



*Carmelite*

# WHISKY

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# W hiskey



is very much an acquired taste, it is seen as a complicated drink, with each malt's flavour profile influenced by the land, the barrel, the region, the barley and the water.

I have studied and unravelled the complexities of Scotland's national spirit. I am keen to break down any barriers concerning whisky. Every day I learn something new about whisky, whether it be a recommendation from a friend or distillery manager sharing his/her knowledge. Some people would say I am like a child in a candy store when it comes to whisky!

This booklet reveals the heritage behind the whisky, explaining where each whisky is produced and the passion that goes into every drop of Scotland's 'water of life'.

As my knowledge of whisky evolves so does my expanding collection. My collection contains rare and discontinued malts. I believe there is a whisky for everyone, it is just a matter of finding it!

## TASTING EVENTS

We hope everyone will have a wonderful experience at our tasting events. We aim to provide an informative, friendly and a well paced evening with small plates complimenting each whisky's unique taste. We start a conversation with you and the, we hope, the whisky will speak for itself.

We host tastings on a monthly basis and private bookings may be arranged with me at [ros@carmelitehotels.com](mailto:ros@carmelitehotels.com)

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# SCOTTISH WHISKY REGIONS GUIDE

Scotch is like wine in that the location of where it is produced makes a big difference to how it tastes, looks and smells even though it is produced in the same country.

## LOWLANDS

**Most famous Lowland Whisky:** Auchentoshan

**Typical Lowland flavours:** grass, honeysuckle, cream, toffee, toast and cinnamon

Lowlands whiskies tend to be light and gentle with no peat flavouring. The unique inland location of the distilleries means that they are triple distilled.

## SPEYSIDE

**Most famous Speyside Whiskies:** Dalwhinnie, Glenlivet and Glenfiddich.

**Typical Speyside flavours:** apple, vanilla, oak, malt, nutmeg and dried fruit

Speyside is located in the north east of Scotland surrounding the river Spey. It's home to the highest number of distilleries in Scotland. Speyside is known for its sweet single malts with minimum peat or no peat presence.

## HIGHLANDS

**Most famous Highland Whiskies:** Dalmore and Glenmorangie.

**Typical Highland flavours:** fruit cake, malt, oak, heather, dried fruit

Due to the large Highland area, whisky from these parts is very diverse and therefore it is difficult to categorise one specific Highland style. Highland distilleries make 25% of all whisky produced in Scotland.

## CAMPBELTOWN

**Most famous Campbeltown Whiskies:** Glengyle and Springbank

**Typical Campbeltown flavours:** brine, smoke, dried fruit, vanilla and toffee

Campbeltown whisky is known for its dry and sometimes pungent taste that is due to its close location to neighbouring islands.

## ISLAY

**Most famous Islay Whiskies:** Ardbeg, Laphroaig and Lagavulin.

**Typical Islay flavours:** seaweed, brine, carbolic soap, apple, smoke and kippers

The region is known for its peaty single malts. The small island of Islay is currently home to 8 distilleries

## ISLANDS

**Most famous Islands Whiskies:** Talisker, Highland Park and Honey

**Typical Island flavours:** smoke, brine, oil, black pepper

Grouped together as Island Whiskies, the above brands offer a diverse taste due to their locations near the sea. Orkney produced Scapa nad Highland Park whiskies and Lewis & Harris is home to Abhain Dearg. The Isle of Skye is famous for its Talisker whisky and Tobermory whisky is produced on the Island of Mull. Jura & Arran are located on their namesake islands.



# HIGHLAND MALT



Glen Garioch Whisky (pronounced Geery in Doric), is located in Oldmedrum - our nearest distillery to Carmelite. This mighty malt has been produced in the quaint and historic town of Oldmeldrum since 1797.

## Hearty Highland Malts

Discover the Founder's Reserve and Glen Garioch 12 Years Old at the heart of our range.



### **Glen Garioch Founder's Reserve** - £5.00

Warm amber in appearance, sweet vanilla and subtle spice combine with fruity green apple and grapefruit on the nose. Taste butter cream and citrus cleanliness which leads to an elegant and subtle finish.



### **Glen Garioch 12 year old** - £6.00

The colour of honey, on the nose heathery floral notes are balanced with the richness of poached pears and the sweetness of malted barley. Taste of crème brûlée and sweet ripe banana at first, then light oak flavour with pear fruitness, leading to long smooth, creamy finish.



### **Glen Garioch Virgin Oak** £10.00

Fully matured in virgin North American white oak casks is unlike anything you have tasted. Although American bourbon whisky must, by law, be matured in unused, virgin oak casks, Scottish distilleries have always favoured using, so called 'ex-bourbon' barrels.

## The Renaissance Chapters



### **Glen Garioch 15 year old Sherry Matured** £7.00

The smell of freshly baked and buttered hot cross buns with notes of sultanas, cinnamon and mixed citrus peel, layered on warm dough with sweet apricots and honey glaze. Taste rich and full bodies with raisins brioche, sugar-glaze and nutmeg-spice orange peel. A lingering long-lasting note with raisins, dates and warm buttered toast.



### **Glen Garioch 16 year old The Renaissance 2nd Chapter** £13.00

Layers of tangy orange zest, warm oak spices and honeycomb intermingle with toffee and cream. Lime and ginger honeycomb with vanilla ice cream and tangy orange marmalade lead to a spiced apple tart, toasted almond and nectarine finish.



### **Glen Garioch 17 year old The Renaissance 3rd Chapter** £14.00

Third chapter in a four part series.

## Vintage Releases

Glen Garioch has always favoured quality over quantity. So rather than releasing a new batch on a whim, the distillery periodically selects individual casks at the peak of perfection.



### **1999 Glen Garioch** £25.00

Glen Garioch 1999 Vintage Sherry Cask Matured sits on your tongue, not wanting to move. If you have the slightest love of sherry whisky, then this is simply stunning secret dram is a must.



### **Glen Garioch 1998 Wine Cask Matured** £12.00

Rich and complex layers of chocolate malt, autumn fruits like brambles, wild blueberries and plums and warming oak spices, followed by nutmeg and ginger marmalade drizzled with heather honey. Sweet and spicy to the end, with chocolate, brambles and ginger.

This is a small batch release has been exclusively matured in the finest wine casks since 1998, adding a touch of French finesse to Glen Garioch's rich highland character. The result is fruity, sweet and very spicy.



### **Glen Garioch Vintage 1997** £ 23.00

After two years' of silence, the distillery gates were flung open and production recommenced in 1997. Now unsmoked, Vintage 1997 has been matured in a combination of first and second fill bourbon barrels. Juicy and mouth-watering, with a creamy mouth-coating texture. Spiced pear crumble, ripe banana and toffee are followed by honeydew melon, ground nutmeg and allspice.



### **1997 Glen Garioch** £12.00

A combination of 1st and 2nd filled ex bourbon barrels were selected to create this vintage showcasing the fresh tastes and soft creamy textures characteristics of Glen Garioch house style.



### **1991 Glen Garioch** £25.00

Cask Strength batch this 1991 vintage picked up five stars from 'Class Magazine' distilled in 1991. Handfilled at the distillery, this heady whisky is aromatic on the nose with sandalwood, ice musk, butterscotch and ginger. Fruity on the tongue with brambles, vines, apples, and wood progressing to smooth clotted cream. Green tobacco, blackberry and elderflower linger into the rewarding finish.



### **1978 Glen Garioch Cask 11001** - £75.00

Glen Garioch 1978 Vintage Highland Single Malt Whisky. Single cask refill bourbon barrel #11001 bottled April 2017. Hand-filled for Carmelite at the distillery visitor centre, this malt is slightly smoky.. Vintage1978 is a peat whisky and has a pleasant wood-like spiciness.

## SPEYSIDE



**Aberlour** - Scottish Gaelic : Obar Lobhair, Banffshire

The village of Aberlour lies at the very heart of Speyside, where the Lour burn joins the river Spey. The exceptionally pure, soft spring water used for making Aberlour whisky, is drawn from nearby natural springs.



### **Aberlour 12 year old** - £6.00

This double matured version is a mix of traditional oak and sherry casks - rich and fruity with delicious Christmas cake notes... Easy drinking malt.



### **Aberlour 16 year old** - £7.50

A fruity and spicy release from Aberlour - this malt has been matured in a combination of sherry butts and first-fill bourbon casks, "a malt of unbridled magnificence".



### **Aberlour 18 year old** - £12.50

This 18 year old Malt was only released for general consumption in 2008. Prior to this it was only produced for the French market. Characteristics of this malt are it's rich and spicy flavour.

