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## **BOURBON LIST**

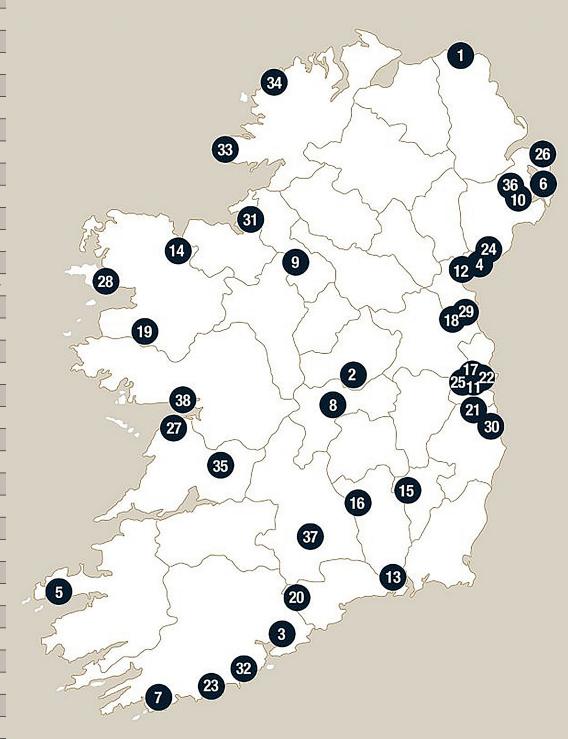
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Duluth Whiskey Project	Mint Whiskey	Duluth, Minnesota
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Four Roses		Kentucky Straight Bourbon
Old Forester		Louisville, Kentucky
Makers Mark		Loretto, Kentucky
Panther		Osakis, Minnesota
Elijah Craig 12	Small Batch	Bardstown, Kentucky
Buffalo Trace		Franklin County, Kentucky
Bulleit		Louisville, Kentucky
Bulleit 95 Rye		Louisville, Kentucky
Basil Hayden		Clermont, Kentucky
George Dickel	Barrel Select	Norwalk, Connecticut
Knob Creek		Clermont, Kentucky
Woodford Reserve		Versailles, Kentucky
Koval	Millet	Chicago, Illinois
Koval	Bourbon	Chicago, Illinois
Koval (Rye)	Rye	Chicago, Illinois
Homestead		New Mexico
Stone Fence (Rye)	Apple Cider Rye	Le Claire, Iowa
High West Double Rye		Park City, Utah
Four Roses Small Batch		Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
WhistlePig PiggyBack Rye		Colorado Springs, CO
Old Forester 1920		Prohibition Style
Bulleit Bourbon 10		Louisville, Kentucky
Jefferson's Reserve		Crestwood, Kentucky
Old Forester 1897		Louisville, Kentucky
Old Forester 1870		Original Batch Louisville, Kentucky
Borders		New Richmond, Wisconsin
Angels Envy		Louisville, Kentucky
Old Forester 1910		Louisville, Kentucky
Henry McKenna 10		Louisville, Kentucky
Bakers		Clermont, Kentucky
Belle Meade	Bourbon Reserve	Nashville, Tennessee
Bookers Small Batch		Clermont, Kentucky
Widow Jane		Brooklyn, New York
Blanton's		Frankfort, Kentucky
Bower Hill	Single Barrel Straight Bourbon, Small Batch	Kentucky
High West Rendezvous Rye		Park City, Utah
Peerless (Rye)	Barrel Proof Straight Rye	Kentucky
Bookers Little Book 3rd		Clermont, Kentucky
High West Son of Bourye		Park City, Utah
Weller Antique	107	Frankfort Kentucky
High West "Midsummer Night's Dram"		Park City,Utah
George Stagg Jr	Whiskey of the World Winner	Frankfort, Kentucky
Weller 12	Wheated Bourbon	Frankfort, Kentucky
Lost Prophet 22	Very Limited Release	Shively, Kentucky
George T. Stagg		Frankfort, Kentucky
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Louisville, Kentucky

Old Forester Birthday 2019

# IRISH WHISKEY DISTILLERIES

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Map based on latest information. Includes both association members and non-members.

## **IRISH WHISKEY**

Tullamore Dew

Feckin
Jameson
Concannon
Kilbeggan
Powers

Jameson Stout Caskmates
Jameson IPA Caskmates

Paddy

Bushmills

Bushmills Red Bush
Bushmills Black Bush

Wolf Hound

Tryconnell

Jameson Black

Green Spot

Teeling Small Batch

Writers Tears
Dead Rabbit
Bushmills 10
Greenore

Knappogue Castle 12

Connemara Original Peated
Tullamore Dew 12 Special Reserve
Connemara 12 Peated Single Malt

Red Breast 12

Tryconnell 10 Maderia Cask
Tryconnell 10 Port Cask
Tryconnell 10 Sherry Cask
Powers 12 John's Lane

Powers Signature 2 (limited release)

The Irishman 12 Single Malt

**Bushmills 16** 

Knappogue Castle 16 Sherry Cask (first edition recipe)

Red Breast 15

Jameson 18 Old Master Selection

#### **Knoppogue Castle 1950**

"Nah' Poque" - named for the castle

**Nose:** A heady mix of overripe (almost black) banana, big oaky notes. Demerara sugar (slightly molasses), honey, ripe greengages &

pepper. Rum.. Just a few ripe barley notes pop through when cold.

**Taste:** Big, booming start. Very rich from the off: oily & mouthwatering, immediately showing an unmalted pedigree to the clean

barley & a hint of oats. There is a sweet, coppery, estery texture.

Finish: Long, quite hard & brittle—and some of the deeper vanillas one might expect to find in an old bourbon. Chewy, with licorice &

a hint of chicory. It is that estery, vaguely honeyed, oily copper pot rum that hangs on the longest.

**Comment:** A highly individualistic whiskey that refuses to take prisoners. Another year in the cask might have tipped this over the top.

We are talking brinkmanship here, with a truly awesome display of flavor profiles ranging from traditional Irish pot still to bourbon via old Jamaican pot still rum. A whiskey of mind-boggling duplicity, tricking the taste buds into reading one thing after another & then moving off on a different tangent altogether. About as complex and beguiling as whiskey ever gets.

Astonishing & truly a thing of beauty.

# SINGLE MALT WHISKY

### Regions of Scotland

#### **SPEYSIDE**

The region of Speyside is located in the northeast of Scotland surrounding the River Spey; it's a sub-region to the neighbouring Highlands because of the high density of distilleries in the area. Surprisingly enough, the Speyside itself is no more than 15 miles wide, but it's home to the highest number of distilleries in Scotland, with well over 60 at present..

**Fruity & Delicate** 

#### **HIGHLANDS**

Known as one of the most scenic regions in Scotland, this land of rugged peaks and heather covered moor-land is geographically the largest of the whisky-producing regions.

It covers three major areas and a variety of warm, rounded single malt whiskies: The West Coast (West Highlands) with its maritime influence on malts such as Oban.

The Central Highlands, including the heather and honey from one of Scotland's highest distilleries, Dalwhinnie.

Smooth & Floral

#### **ISLAY & SKY**

Sitting amongst the Inner Hebridean Scottish Isles, are the malt whisky producing islands of Islay and Skye. Rugged, windswept and barren, the island landscapes generally produce single malt whiskies with strong peaty, maritime aromas.

The Islands malts are unmistakeably powerful, bursting with flavour, from the recognised smokiness apparent in almost all offerings, to the more surprising notes such as the black pepper found in Talisker.

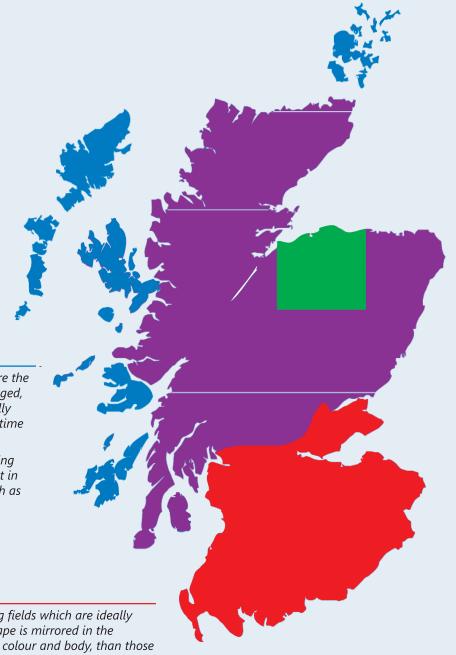
**Smooth & Floral** 

#### **LOWLANDS**

The terrain of the Lowlands is characterised by rolling fields which are ideally suited to growing grain for whisky. The softer landscape is mirrored in the region's single malts which tend to be lighter in both colour and body, than those of the Highlands.

