stockholm Beer and Whisky Festival.

- **10yrs**, 40%
- **12yrs**, 43%

Glenfiddich, Speyside

The standard product is the best selling malt in the world, still owned by the family that founded it. In 1963, in a market dominated by blended whisky, they had the vision to try marketing their single malt. This list would not exist without them. The Special Reserve is light, smooth and fresh. Caoran Reserve is

lightly smoky as it is aged in old Islay casks. The Solera Reserve adds a little fruit and chocolate. The Ancient Reserve is richer and mellower, and the new Toasted Oak is aged in small American whisky casks to allow maximum flavours to come from the wood.

- **Signature Malt 12yrs, 40%**
- **Caoran Reserve 12yrs, 40%**
- **Toasted Oak Reserve, 40%**
- **Solera Reserve 15yrs, 40%**
- **Ancient Reserve 18yrs, 40%**

Glengoyne, West highlands

Fresh, soft and smooth with a hint of apple. Established in 1833, it is also found in Lang's and Famous Grouse

- **10yrs, 40%**

Glen Grant, Speyside

One of the world's biggest selling malts, light and dry in character. One of the first malts to be marketed.

- **No age statement, 40%**

The Glenlivet, Speyside

The glen of the river Livet is home to a number of distilleries, the first of which to go legal in 1824 earned the right to be known as **The** Glenlivet. The whiskies are fruity, flowery and firm bodied. The French Oak has a more bitter-sweet finish, and the Nadurra (or 'natural') is not chill filtered. It may, as a result, become hazy when mixed with ice or water.

- **12yrs, 40%**
- **15yrs French Oak Reserve, 40%**
- **Nadurra, 16yrs, 54.2%**

Glenmorangie, Northern

The biggest selling malt in Scotland. Records of illicit distilling on the Morangie farm date back to the early 1700's. They produce smooth, lightly spicy, medium bodied whiskies. The wood finish versions are all deliciously soft.

- **Original, 10yrs, 40%**
- **18yrs, 43%**

Glen Moray, Speyside

Light but firm, creamy and aromatic. Established in 1897 and now owned by Glenmorangie.

- **No age statement, 40%**

Glen Ord, Northern

A fine, complex malt, quite full in body with hints of peat and spice. An important ingredient of Dewar's blends.

- **12yrs, 40%**

Glenrothes, Speyside

A major component of the Cutty Sark blend. Distillation takes place slowly in tall stills to deliver a sweet, clear and fruity spirit which is matured in American and Spanish oak casks.

- **1991, 43%**
- **Select Reserve, 43%**
- **Vintage Reserve, 40%**

Glenturret, Midlands

Smooth, crisp and dry. The current distillery dates back only to 1959 but records show production in the area back as far as 1717.

- **12yrs, 40%**

Highland Park, Orkneys

Thought by many to be about as good as whisky can get. Michael Jackson (the important one that wrote superb books about beer and whisky and didn't sing songs about rats) describes it as having 'all the elements of a classic single malt: smokiness; maltiness; smoothness; roundness and fullness of flavour; and length of finish - lovely at any time. As a single malt, Highland Park develops to great ages'. I can add no more! Dark Origins is a new, non chill filtered core bottling that celebrates the early days of Magnus Eunson's illicit distilling on Orkney, back before the distillery was even founded in 1798. Magnus worked as a butcher and church official by day, but by night he was a legendary whisky smuggler and distiller outwitting the exciseman.

- **12yrs, 40%**
- **Dark Origins, 46.8%**

Inchgower, Coastal Speyside

A dry, salty and assertive malt unlike typical Speysides. The distillery was built in 1871 and the whisky is used in the Bell's blend.

- **14yrs, 43%**

Jura, Isle of Jura

Founded in about 1810, the distillery is now largely modern and produces soft, delicate, oily whiskies. The Origin is described as light and delicate with a warming honey finish, and the Superstition as subtly sweet but smoky. Elixir is plummy with a hint of cinnamon. Diurachs' is rich and full bodied with hints of citrus fruit and toffee.

- **Origin, 10yrs, 40%**
- **Superstition, 43%**
- **Elixir, 12yrs, 40%**

- **Diurachs' Own, 16yrs, 40%**

Knockando, Speyside

Present in many blends including J&B, a sophisticated, elegant malt, quite sweet and fruity.

- **1996, 12yrs, 43%**

Ledaig, Mull

See Tobermory.

- **Ledaig Single Malt, 42%**

Linkwood, Speyside

Established in 1821, the distillery produces whisky with a lightly smoky, floral character and good weight.