**Aberlour A'bunadh**- A'bunadh Scottish Gaelic as (of) the origin - cask-strength single malt whisky from the Aberlour Distillery in Scotland. Each batch of this whisky is blended from barrels ranging from 5 year old to 25 year old. It is produced in limited run batches, with each batch carrying a unique number on its label.



### **Aberlour A'bunadh Batch 58 2017**- £7.50

Batch 58 of Aberlour's long-running A'bunadh range, matured exclusively in Spanish Oloroso Sherry casks and bottled at cask strength. It is much loved among sherried whisky enthusiasts.



### **Aberlour A'bunadh Batch 57 2016**- £7.50

Batch 57 of Aberlour's incredible A'Bunadh bottling. Natural strength sherry cask. Sherry butts and bottled at cask strength, which is 60.7% ABV.



# SPEYSIDE



## Macallan Distillery

The Macallan embodies the care, passion and superior craftsmanship that goes into every bottle of there single malt. Sitting at the heart of The Macallan Estate, just 400m from our existing distillery, the new distillery and visitor experiences sits side by side our Spiritual Home, Easter Elchies House, and marries the past, present and future in a unique statement in architecture, construction and whisky making.

This distillery you must go and see !



### Macallan 10 Year Old - £5.00

Matured in Bourbon & Sherry Oak Casks. This range has been around for a few years now and seems to have weathered the storm it caused amongst the faithful when it was initially released. The Fine Oak range is...more approachable, and has the potential to be embraced by a greater percentage of whisky drinkers.



### Macallan 12 Year Old - £6.50

Deliciously smooth, with rich dried fruits and sherry, balanced with woodsmoke and spice. Described by F. Paul Pacult, the renowned international whisky writer, in his book Kindred Spirits as 'simply the best 12 Year Old single malt around'.

# THE BALVENIE®

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

## Balvenie- Speyside -Dufftown Keith

In early 1892 work began to convert an 18th-century mansion ( Balvenie New House) into a distillery.



### **Balvenie 12 Year Old Doublewood- £5.00**

Supple nuttiness intertwined with spices.



### **Balvenie 14 Year Old Caribbean Cask - £6.50**

This whisky has been matured for 14 years in traditional oak casks before being transferred to Caribbean rum casks to impart some extra flavour. This process has created a well-rounded and drinkable whisky with notes of fruit and vanilla.



### **Balvenie 15 Year Old Single Barrel Sherry Cask Bottle 122 - £14.00**

Unveiled in 2014, the 15 years old Single Barrel Casks are a wonderful sight from Balvenie - single malt Scotch Whiskies matured in sherry casks. These are released in batches of no larger than 650 bottles from a single cask, each one being hand numbered. Although no two casks are the same, and therefore won't produce an identical single malt, the casks are carefully selected by Balvenie's Malt Master and feature a consistent, rich spiced character, complimented by hints of elegant oak.



### **Balvenie 16 Year Old Triple Cask- £10.00**

The Triple Cask range is matured in first-fill American oak barrels, traditional refill casks and first-fill Olorosso Sherry butts. The 16 year old shows off a lot more vanilla and fruit than the 12 year old Triple Cask - the extra years in the cask also bring out plenty more fragrant, oak spices.



### **Balvenie 17 Year Old Cask - £12.50**

Very smooth warm acacia honey and green apples on the nose leading to warm winter spices.



### **Balvenie 21 Year Old Madeira Cask- £32.00**

Aged in traditional whisky casks for two decades before being transferred to ex-Maderia wine casks for a further period of maturation. The whisky notes of exotic fruit salad, barley sugar, runny honey, cinnamon spices and gentle oak vanilla.



### **Balvenie PortWood 21 Year Old - £32.00**

An additional period of maturation in 30 year-old port pipes has given this aged Balvenie an extra level of depth and concentration of flavour, adding potent fruit and smoke notes to the silky-smooth full-bodied palate. Rich, indulgent, after-dinner Speyside at its best.



## SPEYSIDE

**Cardhu Distillery** is a Speyside distillery near Archiestown, Moray, Scotland, founded by the whisky smuggler John Cumming, and his wife Helen Cumming in 1824. The distillery is run by Diageo and the distillery's Scotch whisky makes up an important part of the Johnnie Walker blended whiskies. The word "Cardhu" derives from the Scots Gaelic Carn Dubh, meaning "Black Rock".



### **Cardhu 12 year old** - £5.00

Sweet malt evoking flavours of honeyed flapjacks and home-made caramel squares, this is one for the sweet-toothed among you.

While it is not often seen here in the UK, Cardhu is the biggest selling single malt whisky in Spain, with its soft, sweet character, it is the perfect match for the warm climate.



### **Cardhu Gold Reserve** - £5.50

Cardhu is known for being an easy-drinking and sweeter style of whisky. Gold Reserve has been aged in toasted oak casks, which has notes of toffee apples.



### **Cardhu 15 year old** - £8.00

A much-loved single malt, Cardhu is an easy-going, charming Speysider. This malt has been aged for longer than the regular 12 year old expression, and the extra three years combine the distillery's characteristic orchard fruit, barley sugar malt and cake spices with richer tropical fruit and vanilla notes.



### **Singleton Whisky**

Founded in 1895 as "Dufftown-Glenlivet Distillery".



### **Singleton of Dufftown** £6.00

A straightforward, nutty and malty single malt from Speyside, the Singleton of Dufftown was released to replace the Singleton of Auchroisk.





## SPEYSIDE

**Glenfiddich** - "Valley of the Deer" in Scottish Gaelic, hence the presence of a stag symbol on their bottles. Glenfiddich is a Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky produced in Dufftown, Scotland.



**Glenfiddich IPA** - £5.50

One of the first pair of entries in Glenfiddich Experimental Series - a whisky finished in casks seasoned with India Pale Ale. The Speyside Craft Brewery created a special beer which was aged in ex-Glenfiddich casks for a month before they were returned to the distillery and filled with whisky for a three months. The result is a vibrant and fruity dram.



**Glenfiddich 12 year old** - £4.00

This malt received the Gold Medal 2013 International Spirit Challenge (ISC). The 12 year old's complex, rounded flavours of fresh pear and subtle oak notes help make it the world's favourite single malt. A smooth, rich and mellow malt.



**Glenfiddich 15 year old** - £5.50 - Core Range

Unique Solera system marries whiskies matured in sherry, bourbon and new oak casks to create a deliciously harmonious and intensely honeyed single malt.



**Glenfiddich Reserva Solera Vat No 1** - £5.50  
or **Glenfiddich Reserva Solera Vat No 2** - £6.50



**Glenfiddich 18 year old** - £9.00 - Core Range

Patently matured in the Oloroso sherry and bourbon casks, before being married in small batches to create an extraordinary whisky.



**Glenfiddich Madeira Cask Aged 19 Year Old** - £15.00

Glenfiddich 'Age of Discovery' is a rich 19 year old single malt matured in oak casks previously used to age fine Madeira wine.

This has created an earthy, distinctive whisky with a full bodied yet fairly young character.



**Glenfiddich Reserva Rum Cask 21 Year Old** - £20.00

Taking its time using casks that once contained premium Caribbean rum, this expression spends its final months finishing in reserva rum casks selected by the Glenfiddich Malt Master.





EXPERIMENT WITH

# GLENFIDDICH SINGLE MALT

flight £18.50

Award-winning single malt whiskies made with extraordinary care and attention.

Each Glenfiddich single malt is a work of perfection. Ranging from signature 12 year old expression to rare, vintage and limited edition bottles, whisky is renowned worldwide for its quality and consistency.



**NOSE:** Distinctively fresh and fruity with a hint of pear.

**TASTE:** Butterscotch, cream, malt and subtle oak flavours.

**FINISH:** A long smooth and mellow finish.



**NOSE:** Sweet heather honey and vanilla fudge.

**TASTE:** Silky smooth, revealing layers of sherry, oak, marzipan.

**FINISH:** Satisfyingly rich with lingering sweetness.



**NOSE:** A remarkably rich aroma with ripe orchard fruit.

**TASTE:** Richly delivers luxurious dried fruit, candy, peel and dates.

**FINISH:** Warming, rewarding and distinguished.

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# Deanston A Story of Regeneration

Doune near Stirling

Deanston originally opened as a cotton mill. It was also the first industrial establishment to issue its own currency, due to a shortage of coins during the Napoleonic wars. French and Spanish coins were branded with a Deanston stamp and issued to workers. These coins were known as 'Deanstons' and were only redeemable in the village grocers and haberdashery. Even today the distillery is powered by its original electrical turbines. The mill was converted to a distillery in 1974 and to this day still adheres to its traditional methods with everything being done by hand, smell and taste...

## Deanston Coin - £2.00

Have a piece of history with our own Deanston Coin, redeemable at the Deanston Distillery for a free tour and £5.00 Sterling Bottle of Whisky.



