



Malt Whisky Menu

General Information

We are particularly proud of our fine selection of single malt whiskies, many of which are brewed within just a few hours' drive

Whisky is a personal choice and you should drink it the way you like it. The perfect way to drink Scotch whisky is to add some water, this will dilute the alcohol level and bring out the whisky's hidden aromas. Adding ice will reduce the temperature and this will hide the aromas and smell.

Some of the nearby Speyside Distilleries welcome visitors and offer tours around their premises.

Fun Whisky Facts

The term "whisky" is actually derived from the Gaelic words "uisge beatha", which in turn came from the Latin "acqua vitae" or "water of life." It's thought that the name refers to the fact that these spirits were first used by monks for medicinal purposes.

Scotch whisky is always spelled without an "e", as is the whisky from Canada and Japan. Most other nations such as the United States, Australia and Ireland call their similar spirits whiskey. There are lots of theories as to why this is the case, most of which are disputed. Just be sure you never add the "e" when writing to a Scotsman or it might be the cause of the beginning of World War III.

Scotch whisky is, at its most basic, a distilled beer. It's made using malted barley (or other grains) but the "wash" is different from the beer you might drink in a pub in that no hops are added. It's then distilled twice to create a smooth strong spirit that is aged in oak barrels for a minimum of 3 years before it can be called whisky. Traditionally these barrels came from the port-producing regions of Portugal and the Sherry-producing regions of Spain. As these became harder to obtain, Scotch distilleries turned to their American cousins in Kentucky to buy Bourbon barrels, which by law could only be used once before being discarded. It was a marriage made in heaven.

A standard measure of Scotch whisky (25ml) contains 55 calories.

All our malts are served by the 25ml measure with the option of a small jug of water or ice.

Speyside Whiskies

Speyside is the heart of the whisky distilling industry in Scotland. It produces whiskies of the highest quality, which are often complex with rich honeyed and chocolaty flavours. There are an enormous variety of different whiskies produced in this region, so be sure to read the tasting notes carefully. Do enjoy exploring this fabulous collection of whiskies...

Aberlour 10 Year (40%) £3.10

Aberlour Distillery lies in the heart of the Speyside region and draws its soft water from the Ben Rinnes. It has a good sherry colour; a nutty, rich and warm flavour, and is ideal for relaxing in front of the fire or at the end of a meal.

Singleton of Dufftown 12 Year (40%) £3.20

Replacing the now-defunct Singleton of Auchroisk, this smooth, mellow dram is designed to attract new drinkers to the malt category, while its smart packaging has ensured its popularity as a gift.

Cardhu 12 Year (40%) £3.40

Has a warmth and cleanliness of taste - often described as silky, smooth, sweetly fruity and honeyed. A medium-bodied and well balanced Malt Whisky to suit many palates with a mellow character and a lightly spicy and sweetly smoky aftertaste. The rich, smooth, honeyed fruity flavours and light spiciness.

Glen Rothes Select Reserve (40%) £3.50

Traditionally bottled single malts from specific vintages, so this no-age-statement example raised a few eyebrows when it first appeared. However, the only thing recent batches have raised is the bar - this is tremendous easy-drinking Speyside.

Glenfiddich 12 Year (40%) £3.20

Carefully matured in the finest American bourbon and Spanish sherry oak casks for at least 12 years. Married and mellowed in oak marrying tuns for complete harmony of aroma and flavour. A single malt Scotch whisky with distinctive fresh pear, creamy subtle oak flavours and a long smooth and mellow finish.

Benriach 12 Year (40%) £3.20

A smooth single malt has an elegant full taste and aroma that captures fruity, floral and oak wood notes, with fascinating overtones of honey, vanilla and spice.

Dalwhinnie 15 Year (43%) £3.40

A good introduction to the delights of single malt whisky - elegant, smooth and medium-bodied with a light, fruity palate and a whiff of heather on the finish. Part of Diageo's Classic Malt range.

Cuidich 'N Righ (40%) £3.10

The outstanding quality of this Speyside single malt whisky distils-in-a-bottle the exceptional attributes of The Highlanders and their predecessors for the past 200 years. Everything these highland warriors have achieved is a result of quality, pride, precision, and dedication which this whisky reflects.