- **12yrs, 43%**

The Macallan, Speyside

Another of the superstar distilleries. The whisky's rich character is enhanced by the use of very small stills heated by gas burners, and ageing in sherry casks from Jerez. The Decades series are an attempt to recreate the differing flavours of those past decades. Dating back to 1824, Macallan can also be found in Famous Grouse. The 1824 series is a new no-age-statement whisky. They have done away with age-statements and instead focus on the colour of the whisky, the concept being that the older the whisky is the darker it will be. Regardless of how true this really is, it's certainly a great whisky packed with assertive vanilla and citrus flavours.

- **Decades series, 1920's, 40%**
- **Decades series, 1940's, 40%**
- **1824 Series: Gold, 40%**
- **1824 Series: Amber, 40%**
- **1824 Series: Sienna, 40%**
- **7yrs, 40%**

Miltonduff, Speyside

Founded in 1824 and a major component of the Ballantine blends. The malt is medium bodied, firm and fragrant.

- **10yrs, 40%**

Mortlach, Speyside

Peaty, smoky and malty and quite full bodied. An important element in Johnnie Walker blends. The first legal distillery in Dufftown, dating back to 1823/4.

- **15yrs, 40%**

Oban, West Highlands

Medium bodied, peaty and salty as you can expect with a coastal distillery. A much respected producer and part of UDV's Classic Malts range. Probably started life as a brewer and distiller in 1794.

- **14yrs, 43%**
- **Vintage Montillo Fino Cask, 43%**

Poit Dubh, Skye

A vatted malt said to contain some Talisker. Quite smooth and elegant with a full body. The blend Te Bheag is produced by the same people.

- **8yrs, 43%**

Old Pulteney, Northern

The northernmost distillery on the Scottish mainland. Founded in 1826, it is a contributor to Ballantine blends. Fresh & salty.

- **12yrs, 40%**

Old Rhosdhu, Western

Produced by the Loch Lomond distillery. Light, dry and soft.

- **5yrs, 40%**

Royal Brackla, Speyside

Founded in 1812 and given the Royal warrant in 1835. Medium bodied, dry and slightly smoky.

- **10yrs, 43%**

Royal Lochnagar, East Highlands

Full bodied, smooth and slightly smoky. Visited by Victoria and Albert in 1848 from nearby Balmoral, it soon became a favourite of the Queen. Also used in the blend of VAT 69.

- **12yrs, 40%**

Singleton, Speyside

Established in 1974, a well-designed, showpiece distillery producing this smooth, liqueurish malt. The Spey Cascade is aged in both bourbon and sherry casks.

- **Spey Cascade, 40%**
- **12yrs, 40%**

Speyburn, Speyside

A beautifully situated Victorian distillery producing a flowery, quite sweet range of malts.

- **10yrs, 40%**

Talisker, Skye

Highly distinctive, pungent and spicy - full bodied. Michael Jackson describes it as 'volcanic'. Possibly the most distinctive of malts. The 1986 version is equally characterful and complex. The distillery has occupied its present site since 1831.

- **10yrs, 45.8%**
- **Storm, 45.8%**
- **Vintage Amoroso Finish, 45.8%**

Tamdhu, Speyside

A fine light and mild malt also found in Famous Grouse. The distillery was founded in 1896 and has its own maltings.

- **10yrs, 40%**

Tobermory, Mull

From the small village of Tobermory, once known as Ledaig, the name now used for older versions of the whisky. Those dating from 1972 to 1975 are thought to be particularly fine. Light to medium in body and very smooth.

- **10yrs, 40%**
- **Ledaig Single Malt, 42%**

Tomatin, Speyside

An imposing, assertive malt from the largest malt distillery in Scotland, having increased from 2 stills to 23 between 1956 and 1974. See also The Antiquary blend.

- **10yrs, 40%**

Tullibardine, Midlands

Established in 1949 on the site of a former brewery. Highland Spring mineral water is bottled nearby. A firm, fruity whisky.

- **10yrs, 40%**

LOWLAND MALTS

Auchentoshan, Western

A classic Lowland malt. Triple distilled, complex and light in body. Quite smooth and soft.

- **Three Wood, 43%**

Bladnoch, Borders

Founded early in the 19th century, and mothballed in 1993, this distillery is now back in private ownership and has been producing again since 1999. The whisky is light but firm and fruity.