## Deanston 12 year old - £6.00

Sweet tooth dram with rich creamy toffee and honeyed heather, soft vanilla and sumptuous fruits.



## 15 Year Old Organic - £12.00

Only made for two weeks of the year, soft and fruity with sweetness of American oak, smooth, creamy sweetness with malty honeyed spice and vanilla. Incredibly crisp with a long lasting oak sweetness.



## 14 Year Old Spanish Oak - £18.00

Palette of rich crème brûlée, zesty orange and frothy cappuccino to finish, long and luxurious with spice.



## 18 Year Old Bourbon Finish - £11.00

It won 4 awards, one in 2015, one in 2016, two in 2017. Quite aromatic with balanced American oak notes, vanilla with a hint of honey, tobacco and nutmeg. Sweet and spicy gingerbread, manuka honey and white pepper flavours..lasting notes gingerly honeyed tail.



THE TRIPLE DISTILLED

# AUCHENTOSHAN

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Auchentoshan - Glasgow - Lowland Distillery is a single malt whisky distillery in the west of Scotland. The name Auchentoshan is from Gaelic Achadh an t-Oisein and translates as "the field of the corner". This lowland whisky is produced in the nearest distillery to Glasgow, Auchentoshan practices triple distillation which gives whisky a more delicate and sweet flavour than many of the Scotch whiskies.



**Auchentoshan 12 Years Old** - £5.00

This 12 year expression replaced the old 10 year old.



**Auchentoshan American Oak** - £5.00

American Oak was introduced in 2014 to replace the Classic. Matured exclusively in the first bourbon casks, this is a vanilla-rich and fruity whisky.



**Auchentoshan 14 Year old Cooper's Reserve** - £10.00

The whisky was drawn from a selection of Spanish Oloroso Sherry casks and North American Sherry casks, resulting in a flavour profile brimming with sugared almonds, dried fruits and creamy vanilla. Touches of orange oil and figs rolls, walnuts, milk chocolate and that oaky hint.



### Auchentoshan Solera - £25.00

Auchentoshan Solera is a full-bodied and complex Lowlander that has been finished in Pedro Ximenez casks. This has enticing notes of almonds, marzipan and chocolate. Only two words Delicious Delightful!



### Auchentoshan 2000 Three Wood - £18.00

This got is a collectible bottle of Auchentoshan Select, produced in the 2000's before the distillery's range got a big revamp in 2008. Smooth and mellow with notes of vanilla apple and pear on be nose, smooth and warm on the palate with orchard fruits, light and delicate aftertaste absolutely beautiful.



**Auchentoshan 21 year old Rare Bottling** - An old edition of Auchentoshan 21 years old, this was replaced with new packaging in 2008 and as such is rather rare and hard to find. This bottle is a collector's item impeccable style.

## MAKE AN Auchentoshan WHISKY FLIGHT £20.00



AUCHENTOSHAN  
COPPER RESERVE



AUCHENTOSHAN  
AMERICAN OAK



AUCHENTOSHAN  
THREE WOOD

Glasgow



HIGHLAND



### Glengoyne Distillery

This whisky distillery has been continuously in operation since its founding in 1833 at Dumgoyne, north of Glasgow, Scotland. Glengoyne is unique in producing Highland single malt whisky matured in the Lowlands. Located upon the Highland Line, the division between the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland, Glengoyne's stills are in the Highlands while maturing casks of whisky rest across the road in the Lowlands. Unlike many malt whisky distilleries today, Glengoyne does not use peat smoke to dry their barley, but instead uses warm air.



#### Tea Pot Dram - £12.00

A full tumbler of whisky three times a day was wonderful, certainly, for the seasoned workers – but a bit much for the younger ones. To save face, they'd discretely pour their untouched drams into a copper teapot hence the name! This Malt is one of those rare finds. A hidden gem amongst whisky lovers. I recommend you try it!



#### Glengoyne 10 year - £4.50

A soft, sweet 10 year old single malt from the Glengoyne distillery and a winner of a Gold Medal at the 2007 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Big Bourbon influence in this malt, so if you enjoy bourbon this is definitely one for you!

  
Glasgow

ISLAND MALTS

# BOWMORE

ISLAY  
SINGLE MALT

Islay. Bowmore - Islay maybe a little off the beaten track, but well worth a visit, perched right on the shores of Loch Indaal, the town is home to almost one third of Islay's population.



**Bowmore 12 year old** - £6.00

Islay's 'medium-peated' malt. A pronounced iodine character with plenty of pepper, the current 12 year old bottling is a welcome return to the classic Bowmores of the 1960s and '70s, with the emphasis on tropical fruit and smoke.



**Bowmore Darkest 15 year old** - £7.00

Plenty of peat smoke to nose and start heading into dark chocolate and sherry notes in the finish, definitely worth a tipple.

# LAPHROAIG®

ISLAY SINGLE MALT  
SCOTCH WHISKY

Laphroaig distillery is an Islay single malt Scotch whisky distillery. It is named for the area of land at the head of Loch Laphroaig on the south coast of the Isle of Islay. Laphroaig has been the only whisky to carry the Royal Warrant of the Prince of Wales, which was awarded in person during a visit to the distillery in 1994.



**Laphroaig 10 years old** - £5.00

Full-bodied, smoky gem, with a residual sweetness and a hint of salt amid the seaweedy, peaty characters before a long warming finish.



**Laphroaig Select** - £7.00

Select is aged in a combination of Oloroso sherry butts, American white oak, hogsheads seasoned with Pedro Ximenez, quarter casks and first fill bourbon casks. This results in a restrained and toned down version of this Islay classic.

Bowmore

Laphroaig

Glasgow

Edinburgh

# HIGHLAND

## Orkney Malts

A part of the Highlands region, the archipelago of some 70 islands is found just off the northern tip of Scotland, in the cold waters of the North Sea. Only two distilleries are located in the islands, and they produce whiskies that are full bodied and balanced, with smoky, salty characters.

Highland Park distillery began life as an illicit still. The other distillery in Orkney is Scapa which was established in the 1880s.



### Highland Park - £4.50

Natural cask driven colour as no additives flavour citrus fruits vanilla and pepper spices and heather peat which is light smoked.



### Skiren - £5.50

We call Skiren the honeyed tropical one because of its smooth, creamy sweetness with a hint of tropical fruits, citrus and coastal heather.



### Orkney Scapa 23 years - £40.00

This Scapa was bottled at 23 years old, distilled on the 21st May 1992 and matured in a sherry butt before being bottled on the 28th July 2015. The only 780 bottles produced from a single cask.



## SHETLAND - HIGHLAND

Muckle Flugga is a small rocky island north of Unst in the Shetland Islands Scotland. It is often described as the most-northern point of the British Isle but the smaller isles - of Out Stack is actually farther north. It used to be the northernmost inhabited island, but forfeited that accolade when the lighthouse was automated and the last residents moved out. The name comes from Old Norse Mikla Flugey, meaning "large steep-sided island". It has frequently been noted on lists of unusual place names. Muckle Flugga Lighthouse is located on the island.



### Muckle Flugga - Shetland - £6.00

A truly fascinating whisky, Muckle Flugga is made by blending together six single malts which are then shipped to Unst, near the Muckle Flugga lighthouse in the Shetlands. The whisky spends a year on the island, surviving the harsh seasons before being returned to the mainland for bottling. Notes hints of honey little sherry also oak and barley and delicately with a touch of dried peels and soft spices.



### Shetland Reel - £4.00

Blended Malt Scotch Whisky is produced using the same award-winning recipe, combines a single Islay single malt cask with the rest of the blend comprising of Speyside and Highland Malt. Shetland Reel was awarded 90/100 in the Whisky Bible in 2018.

## HIGHLAND ISLAND OF SKYE

The Isle of Skye, connected to Scotland's northwest coast by bridge, is known for its rugged landscapes, picturesque fishing villages and medieval castles. The largest island in the Inner Hebrides archipelago, it has an indented coastline of peninsulas and narrow lochs, radiating out from a mountainous interior. The town of Portree, a base for exploring the island, features harbour-side pubs. Portree is the largest town on Skye in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland.

ESTD 1830

## TALISKER™ SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The distillery was founded in 1830 by Hugh and Kenneth MacAskill, and built in 1831 at Carbost after a number of false starts on other sites when they acquired the lease of Talisker House from the MacLeod of MacLeod. The distillery was rebuilt 1880–87 and extended in 1900.

Talisker was the favourite whisky of writers Robert Louis Stevenson and HV Morton.