With little or no peat used in the drying of the malt, the whiskies distilled here are generally fresh and light, fragrant and floral with cereal flavourings.

**Light & Fresh** 



### SINGLE MALT SCOTCH LIST

Single Malt Year Region Specifics

McClellands Islay

"magh LELAnd"

**Nose:** Salted lemons, caraway, toasted teacakes with melted butter, seaweed.

Palate: Cask char and burnt ends, with a touch of honey. Still packed with sea breeze and maritime malt notes.

**Finish:** Petrichor, sea salt, a touch of smoky bacon.

Glenlivet 12 Speyside Double Oak

#### "glen LIVit Glen of the Smooth Place

Glen (Anglicised Scot Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scot Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait (Scot Gaelic – place).

**Nose:** Sweet creamy vanilla with warm pastries and toffee, fudge notes and aniseed. Toasty cereal, oak.

**Palate:** Aniseed note with dried peels and fudge.

**Finish:** Long and warming

Laphroaig 10 Islay

#### "laFROI Hollow by the Big Bay

Lag (Scottish Gaelic - hollow) a'mhor (Scottish Gaelic - by the big) aig (Scottish Gaelic - bay).

Nose: Smoky muscular peat notes. Spices, salt, liquorice. Classic iodine & cool wood smoke.

Palate: Seaweed, vanilla ice cream, the First Aid box. Oak, and cardamom/black pepper/chili.

Finish: Savory, tarry; an iodine complexity

Glen Moray 12 Speyside American Oak Cask

#### "glen MORray" Glen Sea Settlement

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) mori Gaelic name)

Nose: Extremely floral. Prominent notes of honey
Palate: Barley and oat cakes with some butter

Finish: Cereal notes & sweet, vanilla

Singleton 12 Highland Sherry and Bourbon Cask

**Nose:** Soft vanilla and sawdust as it opens, leading on to notes of dried fruit and mixed nuts.

Palate: Drying at first with oak and cinnamon, before hints of fresh apple and caramelised pear bring a juiciness to

the palate.

Finish: A very subtle touch of smoke develops underneath toffee and blueberry on the finish.



Mountain Dew was originally meant to be a whiskey chaser. It was birthed into reality by two brothers, Barney and Ally Hartman, who were looking for a "great" whiskey mixer. They couldn't

Find the proper chaser that made whiskey taste good to them, so they took it upon themselves to invent one. In 1940, Mountain Dew hit the market. The original slogan for Mountain Dew was "Yahoo Mountain Dew, It'll tickle your innards."

Glenmorangie 10 Highland The Original

"glenMÒRANgee Glen of the Big Meadows Gleann mor na sith which translates as 'big glen of peace' or 'glen of transquility'.

**Nose:** Very fruity and thick. Rich notes of lemon, nectarine and apple. Spices. **Palate:** Fresh and balanced, vanilla. Boiled sweets, very creamy, tiramisu, toffee.

Finish: Quite long, gentle, malty and very fruity.

Tomatin 12 Highland Sherry and Bourbon Cask

"tomàTIN "Juniper Hill" Tom (Scot Gaelic – hill) aitionn (Scot Gaelic – juniper).

Nose: Toasted cereals & barley. Winter spice & buttery pepper. Dark sugar & cut flowers, malt extract, rum & apple

peel.

Palate: Fudge & dark sugar, winter spice & toffee apple. Bramley peel with notes of dried herbs.

**Finish:** Boiled sweets and fruity sweetness.

Lagavulin 8 Islay Aged in ex American Oak Barrel

"lagaVOOlin" "Hollow by the Mill"

Lag (Scottish Gaelic – hollow) a'mhuilinn (Scottish Gaelic mill)

Nose: Salted popcorn, honey-roasted nuts, tarry ropes and light hints of freshly-chopped cedar. A touch of burnt

sugar sweetness lingers.

Palate: Smokey peat appears first on the palate, followed by coriander seed, barley sugar, cumin powder, smoked

kipper and marzipan.

Finish: Layers of apple crumble, toasted almond and ash. Another kick of cooking spices right at the end.

Macallan 12 Speyside Sherry Oak Cask

"Magh Fhaolain".Fillan's Plain

Occasionally also translated to "property of the son of Allan." Mac means " son of".

Nose: Vanilla, ginger, dried fruits, sherry sweetness and wood smoke

**Palate:** Dried fruits & sherry, wood smoke & spice **Finish:** Toffee, dried fruits, wood smoke and spice

Bowmore 15 Islay Darkest Sherry Cask Finished

"bothmre "big hut" (Scottish Gaelic – hut or house) mor (Scottish Gaelic – big)

Nose: Dark and punchy. Sherry notes, juicy Corinth raisins. Spices. Creamy, mochaccino, sweet dates.

Palate: Rich, woody, pine oil. Syrupy. Lovely, creamy toffee and malt. Smoky.

**Finish:** Spicy, toffee, sherry, barley.



Edradour 10 Highland

"edraDAUWer" Eadar (Scottish Gaelic - between) da (Scottish Gaelic - two) dhobhar

(Brythonic Scottish Gaelic - waters)

Nose: Medium, great complexity. Thoroughly fruity, sherry, sweetness, alluring vanilla.

Palate: Cloying, seductive murkiness. Rum, barley, toasted almonds. Some may find themselves lost in the mêlée, not

quite enough method to the madness.

**Finish:** Any confusion is arrested: spiced fruitcake with crème anglaise.

Glengoyne 10 Highland

"Glengoine 'Glen of the Wild Geese'

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country)

Nose: Herbal, big bourbon. White milk bottle sweets, more creamy than fruity.

**Palate:** Barley rich; bourbon. Clean and dry. **Finish:** Long, barley rich, touch of hoi sin

Jura Islay Superstition

"jura"; "Doirad's Island"

"Doirad" (Norse personal name, meaning deer) ey (Old Norse – island).

Nose: Smoke, malt, and Chantilly cream.

Palate: White pepper, honey & hot buttered toast. Finish: Medium with honey and spice on the tail.

Auchentoshan 12 Lowlands

"Auck-Roysk shallow ford across the red stream"Ack-Rask or Ath-Raskreferring to the nearby Mulben Burn.

**Nose:** Cereals, exotic fruits.

Palate: Tannins, a little sweet barley, vanilla.

Finish: Dry and very long, a little barley.

Isle of Skye 12 (Blended)

**Named after Matisse** 

**Nose:** Smoke, notes of barley and crème anglaise.

Palate: Sweet. Fruitcake. Sherry.

Finish: Nutty and spicy.

Ardbeg 10 Islay Non Chill Filtered

"ardBEG" "Small Height"

Ard (Scottish Gaelic – high) beag (Scottish Gaelic small).

Nose: A ridge of vanilla leads to mountain of peat capped with citrus fruits and sea spray.

Palate: Sweet vanilla, lemon & lime. Then that surging Ardbeg smoke that we know and love.

**Finish:** Long & glorious; sea salted caramel and beach bonfire smoke.

Auchentoshan Lowlands American Oak

#### "OCHun-TOShun Corner of the field" The CHis pronounced as the CH in loch

Nose: Sweet, toasty Bourbon notes & creamy vanilla, with ripe cooked fruit. Perhaps coconut.

**Palate:** White peach and crème anglaise. **Finish:** Floral with white peach and apple.

Bunnahabhain 12 Islay

#### "bun na h-Abhainn" Foot of the river

Bonn (Scottish Gaelic – bottom) abhainn (Scottish Gaelic – stream or river).