Macallan Gold (40%) £3.30

Was released in late 2012 as part of a series of colour-themed bottlings introduced to replace the distillery's age-statement expressions. Produced from 9-15 year old, first fill and refill sherry casks - it is designed to sit between the now-defunct 10 year old Sherry Oak and 10 year old Fine Oak bottlings.

Glenlivet 12 Year (40%) £3.20

A rightly famous distillery even before its malt was legalised in 1824. The Glenlivet is one of the classics of Scotch Whisky. It has a golden colour and a flowery, clean nose. To taste, it manages a wonderful balance between sweetness and malty dryness. The finish is long and reassuringly warming. A malt to be enjoyed in the evening.

Highland Whiskies

Geographically this is the largest region, producing a great variety of different malts. The whiskies are often complex with flavours ranging from rich toffees and fudges to earthy, spicy and salty tastes. Speyside whiskies are broadly banded under the Highland region, but are so numerous and eclectic that they usually are considered to form their own region. Often distilleries within the Speyside region describe themselves as Highland whiskies rather than simply Speyside whiskies. This usually suggests that they are slightly darker, richer and sometimes more earthy than the norm for Speyside.

Dalmore 12 Year (40%) £3.50

Launched in late 2008 to replace the previous 12 year old, this single malt from the Dalmore distillery is a toasty, coffee-rich dram with beautifully spice notes and a thick mouthful. Very rich for a 12 year old.

Old Pulteney 12 Year (40%) £3.00

A very popular highland dram, with a big sherry presence alongside sweet citrus fruit notes and a faintly detectable whiff of brine. Picked up the top prize in its category at the World Whisky Awards 2010.

Glenmorangie 10 Year (40%) £3.20

The 'original' sets a high standard for Highland whisky, and has gone from strength to strength since its slightly controversial packaging redesign a few years ago. Medium-bodied and gently warming, with pleasant spicy notes.

Royal Brackla Old Malt Cask 12 Year (40%) £4.90

Situated on land once owned by Macbeth, Thegn of Cawdor, favoured with the Royal title by King William IV in 1835 and now celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty 1952-2012, this Speyside distillery has so many royal connections! The bottle has specially commissioned artwork from the Royal Chancellor on the royal blue and white label. It has a nose of spicy orange, walnut and chocolate flavour and a long, nutty and mocha finish.

Tomatin 12 Year (40%) £3.20

A polished, mellow, very approachable Speysider, Tomatin was once the largest distillery in Scotland with 23 stills and a production capacity of 12 million litres of alcohol per year. This sherry-finished version was re-launched in 2010 and is a noticeable improvement on the old 12 year old.

Glencoyne 10 Year (40%) £3.20

Is one of the only Scottish whiskies to be distilled from completely unpeated malt - the malt is allowed to dry naturally before fermentation and distillation begin, resulting in an elegant, medium-bodied style.

Ancnoc 12 Year (40%)

A lip-smacking 12 year old, AnCnoc (formerly Knockdhu) is a top-quality proponent of the non-sherried Speyside style, showing polished malt and a delicious spiciness throughout a warm, complex palate and lasting finish.

Island and Campbeltown Whiskies

Island and Campbeltown whiskies use peat to malt their barley, this gives the whiskies a deep earthy, smoky character. The flavours are often heathery or seaweedy, and may be pungent with a briny note. These are whiskies ideally suited to a winter's day sitting in front of the fire or for enjoying after a good meal or a long evening.

Tobermory 10 Year (40%) £3.10

An old presentation of the unpeated malt from the producers of Ledaig, Tobermory hails from the Isle of Mull and is a more gentle medium-bodied, accessible malt than its peated sister. A good aperitif malt.

Jura Origin 10 Year (40%) £3.00

A light and delicate whisky with a warming honey finish; aged in ex-bourbon casks for 10 years. Some say it tastes of oak with hints of honey, caramel and soft liquorice, but then again everyone is different.

Jura Diurachs' own 16 Year (40%) £4.00

Rich & full-bodied with hints of citrus fruit and toffee. This is one patient customer - biding its time for 14 years in American white oak before spending a final two years in ex-Amoroso Oloroso sherry casks for an unbelievably full-bodied finish. Christmas seems to come early with all sorts of treats - dark chocolate, orange and honey. Its 16 year odyssey has provided countless flavours for you to explore.