### **Talisker 10 year old** - £4.50

Talisker, as with all smoky whiskies, is sweetness that give the requisite balance to the drying effect of smoke. Underneath Talisker's smoke is a sweet pear-like quality. When young there are notes of the land, heather, moor, sweet seaweed, and a finish that has a distinctive cracked black pepper hit.

*Isle of Skye*

Tombermory on Mull

SCOTLAND

Jura on Jura Range



# Chivas Story - Started here in Aberdeen

The brothers' eye for an astute business opportunity brought them hard earned success in Aberdeen and beyond, but for James & John, success always tasted better shared.

They were generous with their time and their money, from financing a window in an Aberdeen church to James being honoured with a trusteeship of the Royal Infirmary.

Their business started in 13 King Street.



## **Chivas Regal 12 year old** - £4.50

A creamy, aromatic melange of vanilla custard, hints of aniseed, lemon curd and butter toffee. Lingering notes of cereal sweetness, of ground walnut and caramel



## **Chivas Regal Mizunara** - £6.00

White peach, toffee-coated pears and vanilla-rich cream. Subtly nutty, floral and sweet, though hints of baking spices bring balance and body.



## **Chivas Regal Gold Signature 18 year old** - £12.00

Balanced. Orange peel, malted barley. Vanilla fudge, touch of spice. Medium body, marmalade, dark chocolate, touch of wood.

Strathisla Distillery  
Keith

Aberdeen

## MAKE A Chivas Regal WHISKY FLIGHT

£22.50



12 YEAR OLD



MIZUNARA



GOLD SIGNATURE 18 YEAR OLD

# Royal Lochnagar Distillery - Balmoral, Crathie, Ballater Aberdeenshire

After the Royal Family acquired nearby Balmoral as their Scottish country home, Queen Victoria developed a taste for this Aberdeenshire whisky. Royal Lochnagar was awarded its royal prefix in 1848 - followed by a visit and tasting by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.



## Royal Lochnagar 12 year old - £5.00

A favourite of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, being conveniently situated close by Balmoral. Light toffee, and lychee - like acidity. Still a pleasant woodiness, followed by warm sand after a while coffee with brown sugar.

Dry with an attractive lingering sandalwood aftertaste.



## Royal Lochnagar Reserve - £15.00

My first impression was that Royal Lochnagar Reserve has a higher abv. After a couple of slow sips, there is a change of flavour due to the influence of the European oak casks. A lovely taste!

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM is based in Aberdeen, Scotland and celebrates the story of the Gordon Highlanders who were active from 1794 to 1994. It is a 5 star Scottish Tourist Board attraction in Aberdeen. The museum is an independent, self-financed, organisation and is governed by a charitable trust. Its finances come predominantly from fundraisers and donations.



THE  
GORDON  
HIGHLANDERS  
MUSEUM

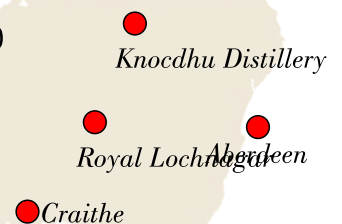


## Gordon Highlanders Blended Scotch Whisky - £4.00

Gordon Highlanders Scotch Whisky is a blended whisky.

It is named after the Gordon Highlanders regiment of the British Army, which existed from 1881 to 1994 and was named after Clan Gordon. In 1897 William Grant held the rank of

Major in the volunteer battalion of the Gordon Highlanders. This whisky is blended by the Grant family and is the official whisky of the Gordon Highlander.



## Knockdhu Distillery - Aberdeenshire

The Knockdhu distillery is situated in the picturesque village of Knock in Aberdeenshire, a perfect location rich in resources for Ancient Whiskies. Ancient, a single malt Scotch whisky, is created using a traditional process that has changed very little over time.



## Ancient - £4.50

Aromatic, quite robust. Honeysuckle, fresh flowers, cereals, barley. Madeira, winter spices, mocha, crème de cacao, herbal hints and toasted granary bread with undertones of oak and barley.

# EDINBURGH



## The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Scottish Parliament has remained an important element in Scottish national identity, and in September 1997 a referendum of the Scottish electorate secured a large majority in favour of the establishment of a new devolved Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. An election was held in May 1999, and power was transferred from Westminster on 1 July 1999 to the new Parliament in its temporary premises of the General Assembly Hall on the Royal Mile. In September 2004, with the completion of a purpose-built chamber designed by Catalan architect Enric Miralles, Parliament moved to its current home at Holyrood at the foot of the Royal Mile.

The first elections to the Scottish Parliament were held on 6 May 1999. The first meeting of the Parliament took place on 12 May 1999 with Sir David Steel elected as the first Presiding Officer. The Parliament was opened by Her Majesty The Queen on 1 July 1999.



### **Scottish parliament the member's blended malt** £15.00

This whisky has been blended and bottled exclusively for the Scottish Parliament. Age: 15 years old.



### **Glenkinnie** £5.00

Replacing the 10 year-old as the main expression of the Lowland style in the Classic Malts range, this Glenkinchie 12 year old is a bit fuller and more complex.





# FETTERCAIRN

## Fettercairn Distillery

Sir Alexander Ramsay was one of the Scottish landowners who campaigned to license Scotch Whisky distillation. In 1824, he was one of the first to apply for a licence, and the Fettercairn distillery was opened.



### **Fettercairn Fìor** - £6.50

Fìor means true in Gaelic. A very surprising whisky with cocoa, coffee and herb flavours, as well as notes of dried fruit and almond, it is very smooth to drink.



### **Fettercairn 24 Year Old** £32.00

Fettercairn 24 year old boasts a superb newly redesigned range. This 24 year old whisky also commands an impressive flavour with a discontinued malt addition. It has a nutty flavour with a spicy nose and hints of caramel and toffee popcorn.





# INVERNESS

## *G*lenmorangie Distillery - Tain, Ross-Shire, Scotland

Derived from Gaelic meaning "vale of tranquillity". Glenmorangie is categorised as a Highland distillery and boasts the tallest still in Scotland. This is an operational distillery with water from Tarlogie Springs in the Tarlogie Hills (hence the Tarlogan Malt).

The casks are only used twice, with the second-fill casks all ageing in damp 'dunnage' warehouses to increase oxidative-driven flavours. As the whisky matures, it picks up more lush fruits, some honey, and mint as well as notes of vanilla, in the oldest expressions, chocolate. Some of the mature spirit is then transferred to ex-fortified wine [Port, Sherry] and still wine casks [Sauternes, Burgundy, Super Tuscan etc] for a period of finishing. Glenmorangie was one of the pioneers of this technique.



### **Glenmorangie The Original** - £4.00

Original is the core bottling in the Glenmorganie range, released to replace the old 10 year old. This really is a classic malt, so creamy and fruity.



### **The Tarlogan** - £12.00

Glenmorangie's Tarlogan is their third expression in the Legends series that was originally released for the Travel Retail market. It is matured in a combination of ex-bourbon casks and virgin oak casks.

MORAY

## *G*lenlivet Distillery - Ballindalloch in Moray

It was founded in 1824 and has operated almost continuously since. Only closure came during World War II.



### **GlenLivet Founder's Reserve** - £5.00

It's classic Glenlivet, with a creamy and fruity character bolstered by the use of first-fill American oak to mature some of the whisky. Soft, fruity and creamy smooth.



### **Glenlivet Nadurra First Fill Selection** - £6.00

The introductory entry of Glenlivet's Nadurra range, First Fill Selection is matured entirely in first-fill American white oak casks. A sumptuous mix of tropical and citrus fruit flavours.



### **Glenlivet Nàdurra Oloroso Batch #OL0816** - £7.00

Glenlivet's popular Nàdurra range features whisky produced in small batches, bottled at cask strength without any chill-filtration or additional colours - consequently, it should be no surprise that 'Nàdurra' means 'Natural' in Gaelic! This one was matured in first fill Oloroso casks. Chocolate, malt, warming spice and touches of charred oak. Apple and blackcurrant.

Tain

Glenlivet Distillery

# THE GLENTURRET

BY HAND AND BY HEART SINCE 1775

Glenturret Distillery. - Crieff - Highland Malt

The buildings sit at the banks of the River Turret, not far from Crieff.

Today, the distillery is perhaps best known for its housing of the Famous Grouse Experience.



## Glenturret Sherry Edition - £6.00

From the new Glenturret range, the Sherry Edition single malt Scotch whisky is made with whiskies drawn from both American and Spanish oak Sherry seasoned casks! Sweet, with touches of honey, vanilla and spice.



# DAILUAINE™

**Dailuaine - Speyside - Banffshire**

In 1852, William Mackenzie founded Dailuaine Distillery. Dailuaine derives from the Scottish Gaelic 'An dail uaine' meaning 'green valley'.