Nose: Fresh, sweet. Seaweed, malt

Palate: Soft, supple. Sherry, nutty. A little sweetness, malty, juicy sultana. Slightly coastal.

**Finish:** Sherried, mochaccino, herbal, salty tang.

Aberlour 12 Highlands

"Aber- labha"r: Loud Confluence.

"Loud Confluence" Aber (Brythonic-Pictish – confluence or river mouth) labhar(Gaelic – loud).

Nose: Flower Roses, buttery, pink grapefruit, citrus

Palate: Clean, fruity, tangerines

Finish: Sweet, crisp, minty and spicy, very smooth with plenty of length and perfectly balanced

Glenfiddich 12 Speyside

#### "glen FIDdich Fid's Glen"

Glen (Scottish Gaelic word for river valley in hill country) Fidach is old Pictish province name. Fid is a first name.

Nose: Grain. Slightly floral, mineralic. Spirity, orchard fruit, malty, honey. Citrus develops.

Palate: Light, floral, spices. Very smooth.

**Finish:** Sweet, touch of oak and general fruit, oily.

Glenmorangie 12 Highlands Quinta Ruban Finished in Ruby Port Pipes

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Laphroaig 10 Islay Cask Strength Jan 12

#### "laFROI Hollow by the Big Bay

Lag (Scottish Gaelic – hollow) a'mhor (Scottish Gaelic – by the big) aig (Scottish Gaelic – bay).

**Nose:** Roasted oak, iodine, thick waves of toffee, coffee cake, and a hint of grass.

Palate: Honeyed cereals, sea salt, Sesame Snaps, cigar box, dense peat smoke, cinnamon and nutmeg.

**Finish:** Lasting salinity, juxtaposed with vanilla and caramel.

Old Pulteney 12 Highland Bourbon Cask

"PULT'ney Named after one of the developers of the place the distillery is built.

Nose: Fresh malt & floral notes; touch of pine.

Palate: Sweetness, malt, spices, fruit. Some salt.

Finish: Drying and decidedly nutty.

Highland Park Islay Viking Honour

"Highland" refers to the location of the distillery

"Park" was the Orcadian term for farmland.

Nose: Floral grassiness. Creamy manuka honey, juicy citrus; cream and a well-balanced sweetness.

**Palate:** Granary toast & green tea, jasmine. Orange.

**Finish:** Peppered spicy and wood shavings.

Glen Moray 10 Speyside Chardonnay Cask Matured

"glen MORray" Glen Sea Settlement

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) moriGaelic name)

"Big Height" Ard (Scottish Gaelic - high) mór (Scottish Gaelic - big).

**Nose:** Caramel. Toasted oak and peat

Palate: Barley and cereal notes, rich bourbon, smoke and peat. Caramel & vanilla spiced oak.

Finish: More caramel and sugary barley notes and a lanolin smoothness - more tapering smoke.

Talisker 10 Islay Isle of Skye

"TALisker Sloping Rock

T-hallr (Old Norse – sloping) skjaer (Old Norse – rock).

Nose: Thick, pungent smoke. Notes of kippers, seaweed, apple peels. Fresh and fragrant.

Palate: Smoke and volcanic, peppery peat.

**Finish:** Long finish, barley, malt.

Dalmore 12 Highland

"dalMORE "The Big Field" Dail (Scottish Gaelic – field) mór (Scottish Gaelic – big).

Nose: Roasting beans, the oily nuttiness of a fine espresso, Notes of malt & cereal, butter with rich orange from the

fruit bowl on the counter.

Palate: Seville marmalade & triple sec. Winter spices & fruitcake. Zesty cocoa and milk chocolate.

Finish: Medium, oranges.

Penderyn Highland Welsch Madeira Aur Cymru

"Pen Derin"

Nose: Fruity with chocolatey touches. Sweet, jammy and creamy with some toffee and wood spice.

Palate: Rounded and warming with more sweet, rich fruit and plum wine.

Finish: Sweet goji berries and caramel.



Tomatin Highland Cu Bocan

#### Ho"tomàTIN "Juniper Hill"

Tom (Scottish Gaelic – hill) aitionn (Scottish Gaelic – juniper).

Nose: Oranges and grapefruits: fresh floral bloom.

Palate: Smoke, sweet chilies, a nutty note or two.

**Finish:** Final flash of the spectral smoke.

BenRiach 12 Speyside Bourbon cask

"ben Rlach "Speckled Mountain"

Nose: Floral, grassy, heather honey. Vanilla, peat.

Palate: Peach & spicy toffee apple. Floral, honey.

Finish: Refined. Spice & melted chocolate.

Benromach 10 Speyside

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Dry, barley, big on malt and oak. Dry pine, fruity, spirity. Sweet spices after a time and a hint of puckering

prune from the sherry cask and maple fudge.

Palate: Barley, slightly herbal, a little fruit, grassy. Big on malt, ground ginger.

**Finish:** Mouthwateringly bittersweet. Ginger, dry sherry, almost hoppy after a while.

Cardhu 12 Speyside

"kahrDOO "Black Rock"

Creag (Scottish Gaelic – rock) dubh (Gaelic – black)

Nose: Smoke, apple peels, bruised pears.

Palate: Soft peat. Smoke whispers.

**Finish:** Long, dry smoke, malty touch of peat.

Glenkinchie 12 Lowland

"glen-KINsee River valley

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country), kinchie comes from 'de Quincey' who were landowners of this place.

**Nose:** Vanilla and cut flowers. Sweet and creamy, fresh citrus, lemon cheesecake.

**Palate:** Crème anglaise, butter-icing, lemon. **Finish:** Herbal and drying slightly, pot- pourri.

Kilchoman Islay Machir Bay

"kiːl'tfoʊmən/ keel-CHOH-mən St. Comman's churchKil which means church or chapel

Nose: Smoke & malt; cured ham, oysters with lemon & red wine vinegar, TCP and citrus zest.

Palate: Oaky & bittersweet with black pepper, toffee apples, dark chocolate, aniseed & peat.

Finish: Salty with sticking plasters & black currant



Bowmore 12 Islay

#### "both-more Big Hut

"Big Hut" Both (Scottish Gaelic – hut or house) mór (Scottish Gaelic – big).

Nose: Peat smoke complemented with toffee and fresh green apples.

Palate: Creamy oak smokiness with sweet stewed fruits and just a hint of sea salt.

Finish: Long, complex, beautifully subtle finish.

Dalwhinnie 15 Highland

#### "dalWHINnie Field of the Champion"

Dail (Scottish Gaelic – field) cuingid (Scottish Gaelic – champion). In the pronunciation, make sure the H sounds gets pronounced well.

Nose: Oak, malt, honey, & sherry.

Palate: Malt which fades in to sherry.

Finish: Spice, smoke and oak.

Deanston 12 Highland Un-Chill Filtered

#### "deanston The Hill (fort)",

An Dùn. Other sources translate it as "Dean's farm".

Nose: Light, cereals, zesty orange marmalade. Barley.

Palate: Soft, nutty, caramel. Touch of salinity. Oak.

**Finish:** Soft, quite abrupt, caramel.

Caol Ila 12 Islay

A Single Malt Scotch whiskey from four of Scotland's whiskyregions - Highland, Islay, Speyside & Lowland. There is no McClelland's distillery per se, the scotch is supplied by McClelland's parent company, Bowmore.

**Nose:** Rounded, firm, and fruity.

**Palate:** Hint of smoke without the heavy peat of the islay scotches.

Finish: Crisp, Long and smooth

Clynelish 14 Highland

#### "Clein-LISH Sloped garden

Claon (Gaelic – sloped) lios (Gaelic – garden).

Nose: Light candle wax, some sugar. floral fragrance. Dried flowers on a beach. Brown sugar.

Palate: Creamy mouthfeel; maritime generally.
Finish: Salt, dryish yet slightly bitter finish.

Glenglassaugh Highland Revival

"glen-glAss-Og"

Nose: Sweet caramel and toffee with notes of nutty Sherry, milk chocolate and honey. Ripe plums, red berries and

oranges. Caramelized sugar and earthy, charred oak.

Palate: Sweet, rounded and creamy. Oranges, plums, cherry and walnuts, chocolate, honey-mead, Sherry and soft,

spiced oak.