- **1993 Gordon & Macphail, 43%**

Glenkinchie, Eastern

Originally a farm on the outskirts of Edinburgh, famed for its livestock fed on the waste products, and now home to a museum of distilling. The whisky is complex and dry, and can also be found in Haig blends.

- **12yrs, 40%**
- **Vintage Amonillado finish, 43%**

Inverleven, Western

Bottled by Gordon & Macphail, the distillery has only produced grain whisky since 1992. Refreshing, fresh and creamy.

- **1985 Gordon & Macphail, 40%**

ISLAY MALTS

Ardbeg, South Shore

Picturesquely situated on the south coast of the island. Recently recommenced production of its heavily peated, smoky and robust whisky in a newly restored distillery.

- **10yrs, 46%**
- **Ugeadail, 54.2%**

Bowmore, Loch Indaal

Said to be the oldest legal distillery on the island, dating from 1779. It has always been a major source of employment in the small town of the same name on the shore of Loch Indaal. Complex, quite full bodied malts, less peaty than many Islays. The quality is of the highest order, and a wide range is produced.

- **Legend, 40%**
- **12yrs, 40%**

- **Small Batch Bourbon Cask**, 40%
- **15yrs, The Darkest**, 43%
- **Small Batch No.3, Tempest**, 55.6%
- **21yrs**, 40%

Bruichladdich, Loch Indaal

A smooth, firm and highly drinkable malt from the most westerly working distillery in Scotland. An excellent light and tasty introduction to the Islay style. Founded in 1881, the distillery has changed little since being rebuilt in 1886.

- **10yrs**, 40%
- **12yrs Second Edition**, 46%

Bunnahabhain, North Shore

Distinctive, but for an Islay, quite light in palate. Established in 1881 in a remote cove, the whisky is found in Cutty Sark and Black Bottle blends (the latter contains all the Islay malts!).

- **12yrs**, 40%

Caol Ila, North Shore

Pronounced 'cull-eela'. The distillery was founded in 1846 and the name means 'the sound if Islay'. A complex, spicy malt, present in several blends.

- **12yrs**, 43%

Lagavulin, South Shore

Rich, full bodied and powerful. A complex giant among whiskies. Seriously peaty, it is the last word in the Islay style. A truly classic malt, also found in White Horse blends, the distillery was founded in 1816.

- **16yrs**, 43%
- **Vintage Pedro Xininex Cask**, 43%

Laphroaig, South Shore

Another wonderfully attacking, peaty Islay, full in body and packed with character. Distinctively oily with a medicinal, seaweedy character. Established in 1815, the original owner died in 1847 after falling into a vat of his whisky. The Quarter Cask has been aged in quarter sized casks – the size commonly used in the 19th century when only horse drawn transport was available and before more economical, larger casks became the norm (see also Glenfiddich Toasted Oak).

- **10yrs**, 40%
- **Select**, 40%
- **10yrs, 57.3% cask strength**
- **Quarter Cask**, 48%

Smokehead, South Shore

Smokehead is a superb, cult single malt from Ian MacLeod. Just a massive, thick peat smoke rich dram. Plenty of great south Islay character. One reviewer describes it as Motörhead in a bottle: Heavy, rough, unpretentious and very very good.

- **The Rock Edition**, 43%

See also **Glenfiddich Caoran Reserve**.

CAMPBELTOWN MALTS

Once a great distilling centre, now only 2 of the 30 or so remain.

Springbank,

The larger, better known Campbeltown producer, is a very traditional but also forward looking in approach. The whisky tends to be salty, oily and very complex.

- **21yrs**, 46%
- **100 proof**

WELSH MALTS

Penderyn, Brecon

Wales "Absolutely staggering arrival on the palate of malt, landing with almost snowflake delicateness. Immediately a second movement, this time of bitter-sweet fruit, blood orange included, sweeps down over the startled taste buds. Astonishing stuff." – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible. The Sherrywood is aged in Oloroso sherry casks, bringing out the rich, fruity flavour. Rich sweetness moves to dryness in the finish. Legend is matured firstly in Bourbon casks and finished in madeira casks.

- **Legend**, 41%
- **Madeirawood**, 46%
- **Sherrywood**, 46%

BELGIAN MALT

De Molenberg

A refined whisky distilled from the mash of Gouden Carolus Tripel beer. A first for Belgium are the hand hammered, copper pot stills, in which the pure mash is distilled. The result is a pure and clear distillate. The ensuing aging in classic Bourbon barrels followed by a further aging in Het Anker barrels (wooden barrels made by a barrel maker in accordance with their own specifications) results in a refined whisky with a full and balanced taste.