## Dailuaine 16 - £ 6.00

A flora and fauna official release from the Dailuaine distillery, a 16 year old single malt which has been sherry matured for thick fruitcake notes with winter spice, almonds and smoke.

*Dailuaine Distillery*

*Glenturret Distillery*



## HIGHLAND MALT

**Dalmore Distillery** is located in Alness, which is 20 miles North of Inverness. It sits on the banks of the Cromarty Firth overlooking the Black Isle, the big meadowland from which it takes its name.



### **The Dalmore 12 year old** - £5.00

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



### **The Dalmore 15 year old** - £5.50

The Dalmore 15 year old was first launched in 2007. Matured in Matusalem, Apostoles and Amoroso Sherry casks, it all winter spice, orange zest and chocolate notes characteristics of Dalmore.



### **Dalmore Regalis** - £ 8.00

Part of The Dalmore's Fortuna Merita or 'fortune favours the brave' range originally released for travel retail. The Regalis expression, meaning 'royal', is finished in first fill Amoroso Sherry casks following a maturation in American oak.



### **The Dalmore Cigar Malt** - £9.00

Dalmore Cigar Malt was discontinued in mid- 2009, causing uproar among all right-thinking, cigar-smoking whisky fans. It's a great whisky, whether you intend the pairing with Cigar.



### **Dalmore Dominion** - £10.00

Fortuna Meritas Collection originally released for travel retail with Dominion the most premium offering in the range. It's finished in first fill Matusalem Sherry casks. The name literally means 'ownership' and is in reference to when the Mackenzie clan saved King Alexander III from a charging stag, from which point they were granted use of the royal stag emblem.



### **Dalmore 18 year old** - £11.50

Highland malt is as rich, fruity and spicy as you could ever want from a Dalmore. Kudos to Richard Paterson for creating another veritable chocolate orange of a whisky - a surefire hit, and great for the colder months. It is aged for 14 years in American oak, followed by three years in Matusalem sherry butts, before a final year in sherry butts.

Alness



Inverness

SCOTLAND

# JURA™

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Jura distillery is a Scotch whisky distillery on the island of Jura in the Inner Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland. There's more to Jura Single Malt Whisky than water, barley and yeast. A little bit of island home, community and passion makes it into every dram. It's the journey that makes whisky a long way from ordinary. One road, one pub and one distillery might not sound like much, but here on the Island they thrive as one.



## **Jura Prophecy £7.50**

Jura's 'profoundly peated' Prophecy bottlings are released in small batches and are drier, stronger and smokier than the standard Superstition peated IOJ.



## **Jura Diurach's Own 16 year old £7.00**

With the smoothness of the 10 year-old allied to extra complexity from more ageing, this is a winner. 'A delicious and sophisticated dram with impressive depth and almost perfect weight.' Jim Murray, Whisky Magazine Dec 2000





# HIGHLAND MALT



**N**estled in the valley of Forgue, deep in the East Highland hills, is The Glendronach, one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, creating the finest rich sherried single malts for nearly 200 years. Glendronach is true Highland style, a heavy and robust spirit, perfect for a long maturation period in sherry casks. This tradition maturing whisky in the finest Spanish Pedro Ximenez and oloroso sherry casks from Andalucia has been carried forward from the founder, James Allardice since 1826.



## **GlenDronach 12 year old** - £ 6.00

A classic GlenDronach combination of Pedro ximenez and Oloroso sherry casks, combination of sweet golden sultanas and rich fig syrup holds a warmth of almonds, orange and black pepper. Demerara sugar dark fruits with stem ginger and vanilla. The combination of elegant sherry influences and robust Highland style creates a perfect example of traditional GlenDronach character.



## **GlenDronach Peated** - £6.00

Matured in bourbon casks followed by a second period of maturation in the finest oloroso and pedro ximenez sherry casks, tropical fruits and vanilla with charred oak cinnamon and wood smoke and honey.



## **GlenDronach 15 year old** - £10.00

The revived Glendronach Revival: a whisky whose original incarnation was so popular that we drank all of it! It's back with a new recipe thanks to master blender Rachel Barrie. Whilst stocks last we recommend you try this malt.



## **GlenDronach 18 year old** - £19.50

Glendronach Allardice 18 year old (named after the distillery's founder) has been 100% matured in oloroso sherry casks. It has been at the centre of the distillery's range since its 2000's relaunch and remains one of the best sherry-focused 18-year-old whiskies on the market.

*GlenDronach Distillery*

# HIGHLAND MALT



## The Glenglassaugh Distillery

Single malt Scotch whisky distillery located in a picturesque site just outside the Speyside region in Northeast Scotland, close to the small town of Portsoy, Banffshire some 54 miles north-west of Aberdeen. The site was originally chosen due to its proximity to a clean and pure water supply (Glassaugh Springs).



### Glenglassaugh PX Finish - £9.50

This particular bottling was initially aged in bourbon casks before being moved over to Pedro Ximénez for up to two years.

I have to say this one is my favourite. It is simply moreish and a definite must try!





## Glen Moray Distillery

Glen Moray Distillery started life as West Brewery in Elgin run by Robert Thorne & Sons, and was converted to a distillery with 2 stills in 1897. The company now belongs to La Martiniquaise which uses part of its production in their blended Whisky Label 5.



### **Glen Moray 25 Year Old 1988 £12.00**

A 1988 vintage, 25 year old Glen Moray single malt, has been treated to a Port cask finish before bottling.

Sugar coated nuts and oak, wine sweetness grows on the finish in beautiful port cask.



**A BLENDED MALT**, formerly called a vatted malt, or pure malt, is a blend of different single malt whiskies from different distilleries. These terms are most commonly used in reference to Scotch whisky.



### **Grant's Family Reserve Whisky - £3.30**

It was in 1887 when William Grant opened his first distillery in Scotland with the help of his seven sons and two daughters.

Complex, clean with notes of ripe pear and summer fruits, taste balances vanilla sweetness with malty and light floral fragrances. Long and sweet with a subtle hint of peat.



### **The Famous Grouse £3.50**

Matthew Gloag was a grocer and wine merchant in Perth, Scotland. Gloag purchased whiskies from distilleries around Scotland, and when Queen Victoria visited Perth in 1842, he was invited to supply the wines for the royal banquet. In 1860, his son, William Gloag, took over the company and began producing blended whiskies. In 1896, William nephew, also named Matthew after his grandfather, took over the company,



### **Canadian Club £3.30**

A giant of Canadian whisky, created in 1858 and spending six long years in oak before bottling for the smoothest possible flavour.



### **Shetland Reel £4.50**

## **MONKEY SHOULDER SCOTTISH BOURBON**

also known for its unusual name, and the distinctive trio of metal monkeys on the shoulder of the bottle (representing each of the three distilleries used in manufacture). The name actually comes from a ligament injury sometimes sustained by maltmen, who spend great lengths of time bending over to turn the barley by hand. The result is a kind of repetitive strain injury to the shoulder. Turning the barley by hand is a fairly ancient practice, though the Balvenie maltmen keep the tradition alive to this day!



### **Monkey Shoulder 5.00**

Critic Martine Nouet called the nose "elegant, refined", and Dave Broom described it as "exuberant, sweet and extremely well balanced." We like to think of it as a creamy, malty little whisky with honey, hot-buttered toast and orange notes, all thanks to a good proportion of bourbon casks used in the maturation.

*W. Grant & Sons Distillery*

*Perth*

# Irish whiskey

Unlike Scotch whisky, **Irish whiskey** does not have defined categories, however they are commonly referred to as single malt, single grain, blended and pure/single pot stills. The key difference between Irish whiskey and Scotch whisky is that most Irish whiskey is distilled three times whereas, Scotch whisky is distilled twice. Also peat is rarely used in the malting process and it is this that gives the Irish whiskey a smoother finish in comparison to Scotch whisky.



## **Tullamore D.E.W.** £6.00

The 'D.E.W.' in Tullamore D.E.W. comes from the initials of a General Manager at the Tullamore distillery in the later 19th Century, named Daniel E. Williams. Fruity and biscuity. There are notes with caramel and toffee sweetness and plenty of peels.



## **Jameson Original** £4.00

The palate is thick and of good body with notes of orchard fruits, both fresh and cooked with a little vanilla cream. The finish is of medium-length with spice and honey.





# Japanese whisky

is a style of whisky developed and produced in Japan. Whisky production in Japan began around 1870, but the first commercial production was in 1924 upon the opening of the country's first distillery, Yamazaki. Broadly speaking the style of Japanese whisky is more similar to that of Scotch whisky than other major styles of whisky.