**Finish:** Medium with warming mulled-wine spices, Sherry and caramel.

Cragganmore 12 Speyside

"kragganMORE The Big Rock"

An Creagan (Scottish Gaelic - rock) mór (Scottish Gaelic - big)

Nose: Aromatic, floral. Heather, fruit salad, creamy texture. Smoked almonds, stemmy hay.

**Palate:** Rich, honey, stone fruits, chestnuts, walnuts, almonds. Berries.

Finish: Smoky, good length, delicate peppery spice.

Aberlour 16 Speyside

"Aber- labha"r: Loud Confluence.

"Loud Confluence" Aber (Brythonic-Pictish – confluence or river mouth) labhar(Gaelic – loud).

**Nose:** Flower petals, buttery, sweat citrus fruit,

Palate: Clean, sweat fruit, orange

Finish: Sweet, smooth and deliciousspicy with a long finish

Buchanan's 18 Special Reserve

Nose: Oak, Toffee/Caramel, Nuts, Peat, Vanilla, Plums, Leather, Orange Zest and hints of Tobacco

Taste: Orange, Oak, Lemon, Peat, Toast, Leather, Nuts, Spices, Caramel and strong black Coffee.

Finish: Sweet Fruit, Vanilla, Pepper, Leather, Oak,

Glenlivet 15 Speyside French Oak Reserve

"glen LIVit Glen of the Smooth Place

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scottish Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait(Scottish Gaelic – place).

**Nose:** Chewy resinous wood, acidity. Fudge and Madeira with apple crumble and calvados. **Palate:** Full and rich with winter spice; cinnamon and cloves, thick oak with developing aridity.

**Finish:** Long and dry with a peppery note.

Glenfiddich 15 Speyside Solera Reserve

"glen FIDdich Fid's Glen"

Nose: Vanilla, musty oak wood and candied peel.

Taste: Vanilla, caramel, toffee, butterscotch, white pepper spice develops when held in the mouth.

**Finish:** Drying white grape flavors really linger.

Ardbeg Islay Ugeadail

#### "ardBEG Small Height"

Ard (Scottish Gaelic - high) beag (Scottish Gaelic small).

Nose: Peat & dark sugar, freshly ground espresso beans, cereal notes and a most sophisticated tar.

Palate: Sweet, ripe fruit & black forest honey. Malt. Then powerful peat and smoked barley.

Finish: Long: caramel & malt; peat smoke, dark sugar & fresh espresso coffee.

Glenrothes Speyside Alba Reserve

#### "glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in hill country) Rothes name of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Gaelic for ring-fort.

**Nose:** Rich, spicy, fruity, sultanas.

Palate: Soft, mellow, oak and dried fruits. Finish: Good length, medium sweet

Oban 14 Highland

#### "ooBAN Little Bay"

Ob (Scottish Gaelic from Old Norse "hop" which means bay or inlet)an (Scottish Gaelic – little).

**Nose:** Smoky. Seaweed, tarry ropes. cut hay and wood smoke rising with a gentle estery sweetness.

Palate: Citrus sweetness. Smoke with seaweed. Rich oak with grist and cereal and malt.

**Finish:** Fruit and dry oak.

Dalmore 15 Highland

"dalMORE The Big Field" Dail (Scottish Gaelic – field) mór (Scottish Gaelic – big).

**Nose:** A chocolate orange. Potpourri, perfume. Fruitcake, sherry.

Palate: Zesty orange, Blue Curação, chocolate. Winter spice, ginger in syrup. Anise & hickory.

Finish: Malty barley and smoky espresso.

Highland Park Islay Dark Origins

Nose: Dusty baking spices and cocoa at first, cinnamon, vanilla, dates. Coffee cream Revels (possibly a couple of

the orange ones too), a touch of blackcurrant/liquorice, plus butterscotch and an interplay between milk and

dark chocolate.

Palate: Sweet, fragrant peat emerges with nutty melted milk chocolate and a little orange alongside some pastries.

Finish: Long and sweet, a little dry chocolate, just a hint of that heather smoke, then salivating.

Ledaig 10 Isle of Mull

#### "LEADaig The Small Slope

Nose: Sweet, toasty Bourbon notes & creamy vanilla, with ripe cooked fruit. Perhaps coconut.

**Palate:** White peach and crème anglaise. **Finish:** Floral with white peach and apple



Ardmore Highland Non-Chill Filtered

#### "ard-MORE"Big Height

Nose: Thick & rich, honeycomb & toffee. Dried peels & notes of marmalade with a malty texture.

Palate: Heather & cut grasses, honeyed oak with winter spices; cinnamon & cloves. Acacia honey.

Finish: Long and developing with notes of dry oak and a gentle, weaving smoke.

Tobermory 10 Islay Isle of Mull

Tobar (Gaelic – well) Moire (Gaelic – Mary).

Nose: Barley sugars & toasted cereals, winter spice, salty melted butter and ground ginger.

Palate: Acacia honey, soft oak, smoke & peppers.

**Finish:** Herbal with a touch of pepper.

Arran Lowland Bourbon Cask

#### "Arran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic - peaked hill), early Gaelic name.

**Nose:** Honeyed bourbon malt balanced by oaky spice and a whiff of bright citrus.

Palate: Coconut and almond, followed by apricot and pineapple. Black pepper and menthol.

**Finish:** Lingering cherry, hardwood and cinnamon on the finish.

Bruichladdich Islay Port Charlotte Heavily Peated

#### "BrAk-lAdich"

Nose: Aromatic and packed with orchard fruits, especially apple and pear. There's a suggestion of salt dough, with

red cherry, peach, honey and perhaps a lick of bergamot bringing a richly floral sense.

Palate: More of those honeyed florals, peppery cinnamon, strawberry jam tarts, salt and sweet popcorn, Crunchy

Nut Cornflakes, milk chocolate, and apple custard, all with a creamy mouthfeel.

**Finish:** Rich, warm and moderately long, with chocolate-covered fruit notes.

Bunnahabhain Islay Toiteach Un-Chill Filtered

#### "bun na h-Abhainn Foot of the river

Bonn (Scottish Gaelic – bottom) abhainn (Scottish Gaelic – stream or river).

**Nose:** Roasted peanuts, cinnamon and red chili flakes, blackcurrant and Port. **Palate:** Sea salt and kippers, dark chocolate, sultanas, a touch of cantaloupe.

Finish: Barley, dry smoke and pepper.

Aberlour Highland A'bunadn

#### "Aber- labha"r: Loud Confluence.

"Loud Confluence" Aber (Brythonic-Pictish – confluence or river mouth) labhar(Gaelic – loud).

**Nose:** Apple slices and vanilla rich barley sugar. A touch of earthy lime leaf.

Palate: Black pepper arrives first, shortly followed by more vanilla and oily walnut notes.

**Finish:** Apricot jam, cinnamon and a good whack of orange.

<sup>&</sup>quot;toberMOREee Mary's Well"

Bunnahabhain 12 Islay

#### "bun na h-Abhainn Foot of the river

Bonn (Scottish Gaelic – bottom) abhainn (Scottish Gaelic – stream or river).

Nose: Fresh, sweet. Seaweed, malt

Palate: Soft, supple. Sherry, nutty. A little sweetness, malty, juicy sultana. Slightly coastal.

**Finish:** Sherried, mochaccino, herbal, salty tang.

Talisker Islay Double Matured in Amoroso Casks

#### "TALisker Sloping Rock

T-hallr (Old Norse – sloping) skjaer (Old Norse – rock).

Nose: Peat smoke, briny sea air, crunchy toffee, slight white mushroom with the malt in the background. Water

brings out some dark chocolate.

Palate: Smoky, More toffee, orange zest.

**Finish:** Brine and smoke gently comes through.

Benromach 15 Speyside

"Ben row mAch"

**Nose:** Flamed orange peel, oaky spices, a whiff of toasted brown sugar and subtle sweet peat warmth.

Palate: Redcurrant and raspberry, joined by grilled pineapple and molasses. Slightly peppery as it develops, with a

hint of caraway.