Talisker 10 Year (45.8%) £3.20

A classic Island dram from the Isle of Skye. Always highly rated, this was an Editor's Choice in Whisky Magazine. Lots of spice and fresh, tangy peat flavours.

Highland Park 12 Year (40%) £3.10

Remains one of the gold standard malts for other distillery bottlings to aspire to. With a delicious sweetness (heather-honey is their preferred description) and a warming, silky mouthful, this is a whisky that never lets you down.

Jura Prophecy (46%) £3.80

Heavily peated with fresh cinnamon and spicy sea spray matured without chill filtration for a huge peaty punch, this complex whisky is aged in limousine oak casks. Some taste peat smoke, fresh cinnamon and spicy sea spray, but like any great story, it's all open to interpretation.

Jura Elixir (40%) £3.30

Fruity and spicy with a touch of citrus and ginger. Searching for a flavour sensation that never gets old? Try the endlessly intriguing overtones of crushed almonds, pineapple and fresh roasted coffee, borne of a mix of American white oak and sherry casks. Sip it slowly, and you'll also pick up citrus fruits, dark toffee and warming ginger spice.

Jura Superstition (43%) £3.20

Lightly peated with hints of smoke. For all of you taste gurus out there, you may pick out hints of honey and pine, as the balance of peated and un-peated spirits is matured to perfection in ex-Bourbon casks. The finest young and aged (up to 21 years) whiskies go into this mysterious bottle, so there's a different flavour to explore with every drop.

Islay Whiskies

There are seven working distilleries on Islay. The distilleries on the south coast offer the strongest flavours, but all are distinctively peaty. Islay whiskies are renowned for their phenolic, iodine, smoky and seaweed-like qualities. These flavours come primarily from the peat, which covers over a quarter of the island, but the strong sea breeze and wet climate also play their part in producing these, the most distinctive Scotch malt whiskies.

Laphroaig 10 Year (40%) £3.30

The quintessential Islay malt. Uniquely on Islay, this distillery still has its own on-site maltings. A classic in every way, this whisky has a full golden colour and a medicinal seaweedy, iodine taste; often described as TCP. On the palate there is lots of peat, and it is very dry. A dram to love or hate! No in-betweens. Ideal as a nightcap.

Ardbeg 10 Year (46%) £3.20

For peat-lovers, Ardbeg 10 year old is probably the highest-quality 'entry-level' single malt on the market, and the distillery it's from is a favourite amongst many Islay whisky connoisseurs. A whirlwind of peat and complex malty flavours, this is an exuberant, in-your-face whisky to be cherished.

Lowland Whiskies

Malt whiskies from the lowland area are usually delicate in colour, aroma and flavour whilst having a dry finish. They are often floral, grassy and sweet in character, best enjoyed in the afternoon or early evening; perhaps as an introductory dram or as a pre-dinner drink.

Auchentoshan Three-Wood (40%) £3.20

A unique Auchentoshan Lowland Single Malt Whisky that has been matured in three different cask types. Moving from American Bourbon to Spanish Oloroso Sherry, and finally Pedro Ximenez Sherry casks - Three Wood is a rich, complex whisky with incredible toffee and sherry oak flavours.

Glenkinchie 12 Year (43%) £3.20

A great example of the typical lowland whisky character. Recently known as "The Edinburgh Malt" it is distilled about 15 miles from the capital near the village of Pencaitland. The nose is softly aromatic with hints of lemon grass and sweet lemons. A great way to start any tasting of Scotland's whiskies.

Balvenie Double-Wood 12 Year (40%) £3.40

Gaining its distinctive character from being matured in two wood types; over the period of maturation it is transferred from a traditional oak whisky cask to a first fill European oak sherry cask. Each stage lends different qualities to the resulting single malt; the traditional casks soften and add character, whilst the sherry wood brings depth and fullness of flavour.

Glenfarclas 10 Year (40%) £3.30

A typical, elegant Highland-Speyside whisky widely regarded as one of the classic top-flight Speyside malts. It is produced just 20 minutes away from Culdearn House at a distillery that is proud to say it is independent and wholly family owned and run. It is warm and dry with a fine bronze colour and has a sweet and long finish.