There are several companies producing whisky in Japan, but the two best-known and most widely available are Suntory and Nikka. Both of these produce blended as well as single malt whiskies and blended malt whiskies, with their main blended whiskies being Suntory kakubin (角瓶, square bottle), and Black Nikka Clear. There are also a large number of special bottlings and limited editions. Two of the most influential figures in the history of Japanese whisky are Shinjiro Torii and Masataka Taketsuru. Torii was a pharmaceutical wholesaler and the founder of Kotobukiya (later to become Suntory). He started importing western liquor and he later created a brand called "Akadama Port Wine", based on a Portuguese wine which made him a successful merchant. However, he was not satisfied with this success and so he embarked on a new venture which was to become his life's work: making Japanese whisky for Japanese people. Despite the strong opposition from the company's executives, Torii decided to build the first Japanese whisky distillery in Yamazaki, a suburb of Kyoto, an area so famous for its excellent water that the legendary tea master Sen no Rikyū built his tearoom there.

Torii hired Masataka Taketsuru as a distillery executive. Taketsuru had studied the art of distilling in Scotland, and brought this knowledge back to Japan in the early 1920s. Whilst working for Kotobukiya he played a key part in helping Torii establish the Yamazaki Distillery. In 1934 he left Kotobukiya to form his own company—Dainipponkaju—which would later change its name to Nikka. In this new venture he established the Yoichi distillery in Hokkaido.

The first westerners to taste Japanese whisky were soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force Siberia who took shore leave in Hakodate in September 1918. A brand called Queen George, described by one American as a "Scotch whiskey made in Japan", was widely available.

**WHITE OAK DISTILLERY** Founded in 1888 on the site of Eigashima in the city of Akashi, White Oak distillery was the first in Japan to obtain the licence of distilled spirits in 1919 and according to the legend would consequently be the first to distill whisky. Production remained traditional and reserved for the Japanese market until 1984 with the construction of a new distillery specially dedicated to the distillation of whisky. Located near the sea, and the city of Kobe, the distillery is enjoying a mild and stable climate. Today White Oak produces single malt in small quantities, but increasing quality.



## White Oak Akashi Blend Whisky £10.00

A Japanese blended whisky that has been the subject of some controversy. The bottling for the home market in Japan is made with malt whisky and molasses spirit, which would not be classed as 'whisky' in the EU. This export version, however, is made from malt and grain whiskies. Notes spicy rye grain, nutmeg and dried apricots.

**YOICHI DISTILLERY** 余市蒸溜所 (Yoichi jōryūsho) is a Japanese whisky distillery. It is located at Yoichi (余市町 Yoichi-chō), a town in the Yoichi District, Shiribeshi Subprefecture, Hokkaido, Japan. The distillery is owned by Nikka Whisky Distilling, and was opened in 1934. It is the older of the two distilleries owned by Nikka Whisky, the other being the company's Miyagikyo distillery near Sendai.



## Nikka From The Barrel £10.00

Nikka Whisky From the Barrel is one of the greatest value for money whiskies in the world. An incredible Japanese whisky, I have to recommend you try this! Notes fruit, spice and toffee.



# WHISKY FLIGHTS

For whatever reason, there are a lot of folks out there who are fearful of the entire Scotch whisky category. It's doesn't bite, perhaps it's a fear of unknown or perhaps you fear a smoky, medicinal experience there are many Scotch whiskies which have different flavours some bourbon, sherry, port and red wine casks and many many more. Or maybe you're a huge Scotch whisky fan and are interested in a more focused tasting experience. Whichever camp you fall in, I believe that whisky flights are the best way to explore the category.

In the past, we've run whisky tastings pair with food as monthly whisky tasting dinners so understand what you are drinking and have offered some advice on what your tastings these are on particular brands such as Dalmore , Balvenie , Auchentoshan and Chivas Regal to name a few.

I wanted to create some different actual experience with food pairings these are extremely good value for money when we hold these events if you like information please contact us on [info@carmelitehotels.com](mailto:info@carmelitehotels.com)

Many customers spoken to us about just flights and no food ! This newest addition is about whisky flights allow you to compare and contrast the whiskies as you taste without food.

Just make sure to save a bit in each glass before moving so you can revisit. I'd say use at least three, and no more than five whiskies in a session to get the best experience as palates begin to fade. However, feel free to repour your favorites as the night progresses. Jot down ones you liked (and even more importantly, which ones you DIDN'T like). This way, the next time you head to the whiskies that are your favourites, if you like a particular one ask me for another suggestion.

So my approach is usually to build upon the primary categories of regions branching out from there. Regardless of your physical destination you may want to try a lowland flight or Islay flight your sat in Carmelite in Aberdeen. The perfect flight is a worthwhile journey an endlessly informative aspect of whisky culture. You end up connecting not only with a style as bourbon, oak or sherry then it's married to category region. Hopefully you'll even learn something about your own tastes along the way. At Carmelite we always expected to provide great conversation about private collection of whiskies behind the bar. But sometimes the drink itself can be all the conversation you need.



# Island

WHISKY FLIGHT

£14.50

Pour a dram and take a closer look at who and what make these island whiskies so special.



TALISKER 10 YEAR OLD  
£4.50



HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD  
£4.50



SCAPA SKIREN  
£5.50

# Highland

WHISKY FLIGHT

£32.00

Scotland's largest whisky region boasts an array of styles, from rich and textured to fragrantly floral, as befits an ever-changing landscape of coastline, moor and mountain. You will find some of whisky's most famous names here.



GLENDRONACH 18 YEAR OLD  
£18.50



DALMORE 15 YEAR OLD  
£7.50



DEANSTONE 12 YEAR OLD  
£6.00

# Speyside

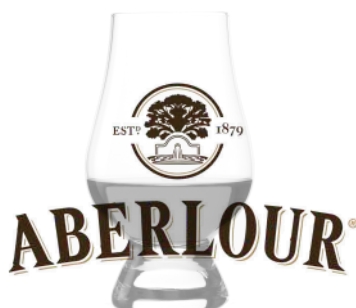
WHISKY FLIGHT

£20.50

Speyside has the greatest number of distilleries of any of the whisky producing areas of Scotland. Its whiskies can generally be classified as light and grassy or rich and sweet.



BALVENIE CARRIBEAN CASK  
£6.50



ABERLOUR 16 YEAR OLD  
£7.50



MACALLAN 12 YEAR OLD  
£6.50



# Islay

WHISKY FLIGHT

£17.50

Islay whisky is Scotch whisky made on Islay (/ˈaɪlə/ EYE-lə) or Ìle in Gaelic. A smoky character derived from peat is considered a central characteristic of the Islay malts, and ascribed both to the water from which the whisky is made and to the peating levels of the barley.



LAPHROAIG 10 YEAR OLD | BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YEAR OLD | BOWMORE DARKEST 15 YEAR OLD

£4.50

£6.00

£7.00

# Campbeltown

WHISKY FLIGHT

Single malt Scotch whiskies distilled in the burgh of Campbeltown, on the Kintyre peninsula in Scotland.



GLEN SCOTIA HARBOUR | THE SPRINGBANK 10 YEAR OLD | THE KILKERRAN 12 YEAR OLD

# Lowland

WHISKY FLIGHT



GLENKINCHIE

AUCHENTOSHAN AMERICAN OAK

AILSABAY

£4.50

# BOURBON

## Bourbon Whiskey History

Here is a timeline of those important moments, or supposed moments. Many of these events had an impact that reached beyond those who make and drink "America's Native Spirit."

### 1783: Samuels Family Tradition

The Samuels family claims the title of the oldest bourbon family still going strong. Prior to 1840, the Samuels family did not produce bourbon commercially. It wasn't until T.W. Samuels (grandson of Robert Samuels who created the "secret" family recipe) came along and constructed a distillery at Samuels Depot, Kentucky that the family made a business of bourbon. In 1943, after a break during Prohibition, Bill Samuels Sr. burned that famous family recipe. Bill Sr. wanted to create a bourbon without the bitterness, and so he did: Maker's Mark. The company is now in the hands of his son, Bill Samuels Jr., who continues the family bourbon tradition today.

### 1794: Whiskey Rebellion

Farmers, primarily in western Pennsylvania, protested against the 1791 Whiskey Excise Tax. President Washington called up 13,000 militia to deal with the rebels, but the band dispersed before any conflicts. These events encouraged Kentucky and Tennessee distillers, who were not subject to the federal law at the time. The Whiskey Rebellion was the first real test of the federal government's ability to enforce laws.

### 1795: The Beam Tradition Begins

The Beam family has one of the best-known names in American whiskey. The man that started what would be a family legacy and is now in its 7th generation, was Jacob Beam who sold his first barrel of "Old Jake Beam Sour" in 1795. Since that time David Beam, David M. Beam, Col. James Beam (the Jim Beam), T. Jeremiah Beam, Booker Noe (Booker's Small Batch) and, now, Fred Noe have carried the family craft into what it has become today.