**Finish:** Another helping of raspberry, now paired with dark chocolate.

Highland Park Valkyrie

Nose: Chocolate and some nutmeg off the bat before the smoke develops, balanced by dried apricot, plum and,

increasingly, zesty orange too.

Palate: Plump dried fruits are complimented by vanilla, dried apple and waves of smoke and wood spice.

**Finish:** Liquorice and more fruit too, plus a return of some chocolatey notes.

Auchentoshan Three Wood

"OCHun-TOShun Corner of the field"

The CH is pronounced as the CH in loch

Nose: Cooked fruit, sherry, toffee, a rum-like quality and notes of Bas Armagnac 1940.

**Palate:** Floral, jasmine, tropical fruit and peat. **Finish:** Lingering with a hint of orange zest

#### Arran Amarone Cask Finish

#### "ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

Nose: Poached pears & honey, toasted almonds and cranberry. Coffee, chocolate orange & butterscotch.

Palate: Dark chocolate, cherry & Turkish delights; stewed fruits & toffee. Dark plum wrestles with bitter-sweet

apricots and a hint of cinnamon.

Glenrothes Distilled 1995 Bottled 2013

#### "glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in hill country) Rothes name of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Gaelic for ring-fort.

Nose: Cereal, with orange, cherry and caramel.

Palate: Orange, vanilla, spicy apples & cinnamon.

Finish: Fairly long and dry, the spice lingering

Ardbeg American Oak Ultimate Non-Chill Filtered

"ardBEG Small Height"Ardd (Scottish Gaelic - high) beag (Scottish Gaelic small)

Nose: Sticking plasters, buttery, creamy, roast chicken crisps, herbal, almost a hint of pine... Palate: Cream, spices, tingling, fresh fruit, medicinal, plasters, Clementines. Orange peels.

**Finish:** Salty, more medicinal, smoked meats, peat is fleeting, tarmac, chili, salt.

Glenlivit Speyside Nadurra

"glen LIVit Glen of the Smooth Place Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scottish Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait(Scottish Gaelic – place).

Nose: A rich, creamy aroma of sweet vanilla and overripe grapes. Mixed peels, toasted oak, butterscotch and

marmalade.

Palate: Malty, rich, bourbon-led palate with toasted oak and caramel. Spiced and intense.

**Finish:** A spiced, long finish with lingering vanilla.

Glenmorangie Highland Finealta

#### "glenMORANgee Glen of the Big Meadows

Gleann mor na sith which translates as 'big glen of peace' or 'glen of tranquility'

**Nose:** Creamy caramel, crème anglaise, chocolate raisins, quite dry with notes of mixed sweet spices.

Palate: Honeyed raisins, beeswax, melted vanilla ice cream. A very buttery expression.

Finish: Honey in the creamy finish, it has a slight oaky dryness and a dusting of cocoa powder.

Arran Sauternes Cask Finish

#### "ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

**Nose:** Initially acacia honey but then opening up to apricots, bananas and pears. With time a floral elegance

presents itself.

Palate: Sweet but cut with warm spice. Lemon zest announces itself with the addition of water and a slight saltiness

plays with this dram's sweet character.

**Finish:** Seville orange, Sauternes and an ounce of honey in a crisp finish.

Glendronach 15 Highlland Revival

#### "glen DRONach Valley of the Blackberries

namn efter en källa som kallas Dronac,

Nose: Intense, powerful sherry. Cream sherry, certainly – Pedro Ximenez? almost... a touch of peppermint? An

almost rancio quality to this. Smells older than 15.

Palate: Raisins, more sherry, orange peel, walnuts, dates.
Finish: Incredibly long, complex, more of the Walnuts again.

Glenmorangie 18 Highland Extremely Rare

#### "glenMÒRANgee Glen of the Big Meadows

Gleann mor na sith which translates as 'big glen of peace' or 'glen of tranquility'

**Nose:** Creamy honey and Greek yoghurt, grapefruit, exotic spice, berry compote.

Palate: Tinned citrus, lychee, very creamy, honey.

**Finish:** Very good, big oak, citrus peels.

Benromach Speyside Hermitage

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Enjoy the tantalizing notes of vanilla custard, honey and baked pineapple, mingling with intriguing hints of

beeswax polish, mature oak and an edge of fresh menthol

Palate: Savour the smooth sweetness beautifully balanced by a gentle dash of warm pepper. A medley of ripe

tropical fruits, mango and passion fruit develops.

Finish: Candied citrus peel and dried tobacco lead to subtle undertones of aniseed.

Balvenie 12 Speyside Single Barrel

"balVEnie Beathan's farm"

Baile (farm) Bhainidh or Both Bhainidh. Named after 11th century bishop of Mortlach.

Nose: Gristly, supple nuttiness, grapey.

Palate: Sweet, gentle spice, vanilla, peat.

Finish: Dry, spicy, beautifully warming.

Arran Machrie Moor 2nd Edition Peated Arran Malt

"ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

Nose: Peppery malt with a hint of baked earth sneaking in there. Balanced by orchard fruit and eucalyptus.

Palate: A burst of lychee juice as it opens, before waves of dry smoke and cut grass appear.

**Finish:** Lingering orange zest and lemongrass.



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#### "both-more Big Hut

Nose: Sultanas & sherried peels, barley sugars and toasty cereals, apple blossom. Fudge and smoke.

Palate: Tannic oak. Manuka honey and walnut, apples & orange peels. Herbs, fennel & spearmint.

**Finish:** Long and dry with a spicy oak note.

Tullibardine Highland Distilled in 1993

"tulliBÁRdine Hill of Warning"

Nose: Mango, pear & apple. Apple peels; a touch of tarry rope. Caramel.

Palate: Full & soft. Barley sugar & toasty cereals, toffee & dried herbs, crème

**Finish:** Notes of oaked vanilla spice.

Arran Lowland Sherry Cask

#### "ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic - peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

Nose: Orange chocolate, with Christmas spices, lots of dried fruit and toasty oak.

Palate: Loads of juicy sherry influence, with chocolate-dipped cherries, raisins and a touch of caramel.

**Finish:** Oak spice, dark chocolate praline and oak char.

Edradour 12 Highland Caledonia

"edraDAUWer" Eadar (Scottish Gaelic - between) da (Scottish Gaelic - two) dhobhar

Nose: Sweet, creamy and honeyed, with notes of Manuka honey, hints of dried fig and date, soft sherry and a hint

of oak.

Palate: Full and rich with notes of berry fruits, and honey and butter on granary toast. More sherry, caramel and

toasted almond.

**Finish:** Spicy, dry and sprinkled with a dusting of cocoa.

Longmorn 16 Speyside Non-Chill Filtered

#### "LONGmorn Morgan's Church or Field"

Lann (Scottish Gaelic – field or church field) Morgan (Brythonic personal name of a saint).

Nose: Soft calves of leather. Wood shavings & copper, barley sweetness and toasted cereal notes.

Palate: Oaked with a buttery mouthfeel. Toasty cereals and a nuttiness with juicy barley and spice.

**Finish:** Long and full of barley and developing aridity.



Glenrothes 2001 Speyside

#### "glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in hill country) Rothesname of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Gaelic for ring-fort.

**Nose:** Spicy vanilla, gingernut biscuits, golden syrup, hints of citrus and malt.

Palate: Malt, sweet winter spices, particularly cinnamon. Rhubarb crumble with hot custard.

**Finish:** Vanilla and nutmeg on the tail.

Bowmore Islay Legend

"both-more Big Hut

"Big Hut" Both (Scotish Gaelic – hut or house) mór (Scottish Gaelic – big).

**Nose:** Peat smoke, a little barley; touch of the coast.

Palate: Gentle vibrant youthfulness, lots of pep, but not too much in the way of complexity.

**Finish:** Good malty sweetness, maritime, pine.

Arran Port Cask Finish

"Arran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), early Gaelic name.

**Nose:** Crème caramel and berry fruits, hints of raspberry jam, damsons, peppermint and barley.

**Palate:** Creamy palate with notes of ginger, black pepper, berry fruits and cocoa. **Finish:** Warming with notes of pastries, gingernuts, redcurrant jelly and spice.

Lagavulin Islay Double Matured Distilled

"lagaVOOlin Glen of the Smooth Place

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scottish Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait(Scottish Gaelic – place).