- **Gouden Carolus Single Malt, 46%**

ASIAN WHISKIES

INDIA

Amrut, Bangalore

Jim Murray's Third Finest Whisky in the World for 2010, Amrut Fusion is distilled from barley from Scotland and India, making this a true fusion of countries. Nose: Heavy oak, complex, but seductively gentle. Taste: Oaky, rich, gentle peat, coffee, dark chocolate. Fruity. Finish: Long, spiced, marmalade, sweetness.

- **Fusion, 50%**

Paul John, Goa

Edited was created by Master Distiller Michael John using Indian 6-row barley as well as peated Scottish barley. The final vatting contains 15% of the peated spirit with maturation taking place in bourbon casks. Established in 1992. Nose: Toasted cereal, big barley and honey notes, Hob Nobs! peat, lemon and seaweed. Some beach bonfire but the peat isn't overpowering. Malty.

Palate: Wood spices, a bowl of porridge with honey and then demerara whilst sat beside a fireplace.

Finish: A touch of mocha, oak and perhaps old-fashioned liquorice.

- **Edited, 46%**

JAPAN

Hakushu, Yamanashi Prefecture

The Hakushu distillery was built in 1973 and is located in the foothills of Mount Kaikomagatake. The Distiller's Reserve is a no-age-statement whisky that is fresh, cool and reserved. Complex and deeply enjoyable. Nose of peppermint, melon and cucumber leading to a fresh zesty palate and a subtle smoky finish

- **Distiller's Reserve, 43%**

Nikka, Miyagiko

The perfect balance of toffee sweetness and rich malty flavour, with a tinge of smoke for complexity and depth. Big and well-balanced at first, some spicy oak and ripe fruit coming through and then a tickle of fire and oak at the finish.

- **From the Barrel, 50%**

Yamazaki, Kyoto

Touch of coconut sweet vanilla, clean finish, hint of cinnamon. Yamazaki is the flagship Japanese single malt, embraced for its multi-layered flavour with fruit and Mizunara aroma. The Yamazaki was born in Suntory's historic distillery, the first of its kind in Japan. Distiller's Reserve is a whisky that represents the exciting next generation of Yamazaki.

- **Distiller's Reserve, 43%**

TAIWAN

Kavalan, Yilan County

Although the distillery was only brought on stream in 2005, the warm sub-tropical climate means that the whisky effectively matures more quickly and an impressive range of whiskies are available (now finally in the UK too!). This Kavalan Single Malt Whisky, for example was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2011 International Wine & Spirits Competition.

- **Single Malt, 40%**

GRAIN WHISKY

The Invergordon, 10yrs, 40%

Light with a hint of vanilla.

Famous Grouse Snow Grouse 40%, Designed to be drunk chilled.

SCOTTISH BLENDS

Famous Grouse

Our best selling whisky by some way. A fine blend.

Famous Grouse Smoky Black

Formerly Black Grouse. A blend of Famous Grouse with peated malts.

Famous Grouse Mellow Gold

Made using Bourbon and sherry-seasoned casks. Lots of creamy vanilla and orange zest with touches of dark chocolate and sultanas.

Famous Grouse Naked Grouse

Aged in first fill sherry casks, and is based around malt whisky from Highland Park and Macallan.

Famous Grouse Gold Reserve

A deluxe blend produced some years ago in limited quantity.

Famous Grouse Vintage Malt 1987 and 1989

Contains Macallan & Highland Park 12 year old malt among others.

The Antiquary 12 Years Old

Highly rated blend produced by the Tomatin Distillery (see malts)

Baillie Nicol Jarvie

Complex and superbly balanced

Bell's 8 Years Old

The UK's most popular blend. Aged 8 years. Since 1825

Chivas Regal

A very refined blended whisky, with herbs, honey and fruit leaping forth on the palate. Regularly lauded by the critics. First produced in 1801.

Dimple

We have a small supply of 40 year old Dimple!

Grant's Family Reserve

A complex and highly rated blend of around 25 whiskies.

Grant's Ale Cask Reserve

Aged for 3 months in Edinburgh Strong Ale casks.

Grants Sherry Cask Reserve

Aged in single use Oloroso sherry casks.

J&B Rare

Unusually pale blend of 42 whiskies. Particularly popular in the USA. Wonderfully crisp.

Johnnie Walker Red Label

Once the nations favourite. Particularly good for mixing apparently.