### 1821: Bourbon Advertising Begins

The first advertisement for bourbon was printed in the Western Citizen Newspaper in Paris, Kentucky.

### 1861-1865: The Civil War

The Civil War caused a shortage of whiskey. Not only were many men drawn from their day jobs to fight in the war, but many battles were fought in the major American whiskey distilling regions.

### 1870: Shipping Revolution

It was in this year that the first jugs of bourbon were shipped from the Ohio River ports. The decision to bottle bourbon was a matter of convenience for the consumer as jugs were a more attractive and portable vessel than barrels.

### 1920-1933: U.S. Prohibition

The Temperance Movement finally got what they wanted when the U.S. Congress passed the 18th Amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcohol. The entire adult beverage industry was shattered, hundreds of businesses were shut down and many went underground. The majority of bourbon distilleries were closed, many to never reopen, but a few, like the Samuels and Beam families, came back after the repeal of Prohibition and resurrected the craft of bourbon distilling.

### 1964: "America's Native Spirit"

An act of Congress declared bourbon as "America's Native Spirit" and the country's official distilled spirit. At this time the current regulations defining what can be called bourbon whiskey were established.

**JACK DANIEL'S** is a brand of Tennessee whiskey and the top-selling American whiskey in the world. It is produced in Lynchburg, Tennessee, by the Jack Daniel Distillery, which has been owned by the Brown-Forman Corporation since 1956.



**Jack Daniel's Single Barrel 100 Proof £6.50**

Originally released for the Travel Retail market, this is Jack Daniel's Single Barrel 100 Proof, which is bottled at a slightly higher strength than the standard Jack Daniel's Single Barrel.



**Jack Daniel's Rye £5.00**

The Jack Daniel's range grew in 2017 with the introduction of their Tennessee Rye whiskey - the first whiskey from the distillery with a mash-bill that is different from the classic Tennessee Whiskey since Prohibition! It features a core of 70% rye, supported by 18% corn and 12% malted barley, and enjoys the same charcoal filtration as their other expressions.

**MAKER'S MARK** maintain that they distil their bourbon to the lowest proof of any US whiskey distillery. This proffers a bourbon that retains a rich flavour. Developed by Bill Samuels Sr, he replaced rye with red winter wheat to reduce the burning sensation. Fruity and rich.



**Maker's Mark £4.00**

There are lovely notes of spiced honey and mixed peels, a little Malmsey, hazelnut and a touch of cut fruit with toasty oak providing a backbone.

**WOODFORD RESERVE** one of the oldest of the handful of Kentucky bourbon distilleries. A distiller named Elijah Pepper began producing small amounts of whiskey in 1797 in his little set up, just behind the Woodford County Courthouse in Versailles, Kentucky.



**Woodford Reserve £4.50**

Quite thick and creamy. There are notes of honey and spice, leather, a touch of cocoa, a little smoke, toasty oak and vanilla cream with a hint of butterscotch.

## JIM BEAM



**Jim Beam Black £6.50**

The Black edition from Jim Beam is a marriage of whiskeys aged for 8 years before bottling at 43%, slightly higher than the standard bourbon proof, proffering greater complexity.

There are notes of vanilla fudge and honey, cereal sweetness, plenty of rye with a hint of cooked fruit. The finish is of good length with a touch of toasty oak spice.



**Jim Beam Red Stag - Black Cherry £4.00**

Jim Beam infused with the natural essence of Black Cherry. Quite pleasant in a liqueur.

## BULLEIT BOURBON



**Bulleit Bourbon 10 year old £4.00**

Bulleit Bourbon has become a firm favourite – and now you can sample it after it's spent a decade in oak, too! The mash bill comprises 68% corn, 28% rye and 4% malted barley for a rich balance of creaminess and spice.



## NEW BOURBONS



### **Wild Turkey 81** £4.50

It's a high rye mash matured in heavily charred casks for big flavour.



### **Knob Creek** £5.00

Knob Creek Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey is an utter classic small batch bourbon from Jim Beam, first created by Booker Noe and introduced in 1992. It was named after the creek which flows near where Abraham Lincoln grew up. Spicy and sweet.



### **Gentleman Jack** £6.00

A premium version of Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey, the main difference is that it enjoys a 'double mellowing' as it's filtered through charcoal before being filled into the barrel. Certainly good enough to enjoy on its own or works better than the regular Jack Daniel's Old No.7 in a Jack and Coke too.



### **Jack Daniels** £4.00

It is worth mentioning that Jack Daniel's whiskey is not bourbon, despite bearing most of the same characteristics, in production methods at least. There is, however, one key difference. The whiskey enjoys filtration through sugar maple charcoal prior to maturation. This process is of key importance to the finished whiskey's character, bottled as Tennessee Whiskey.



# ENGLISH



## **Monkey 47** £4.50 | Garnish - Lime

An unusual Gin from the Black Forest in Germany, Monkey 47 contains a unique ingredient - cranberries. The 47 comes from the number of botanicals that go into this unique gin, and the fact it's bottled at a healthy 47%.



## **Berry Bro's & Rudd Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Lemon

In the 1950's there used to be a gin called "Berry's Best" but this went out of production and you haven't been able to buy it since 2014. Fortunately, from a sample taken from the one remaining bottle Thames Distillery has been able to reproduce this gin.



## **Brockmans Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Raspberry

Delicious gin from Brockmans. This is made with Bulgarian coriander, blueberries and blackberries as well as bittersweet Valencia orange peels. The result is well balanced and full of flavour.

## Tonics & Mixers



## **Fever Tree Tonics** £2.00 original or light



## **Schweppes** £1.50 original tonic, light tonic, Canada Dry, bitter lemon

## **Fresh Fruit juice** £1.50 apple, orange, cranberry, tomato, pineapple

# ENGLISH

## Sipsmith Gin

London

Produced in the workshop previously used by the late, great Michael Jackson (whisky writer, not Moonwalker), this small batch artisanal Gin is flavoured with restraint, making it easier for the natural quality of the spirit to shine through. Distilled in a marvellously compact pot still and column still combo it was named Prudence, hence the name they needed to save to buy it ! Sipsmith epitomises distilling on a truly artisanal scale. At the time of her installation, Prudence was the first copper pot still to be brought to life in London for over 200 years.



### Sipsmith Dry Gin £4.00 | Garnish - Lime

London

Gentle mouthfeel, with initial dry juniper joined by growing sweetness, showing lemon tart & orange marmalade, garnished by a wave of fresh lemon zest, followed by bolder juniper & light dryness, before all the flavours harmonise into one integrated taste.



### Sipsmith Lemon Drizzle £4.00 | Garnish - twist of lemon best served neat over ice

London

A dessert ready gin reminiscent of a slice of lemon drizzle cake to me ! If you enjoy the tangy sweetness to Lemon Drizzle cake you'll enjoy this! It's certainly an innovative from Sipsmith. You can trace this style of gin back to the 1930s, and it enjoyed wide popularity in the 1950s and 60s. Sipsmith's Lemon Drizzle Gin is very much a homage to this understated aspect of gin history.



### Sipsmith Sloe Gin 2016 £4.00 | Garnish - Lemon

London

This is the 2016 vintage - like the ones that came before it, you can expect this to make fantastic cocktails and mixed drinks. Juicy fruits galore - there's obvious notes of sloe berries, but they're backed up by touches of strawberries and raspberries. As it develops, herbaceous elements of black pepper and earthy spices appear, alongside a hint of fresh citrus peels.



### Sipsmith V.J.O.P £5.00 | Garnish - Lemon

London

All hail the juniper berry! If you think the juniper berry is a proper champion of the botanical world, then you'll love Sipsmith's V.J.O.P, which is jam packed with the fresh, peppery berries.

V.J.O.P (which of course stands for "Very Junipery Over Proof") is made in a similar way to Sipsmith's regular gin, except that the juniper has been turned up to eleven.



# ENGLISH



## **Martin Miller's Gin** £3.50 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*London & Iceland*

Martin Miller's gin is distilled in pot stills and shipped to Iceland, where it is mixed with Icelandic spring water. It is flavoured with Tuscan juniper, Seville citrus peel, nutmeg, cinnamon. Spicier than some, though refreshing citrus keeps it from going overboard.



## **No.3 Gin** £4.50 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*London*

A beautiful looking gin from Berry Bros. Made to a special recipe, the name No.3 refers to the address of BBR - Number 3, St James's Street. With juniper at its heart, it's also made with three fruits and three spices using copper pot stills. No. 3 London Dry is distilled in copper pot stills at De Kuyper in the Netherlands, counts cardamom seeds and grapefruit peel among its botanicals, and has been bottled at an invigorating 46%.