Nose: Sandalwood & pine with a resinous note. Potpourri, barley sugar, cereal notes, acacia honey.

Palate: Oily walnuts & winter fruitcake with spice & sugar. There is a golden syrup note.

Finish: Long & sweet, soft, chewy oak. Sherry from double barrel maturation. Big, cakey, & round.

Benromach Speyside Sassicaia

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Deep Oloroso sherry comes through, with stewed plums, raspberry jam and juicy sultanas initially followed

by hints of Pinot Noir, orange peel and dried apricots. Vanilla, toasted brown sugar, milk chocolate and

aromatic ginger spice appear underneath with sweet peat warmth throughout.

Palate: Notes of stewed orchard fruit, chocolate-covered raisins and Seville orange marmalade are followed by hints

of set honey, praline, red berries and gingerbread. In the backdrop, there's cracked black pepper, tangy oak

and smoke from a smoldering bonfire.

**Finish:** Sherry tones lead the finish, with a hint of buttery toffee apples, oak spice and fruitcake.



Glenlivet 18 Speyside

"glen LIVit Glen of the Smooth Place Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scottish Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait(Scottish Gaelic – place).

Nose: Sultanas & sherried peels, barley sugars and toasty cereals, apple blossom. Fudge and smoke.

Palate: Tannic oak. Manuka honey and walnut, apples & orange peels. Herbs, fennel & spearmint.

**Finish:** Long and dry with a spicy oak note.

Balvenie 15 Speyside Single Barrel Sherry Cask

"balVEnie Beathan's farm"

Baile (farm) Bhainidh or Both Bhainidh. Named after 11th century bishop of Mortlach.

Nose: Dense Christmas cake with icing, full of sticky, syrupy dried fruits, cherries, finely chopped nuts and grated

nutmeg. Flamed orange peel, ginger, a hint of struck match (but only very subtle in the sample we tasted),

fresh orange segments and plums develop.

Palate: Big old fashioned Sherry matured character, more bread-like fruitcake, malt loaf and nutty Oloroso. Slightly

bitter and rum-like, superb.

**Finish:** Spicy fruitcake with cocoa.

Glendronach Highland Cask Strength

"glen DRONach Valley of the Blackberries

namn efter en källa som kallas Dronac,

Nose: Milk chocolate and Werther's Originals, stewed apples and cinnamon sticks.

**Palate:** Chocolate raisins, ginger, mixed peels, allspice and nutmeg. **Finish:** Lingering baking spices, fruit and nut, crushed almond.

Glen Grant 13 Speyside Old Masters

**Nose:** Shortbread, caramel, a hint of lemongrass and menthol.

Palate: A slow build of apple, raisin oatmeal cookies, cinnamon and milky coffee.

**Finish:** Pencil shavings, chocolate and black pepper.

Edradour 10 Highland Un-Chill Filtered

"edraDAUWer" Eadar (Scottish Gaelic – between) da (Scottish Gaelic – two) dhobhar

(Brythonic Scottish Gaelic – waters)

Nose: Dense notes of cocoa and raisin, with a few good pinches of cinnamon.

Palate: Treacle tarts, banana fritters, a touch of charred oak leading into oaky spice.

Finish: Coffee again, though now with a splash of milk, plus malt loaf with butter.



Deanston Highland Un-Chill Filtered Virgin Oak Finish

"deanston The Hill (fort)",

An Dùn. Other sources translate it as "Dean's farm".

Nose: Light, cereals, orange marmalade. Barley.

Palate: Soft, nutty, caramel. Touch of salinity. Oak.

**Finish:** Soft, quite abrupt, caramel.

Benromach Speyside Organic

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Fudge, coconut husks, a touch of singed barley leading into nutty oak and warming spices.

Palate: Banana fritters, pancakes with salted butter, peppercorn, cinnamon gum.

Finish: Well-rounded malt, with a vanilla-rich, biscuity hint lingering.

Benroma Speyside Peat & Smoke

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Rainwater on a bonfire begins an elegant but powerful nose. Rich peaty notes waft throughout as perfumed

fruits and wood shavings linger.

Palate: Citrus rinds bring a tart sharpness to smoked cheeses and ham, as a little red berry sweetness tames the

thick ashy backdrop.

**Finish:** A little menthol thyme grows with confidence.

Glengoyne 16 Highland Shiraz Cask Finish

"Glengoine 'Glen of the Wild Geese'

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country)

Nose: Sticky toffee pudding, lemon meringue pie, and a hint of buttered brown bread.

Palate: Tangy marmalade, cassia, malted milk biscuits, caramelized nuts, and honey.

**Finish:** A touch of woody spice and nutmeg, while more orange notes linger on the finish.

Balvenie 21 Speyside Portwood

"balVEnie Beathan's farm"

Baile (farm) Bhainidh or Both Bhainidh. Named after 11th century bishop of Mortlach.

Nose: Elegant. White peach and a puff of smoke.

Palate: Red fruit, raisins, white grape and honey.

Finish: Cocoa, slightly bitter as it tails away.

Benromach 10 Speyside Imperial Proof

"Ben row mAch"

Nose: Dark chocolate with vanilla cream at its core. Dates, banana and peat smoke creeping in.

Palate: A rather big palate with dark fruits and smoky embers. Oak-y hints on the mid-palate give it yet more

character

**Finish:** Smoke persists on the long finish.



Glenfarclas 17 Speyside

#### "glen FÀRclass Valley of the Green Grass"

**Nose:** Apple, orange, less sherry than the 15yo. Peppermint again?!

Palate: Smooth. Barley-rich, with a rounded character that leaves you gasping for another sip...

**Finish:** Long, barley-rich, awesomely smooth, very little oak influence.

Antiquary 21 Highland

Name from Sir Walter Scott

Nose: Soft peat smoke & a rooty character. Herbal with a cut hay, winter berries.

Palate: Cut hay & honey, caramel and a touch of dry oak, a little fruit note develops.

**Finish:** Long and smooth.

Springbank 15 Speyside Campbeltown

The name comes from the simple fact that there is a spring in a bank...

Nose: Fragrant with a certain richness. Notes of fruit salad and a hint of caramel, pineapple, guava and passion fruit

lurk. There are notes of dried leather and old ropes. A hint of toffee sweetness and some granary toast.

Palate: Quite full and rich. There are notes of creamy fruit salad and more exotic fruit notes. There is palpable

mastication from the oaked tannins with a hint of spice.

**Finish:** Fairly long with a gentle warmth.

Balvenie 17 Speyside Doublewood

"balVEnie Beathan's Farm"

Nose: Warm Acacia honey and green apples on the nose warm winter spices, vanilla and honeysuckle

Finish: Gloriously long with notes of vanilla and honey.

Aberfeldy 21 Highland

"AbEr Feldi"

**Nose:** Honey, fruity. Thick malt, enlivened by a fresh, zesty quality.

Palate: Smooth, vanilla, undulating, refined smoke.

Finish: Peters out gently, perhaps some ripe white peach notes and a good wave of honey.

Kilchoman Islay Loch Gorm Non Chill Filtered

"kiːl'tʃoʊmən/ keel-CHOH-mən St. Comman's churchKil which means church or chapel

Nose: Pear-heavy Calvados, olive oil, stem ginger & fresh oysters - lemon juice. Vanilla sweetness, beeswax, warm

slabs of peat and butterscotch.

Palate: Tangy peat, salinity, butter, buttermilk, vanilla, ginger, nutmeg and TCP.

Finish: Wood ash, linseed oil, TCP again, sticking plasters, malt & smoke. Anchovy and cut hay.



Old Pulteney 21 Highland

"PULT'ney Named after one of the developers of the place the distillery is built.

Nose: Quite unique! Fruity, full, slightly spicy and complex

Palate: Mouth-filling, full bodied & beautifully balanced. Sherry and light spice.

Finish: Very smooth. For no apparent reason the finish also produced a massive grin on my face that induced a

euphoric like state in my mind. This is the best whiskey in the world.

Amrut India Intermediate Sherry

"Am-rUt" - Indian Single Malt

Nose: Printer's ink, dark fruit leather, cocoa, nuts, graham, citrus peel, old candy, leather, candied blueberries and

spice. This is a brooding aroma, a heavy sulking thing that lumbers through the senses.