Johnnie Walker Black Label

Winston Churchill's favourite. A deluxe blend of over 40 whiskies.

Johnnie Walker Green Label

A pure malt blend (Talisker, Linkwood, Cragganmore & Caol Ila) with the youngest at least 15 years old

Monkey Shoulder Triple Malt

Monkey Shoulder is a mix of three different Single Malts - Glenfiddich, Balvenie and Kininvie - and is great with mixers or just on its own. Smooth, sweet and very easy to drink.

Pinwinnie Royale

A classic, fresh, well constructed young blend. Superbly smooth.

Tanner's Peaty Creag

Produced for Tanner's, superior wine merchants (find them in Shrewsbury, well worth a look round their shop on Wyle Cop near the English Bridge). Distinctive and highly rated.

Teacher's Highland Cream

Big, well rounded and, yes, creamy.

Te Bheag

A big, rich palate with a delicate peatiness. Pronounced 'chay vec' which means wee dram in Gaelic.

Whyte & Mackay

Delicately complex. Given a second maturation in sherry casks.

IRISH WHISKEYS

Bushmills Original

Their standard product. A characterful blend.

Black Bush

Complex and spicy. A true classic.

Bushmills Malt

Beautifully rounded with a distinct sweetness. Very smooth.

Inishowen

A little peatiness and a hint of sweetness. Ireland's only peated blend.

Jameson's

Sweet and extremely smooth with woody, nutty tones.

Jameson's Redbreast

Aged pure pot still Irish whiskey Satisfying long, complex flavours lingering on the palate.

Locke's 8yr old malt

The local, mineral rich Kilbeggan water, and the bogs, make this a characterful dram.

Millar's Special Reserve

Light and faintly sweet on the nose with oak overtures and just a hint of sherry. A classic sipping whiskey.

Paddy

One of the softest of all Ireland's whiskeys, with a very high malt content.

Powers Gold Label

A classic Irish whiskey, introduced in 1791. Once a pure pot still whiskey - now a blend of pot still and grain whiskeys with plenty of honeyed notes and subtle peppery spices.

Tyrconnel

Award winning single malt. Fruity with a hint of honey.

Wild Geese

Limited edition version of Wild Geese's blended Irish whisky, rated 93/100 in Jim Murray's Whisky Bible in 2010. The blend is made at Cooley's distillery in County Louth

NORTH AMERICAN WHISKEYS

Canadian Club 6 Year Old

Rye, rye malt, barley malt and corn aged in white oak casks blend to give a unique smooth taste. Try a Rye and Dry.

Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel

'Nose: Some pretty spicy notes, rich with oak. It's cooled down with fruity figs and plums. Palate: Sweet and buttery, with a surprising hint of orange peel. Some tobacco smokiness follows. Finish: Very long indeed, the tobacco notes in full effect. Overall: That Colonel E.H. Taylor sure knew what he was doing, and the distillers of this single barrel bourbon definitely do too. Simply fantastic.'

Hancocks President's Reserve

Single Barrel bourbon from Buffalo Trace. Huge depth of flavour.

Jack Daniel's Old No.7

From Lynchburg, Tennessee, the world's most rock and roll whiskey. Sugar maple charcoal filtered.

Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack

Twice sugar maple charcoal filtered for extra mellowness, and matured in their own barrels.

Jim Beam

Made the same way by the same family for over 200 years. The world's number 1 bourbon. Aged 4 years. Good over ice or with most mixers.

Jim Beam Devil's Cut

The standard 6 year old whiskey blended with spirit extracted from the wood of the cask itself, where it's soaked in over the years of maturation. This gives us a robust and hefty bourbon with a nice added chunk of woody richness.

Jim Beam Red Stag

Infused with black cherry. Rich & sweet balanced with bourbon warmth. Well rounded. Try with ice or cola or lemonade

Jim Beam Honey

Made with Jim Beam's bourbon and real golden honey. Notes of vanilla, caramel, and oak with a superb honey finish.

Jim Beam Black

Elegant. Smooth. Refined. A premium bourbon with a more flavourful character. Meant to be sipped and savoured.

Knob Creek 9yrs, 50%

Hand crafted and bottled in small batches by the Jim Beam distillery in Clermont, Kentucky

Maker's Mark

Full-bodied with rich flavour. Lots of oak, vanilla and fruit. Very highly regarded.

Old Grandad

A full bodied old-style bourbon that has paved the way for the new hand-crafted brands.

Rebel Yell

A fine bourbon from Louisville. A quality sipping whiskey.

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