Palate: Ink, iodine, sticky dried dark fruit, malt, cocoa, candied citrus, baking spice, blueberries, ashy char and some

nutty notes. Compared to the heavy aroma, the palate is almost light. The Amrut Intermediate Sherry is

balanced, bright, delicious, and far too easy to drink.

**Finish:** Long, dried dark fruit, spice, ash and nuts that fade out bright and elegant.

Glenfarclas 25 Highland

"glen FÀRclass Valley of the Green Grass"

**Nose:** Touch of menthol. Sherry again, less pronounced, but the complexity is greater.

Palate: Very simple, incredibly clean central palate, but amazingly tangy. Really zingy top notes.

Finish: Very, very long and complex finish, Oak-rich, cocoa, buttery.

Glenmorangie Highland Signet

"glenMÒRANgee Glen of the Big Meadows Gleann mor na sith which translates as 'big glen of peace' or 'glen of tranquillity'.

**Nose:** Chocolate raisins, cocoa. Peels.

Palate: Syrupy cinnamon, dries, huge cocoa, oranges, lychees, malt.

**Finish:** Dries and becomes pleasantly rubbery, fruity.

Ledaig 19 Islay Marsala Wine Cask

An Leadaig("The Small Slope")Other sources translate it as having a Norse origin meaning "A bay which is difficult to enter".

Nose: Classic Ledaig – all roadworks, smoky bacon, peppercorn sauce, chamois leather and metallic peat, but also

some aromatic lemon zest and a floral airiness, too.

Palate: Chili spice, black peppercorns, an earthier peatiness this time. Roast pork sausages with a smoky apple sauce,

a malty element, and some rich 90% cocoa dark chocolate for good measure.

Finish: All about the leathery peat smoke and a sweet chili kick.



Glenrothes Speyside 1989

#### "glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in hill country) Rothes name of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Gaelic for ring-fort.

Nose: Fruit, thick Seville marmalade, bubbling on a hot stove with notes of toasted cereals.

Palate: Silken smooth & utterly supple. Gentle barley; honey. Vanilla & malt, cereal oak.

**Finish:** Mocchaccino and barley sweetness.

Arran 17 Lowlands

#### "ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

Nose: Fresh orange peel zest, followed by marzipan and honey'd barley. A pinch of cinnamon spice perhaps, but

just a pinch.

Palate: Ripe red apples and yet more citrus. The spice is stronger here, less sweet, more green and slightly herbal.

**Finish:** Orchard fruits and Sherry influence last on the finish.

Laphroaig 10 Islay Original Cask Strength

#### "laFROI Hollow by the Big Bay

Lag (Scottish Gaelic - hollow) a'mhor (Scottish Gaelic - by the big) aig (Scottish Gaelic - bay).

Nose: Hints of cold wood ash and buttered granary toast with not quite enough honey. A very evocative scent,

which gives way to peaches and cream and Lapsang Souchong and allspice.

Palate: Very robust, and intensely "muscular", this is a real brute, with all kinds of smokiness. It's almost like

crunching down on a lump of coal (but one coated in beautifully sweet toffee). Hints of motor oil and ground

ginger appear. After a time there's just a hint of cordite in the crisp air of a winter morning...

Finish: Good length, drawn out by the embers on a fire, vanilla, charred bourbon barrels and toffee apples by a

fireworks display.

GlenTaite 19 Speyside

"Glen- TayIt"

**Nose:** A bit of apricot, and a little clove and peat.

Palate: Oak barrel, anana chip.
Finish: Neat and in small quantities.

BenRiach 21 Speyside Temporis Peated Malt

"Ben Ree Och"

Nose: Meaty malt with a touch of BBQ char, joined by spiced currant buns and waxy orange peel.

Palate: Rum-soaked dried fruit, more orange peel, new leather and oak-y smoke. A touch of blueberry tucked away,

too.

**Finish:** Five-spice, slightly floral peat, pear and prune.

Buchanan's Red Seal, Blended Scotch

An old and very rare blend, Buchanan's Red Seal was launched by Diageo for markets in South America, as well as duty free markets. It is based around whisky from the Dalwhinnie distillery, and it won a Best in Class at the 2006 IWSC!

Auchroisk 20 Speyside Limited Edition Bottle

"Auck-Roysk shallow ford across the red stream" Ack-Rask or Ath-Raskreferring to the nearby Mulben Burn.

Nose: Malty. Caramel cookies & butterscotch puddin'.Biscuity. Nutty notes. Muted orange and tangerine. Maybe

peach. Toasted marshmallow. Vicks Vapor-rub. Freshly painted walls. Oh, man... the depth of balanced spice.

Thick, creamy and syrupy. A pleasure to nose.

Palate: Concentrated orange notes and cinnamon.Like chewing on raw bread dough.Baked pastry and maybe some

raisin scones.Mint.

**Finish:** Is long.Keeps on keepin' on.

Tobermory 15 Highland Limited Edition

"toberMOREee Mary's Well"

Tobar (Gaelic – well) Moire (Gaelic – Mary).

Palate: Sherry fruit cake, milk chocolate, creamy toffee, light oak, white pepper a lovely spicy tang.

**Taste:** Sherry with oak and pepper

Finish: Nutty with salt

Talisker Islay Isle of Skye 175 Anniversary

"TALisker Sloping Rock

T-hallr (Old Norse – sloping) skjaer (Old Norse – rock).

**Nose:** The nose is fresh with coastal notes and gentle barley sweetness. There are notes of chewy earthen peat

with sea weed and fudge. A development of fruit builds with various conserves, chewy plums and damsons,

Bramley apples and calvados and a vinous character.

Palate: The palate is guite smooth and of good body. There is a little barley sweetness with lemons and limes and

orange zest, hints of oaked pepper with a coastal edge. The peat is supple with herbal notes and cut fennel.

There are some exotic fruit notes.

**Finish:** The finish is of reasonable length and very smooth.

SullivansCove Australia Rare Small Batch, French Oak Cask

Nose: Full rich dark chocolate with cinnamon, orange peel, hazelnut and licorice mint

Palate: Rich and sweet front palate with flavors of chocolate, pepper, toffee and fruit cake

**Finish:** Long lingering finish of dried dark fruit and dark chocolate

Deanston 17 Highland

"deanston The Hill (fort)", An Dùn. Other sources translate it as "Dean's farm".

Nose: Freshly sliced green apples, with a hint of leafy forest floor earthiness and soft vanilla.

Palate: More vanilla and apple, now with subtly sharp green grape coming though.

**Finish:** Milky tea, lemon and malt.

Glenrothes Speyside 1985

" glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) Modern name, Rothes was the family name of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Scottish Gaelic for ring-fort.

Nose: Spiced & aromatic; oak, marzipan, peach nectar, nutmeg, bananas & lemon meringue pie.

Palate: Herbals & spiced, mint liqueur, bananas, figgy pudding, star anise, cinnamon and malt.

**Finish:** A long, malty finish

Arran Lowlands The Devil's Punch Bowl 3rd in Trilogy

#### "ARran Place of Peaked Hills"

Aran (Brythonic – peaked hill), very early Gaelic name.

Nose: Fresh lemon and orange and plenty of spice

Palate: Plenty of body, rich sherry and caramel sweetness, dark chocolate with lighter smoke than Chapter II and

then more spice and citrus.

**Finish:** A very long, slightly sweet, peppery and spicy finish

Glenfarclas Speyside 1968

"glen FÀRclass Valley of the Green Grass"

Nose: Excellent depth, spice and mixed peel. Minty. Damson jam, peppery. Stone fruit.

Palate: Nutty, stewed fruits, cocoa, toffee, pluming smoke.

Finish: Long, rubbery.

Brora 30 Highland

"BROra The bridges river"

Bru'r (Old Norse – bridge) aa (Old Norse – river).

Nose: Cool woodsmoke on a frosty winter morning. Hints of stem ginger in syrup, some apple peel and dried

cranberry and just a hint of flat cola.

Palate: Sweet and fiery, a big punch of Big Red cinnamon gum, alongside that oily, evocative woodsmoke from the

nose. Dried berries again, perhaps some dried cherry too, with beautiful barley sweetness.

**Finish:** Long, on ginger, cinnamon and redcurrant, with plumes of intense coal smoke.

Deanston 30 Highland

"deanston The Hill (fort)",

An Dùn. Other sources translate it as "Dean's farm".

Nose: Dry, with some raisin, toasted tea cake, whole meal flour. A slight lactic touch goes with the addition of water,

while the nuts turn into Ovaltine.

**Palate:** Pretty firm, though given a sugared almond sweetness. Soft-centered.

Finish: Clean and nutty.

Deerstalker 10 Highland

No longer produced or accessible anywhere in the world

Tomatin 30 Highland

Ho"tomàTIN Juniper Hill"

Tom (Scottish Gaelic – hill) aitionn (Scottish Gaelic – juniper).

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orange. It needs a little time to open & really sing, but when it does you'll know!

Palate: Creamy oils coat the mouth. The flavors explode. Melon, lychee, star fruit, green grapes, honey, nougat, dried

fruits & ginger nut.

Finish: Long, warming & supple. A gem.

Glen Ord 30 Highland

#### "glen ord Glen of the Rounded hill"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) t-Òrd, "The rounded hill".

Nose: Honey & beeswax, jams with aromatic wood and a nuttiness. The oak is tannic and refined.

Palate: Full, rich & sweet. Fruit & citrus with something herbal, perhaps a touch of Lapsang Souchong. Menthol &

fennel. Stringent floral.

**Finish:** Long with fruit, calvados and winter spice.

Old Pulteney Highland G & M Rare

"PULT'ney Named after one of the developers of the place the distillery is built.

**Nose:** Zesty mango and citrus, followed by forest floor richness and mature oak.

Palate: Cinnamon and nutmeg, brown butter, pink peppercorn, dark chocolate and fresh pineapple.

**Finish:** Soft salinity of sea air and hickory.

Talisker Highland Distillers Edition 1998

#### "TALisker Sloping Rock

T-hallr (Old Norse – sloping) skjaer (Old Norse – rock).

Nose: Elegant smoke blends together effortlessly with red fruits and coastal peat.

Palate: A finely-tuned balance of sweetness from plump berries and an enjoyable peppery heat. Its age shines

through.

**Finish:** Final flourishes of smoke and salinity.

Glenrothes Speyside 1984

#### "glen ROTtus glen of the ring fort"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in hill country) Rothesname of the earls who owned the land. Rathes is also Gaelic for ring-fort.

Nose: A rich, subtle fragrance of sherry with a light hint of smoke

Palate: Excellent balance of soft fruit and malt with hints of vanilla

**Finish:** Delicious and long lasting sweetness.Excellent!

Tomatin 40 Highland Ex bourbon Hogshead Casks

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Lonach 36 Highland

"Low NAK" – A region in the Scottish Highlands. The Lonach Highlanders are members of The Lonach Highland and Friendly Society, made up of men from the Strathdon area of Aberdeenshire in Scotland.

**Nose:** Straw, caramel, almond, peaches, sweetness

**Taste:** Burnt fruit, almond, rum sweetness **Finish:** Peach pits, creme brûlée, looooonnnngg

Glen Garioch 21 Highland

#### "glen GEERie Glen of the Rough Ground"

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) Garbh (Scottish Gaelic – roughness) ach (Scottish Gaelic – field or place).

**Nose:** Fragrant, perfumed with cigar leaf, leather, rope. Sherried fruitiness. Hint of peat.

**Palate:** Thick, buttery. Feinty, waxy honey. Chewy oak. Sweetness.

Finish: Pungent, smoky, vanilla, bitter on the tail.

Glen Grant	48	Speyside	Distilled 1965 bottled in 2013	
Nose:	This exceptional Glen Grant sherry butt oozes rich glazed fruit notes with bees wax and polished oak to the fore.			
Palate:	The palate is wonderfully bright and accessible considering its age. The flavors build slowly but smoothly to release their sumptuous cargo of tropical fruits. A hint of creamy coal dust adds to the pleasure.			
Finish:	The sweet luxurious tex	ture and fruity notes linger	long on the palate.	

#### "Nah' Pogue" - named for the castle

Nose: A heady mix of overripe (almost black) banana, big oaky notes. Demerara sugar (slightly molasses), honey,

ripe greengages & pepper. Rum.. Just a few ripe barley notes pop through when cold.

Taste: Big, booming start. Very rich from the off: oily & mouthwatering, immediately showing an unmalted

pedigree to the clean barley & a hint of oats. There is a sweet, coppery, estery texture.

Finish: Long, quite hard & brittle—and some of the deeper vanillas one might expect to find in an old bourbon.

Chewy, with licorice & a hint of chicory. It is that estery, vaguely honeyed, oily copper pot rum that hangs on

the longest.

**Comment:** A highly individualistic Single Malt Irish whiskey that refuses to take prisoners. Another year in the cask

might have tipped this over the top. We are talking brinkmanship here, with a truly awesome display of flavor profiles ranging from traditional Irish pot still to bourbon via old Jamaican pot still rum. A whiskey of mind-boggling duplicity, tricking the taste buds into reading one thing after another & then moving off on a different tangent altogether. About as complex and beguiling as whiskey ever gets. Astonishing & truly a

thing of beauty.

Tomintoul 1967 Speyside

#### "tominTowel "Little Hill of the barn"

Tom (Scottish Gaelic - hill) an t-sabhail (Scottish Gaelic - of the barn)

Nose: It could have become a little tea-ish and slightly over-oaky, but that's not the case at all here, it's still very

fresh and very vibrant. A wonderful fruit salad, with the usual apples and bananas, but also mangos, papayas, and a hoppy touch (more IPA than lager, mind you). Some praline then, and a growing cigary side. Or rather

proper Virginia cigarettes. Totally lovely and rather delicate.

Mouth: There is a little oak but it's of the greater kind, rather on the camphory side if you will. Some soft mint

cordial, touches of myrtle liqueur, then our friendly green bananas, various apples and even pears, oranges, and this light yet deep tobacco-y side. Then a little cedar wood, cinnamon, and Darjeeling tea. Strength and

body are both perfect.

Finish: This is where a 50-yo whisky should feel over-oaked, but once again, balance has been preserved and the

fruits are still singing.

Glenlivet 40 Speyside George & J.G. Smith's G & M

#### "glen LIVit Glen of the Smooth Place

Glen (Anglicised Scottish Gaelic word for gleann, river valley in mountain or hill country) liobh (Scottish Gaelic – slippery/smooth) ait(Scottish Gaelic – place).

Nose: Delicate, balanced. Strong spices (paprika, nutmeg, cloves) form an initial olfactory setting which is full

of character. Behind this determined start, we find candied orange, heady florals (iris), aromatic plants (chamomile), schist and emery cloth. Gradually we are plunged into the aromas of a carpenter's workshop

filled with citron melon, wood pulp and varnish. It then becomes exotic (mango, passion fruit).

Palate: Fine, concentrated. The same spicy fervor steers the attack. Pepper and ginger arrive, to join the spices

already present. The mid-palate is especially original, oscillating between exotic fruit, citrus and notes of courgette and red curry squash. Gradually, velvety, vanilla tannins coat the taste buds at the end of the

palate.

Finish: Unctuous, creamy. With a very pleasant vanilla and fruity (coconut) freshness, the finish becomes increasingly

floral (hollyhock, peony). Black liquorice and camphor give renewed vitality to the retro-nasal olfaction.

Reverent and inspired, the empty glass welcomes us into a dark, humid cellar.

Macallan 42 Speyside G & M

"Magh Fhaolain" Fillan's Plain

Occasionally also translated to "property of the son of Allan." Mac means " son of".

Nose: Fresh juicy fruits, lots of fragrant orange notes, peaches and dark cherries. With time becomes creamier with

spearmint and then some blackcurrant cordial.

Palate: Rich and oily, dried oranges, delicate oak and milk chocolate. Soft kiwi fruits, lychee and more creaminess

emerge with time.

**Finish:** Lingering toffee, stewed fruits, praline and some fresher grassy notes.