## **Opihr Oriental Spiced Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Lime

*London Dry Gin*

A London Dry Gin made with botanicals from along the traditional spice route that led back to the UK. Indonesian Cubeb berries, Indian black pepper and Moroccan coriander are all used in this gin, launched by Quintessential Brands in 2013. A handsome gin that's playfully spiced.

## **A Home Like No Other**

Our home since 1793 and a monastery before that, the historical Black Friars distillery is the oldest working gin distillery in England.



## **Plymouth Sloe** £3.50 | Garnish - Orange

*Plymouth*

This is made by steeping sloe berries in Plymouth Gin and then blending it with Dartmouth water. A great, crisp and fruity sloe gin from Plymouth.

## **Tanqueray Gin**

*Bloomsbury*

1830s, Tanqueray Gin was born. Charles Tanqueray, the creator of gin, was born just 20 years prior - yes, the creator of one of the most well-known gins around was only in his early 20s when he invented it, and his recipe is still used today!



## **Tanqueray No. Ten** £4.50 | Garnish - Apple

*Bloomsbury*

An incredible small batch London dry gin made in pot still number 10. A mix of incredibly clean, spicy juniper, hints of Earl Grey tea and cardamom. Very citrus-rich.



## **Silent Pool Gin** £4.20 | Garnish - Orange

*Surrey*

Silent Pool Gin is produced on the Albury Estate in the Surrey Hills, right next to the Silent Pool, a beautiful, mysterious spring-fed lake - what a place to create a gin! The gin itself features 24 botanicals, including kaffir lime, chamomile, local honey and lavender, among others, resulting in a subtly sweet though intricately-balanced tippie.

# ENGLISH

## gin



**Bath tub Old Tom Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Lime

*Ableforth*

Ableforth's has been at it again, this time recreating a traditional style of gin that was very popular in 18th and 19th centuries. A great gin that not only makes a great G&T (the additional body works wonders) but will make a fantastic martinez... in fact it's the obvious ingredient for any classic gin cocktail that requires a hint of sweetness.



**Bath tub Gin Sloe Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Lemon (can be served neat)

*Ableforth*

Almost half a pound of the finest sloes are used to produce every bottle of this cold-compounded Sloe Gin, along with a merry band of botanicals, including juniper berries, cassia, coriander, cloves, and orange peel, which are all added to high quality copper-pot-still spirit.



**Beefeater Dry Gin** £3.50 | Garnish - Lemon

*London*

Beefeater London Dry Gin was first made in 1820 by James Burroughs. It is still, to this day, made to the same recipe. Great in a martini, this is a spiced, fruity gin.



**Beefeater's Pink Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Strawberry

*London*

A mix of Beefeater's classic London Dry Gin and natural strawberry flavour, resulting in a fresh and fruity blend of juniper, citrus and sweet strawberry flavours.



**Beefeater 24** £4.00 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*London*

A more recent addition to the Beefeater range. When creating Beefeater 24, Desmond Payne knew he had to come up with something totally different for his selection of botanicals. He used tea! It is called Beefeater 24 because the botanicals are steeped in the spirit for a full 24 hours. The result is a fragrant gin with good sweetness.



**Bombay Sapphire Gin** £3.50 | Garnish - Lime

*London*

The tantalising, smooth and complex taste that you experience when you sip Bombay Sapphire gin, is described as fresh citrus and juniper flavours combined with an elegant light spicy finish.

# SCOTTISH



## **Pickering's Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*Edinburgh*

Pickering's Gin is based on a traditional Bombay recipe and is made in the first gin distillery to be opened in Edinburgh for over a century. Pickering's Gin is distilled in Edinburgh using a recipe found on a piece of paper which was written in 1947. After finely-tuning the ingredients, featuring botanicals like juniper, lemon, lime, coriander, anise, angelica, cardamom, clove and fennel, the folks at the Summerhall Distillery started putting together their refreshing gin using a 500-litre copper still, charmingly named Gert.



## **Pickering's Gin 1947** £6.50 | Garnish - Lime

*Edinburgh*

Made to the original Pickering's Gin recipe recorded in India in 1947, the nine botanicals are juniper, coriander, cardamom, fennel, anise, lemon, lime, cloves and cinnamon (in place of the angelica used in regular Pickering's). Soft and creamy, and quite Christmasy too! Cinnamon, clove and fruit notes result in an almost mince pie flavour profile.



## **The Botanist Gin** £4.50 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*Islay*

From Bruichladdich comes the first, and currently only, Islay dry gin. It's fair to say that the distillery is better known for creating whisky, primarily with an approach that emphasises provenance and progression. Given that fact, some may bristle at the idea of Bruichladdich making gin, but rest assured: it's an interesting and quality spirit that should please gin and whisky fans alike. Cool at first. It quickly mellows out, warmth growing with citrus keeping it fresh throughout. Islay isn't just about the whisky anymore. The Botanist Gin is top-notch.



## **Hendrick's Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Cucumber

Hendrick's Gin is a brand of gin produced by William Grant & Sons at the Girvan distillery, Scotland, and launched in 1999. Hendrick's uses Bulgarian rose and cucumber to add flavour. Hendrick's gin is bottled in a dark brown, apothecary-style bottle.

This smooth gin has been brilliantly marketed as a quintessentially British product.



## **Jindea Gin** £4.50 | Garnish - Lemon

Jindea Single Estate Tea Gin is brought to us by the Gabriel Boudier Team and is produced by using fresh First Flush Darjeeling Black Tea that is sourced from the Goomtee Estate along with other classic Gin Botanicals. A citrus bodied gin with smooth spices running throughout alongside hints of the black tea.



## **NB Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Grapefruit

*North Berwick*

NB Gin is made in North Berwick, Scotland, by a husband and wife distilling duo using a still which was custom-built in London. The gin itself is made from 100% British grain spirit and 8 carefully selected botanicals. Very well balanced and stands out nicely in cocktails with sparks of citrus and refreshing juniper.

# SCOTTISH



## **Eden Mill Oak Gin £4.80 | Garnish - Orange**

A cask aged gin from craft brewers and distillers Eden Mill. Unsurprisingly, the casks used are oak aged beer casks!



## **Eden Mill Original £4.50 | Garnish - Grapefruit**

The result is a gin with a strong citrus nose, lemon peel and bitter orange. Delicate spices, such as coriander and clove, finish with sweet orchard fruits, lychee and melon.

## **Edinburgh Gin**

Based in Scotland's capital city, the home of scientists, artists, philosophers and inventors, Edinburgh Gin is an artful distillation, capturing the spirit of these luminaries while respecting and paying tribute to our unique sense of place; inspiring to create a world-class portfolio of gins and liqueurs. Every bottle of Edinburgh Gin is produced at Edinburgh West End, and Leith Distilleries.



## **Elderflower Gin Liqueur £4.00**

An elderflower raspberry infused gin liqueur, made using handpicked elderflowers, combined with Edinburgh Gin and pure cane sugar. Enjoy on its own, with prosecco or lemonade.



## **Plum & Vanilla Liqueur £4.00**

Released in 2017 as an addition to Edinburgh's popular range of flavoured gin liqueurs, this gin combines fruity plums with creamy vanilla. Great in long drinks, an alternative to Kir or simply serve neat or with lemonade.



## **Pomegranate & Rose Liqueur £4.00**

Edinburgh Gin's fragrant Pomegranate & Rose liqueur, is an indulgent burst of Turkish Delight flavours that is a delightful addition to sparkling wines or lemonade. May also be served neat.



## **Raspberry Liqueur Gin £4.00**

A limited edition gin-based liqueur made with natural raspberry concentrate and pure cane sugar combined with Edinburgh gin, which features additional botanicals including milk thistle and heather.



## **Rhubarb Liqueur Gin £4.00**

This addition to Edinburgh Gin's liqueur range is a combination of spring rhubarb, macerated in oriental ginger and lemon zest before being infused with Edinburgh Gin. Best served in a long drink with lemonade.



## **Edinburgh Gin £4.00**

Edinburgh Gin is produced by the Spencerfield Spirits Co, who have created a modern Scottish gin in the time-honoured fashion, including unusual botanicals such as heather and milk thistle. A very easy-drinking gin.



# SCOTTISH gin



**Blackwood's Vintage Dry Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Lime  
*Shetland*

Refreshing and richly aromatic, Blackwood's Vintage Gin is reminiscent of the surrounding North Sea in its natural pale green colour. Its infusion of local handpicked botanicals recreates the essence of Shetland in a bottle.



**Daffy's Gin** £4.50 | Garnish - Grapefruit

The adventure started with our discovery of what Lebanese mint can bring to the finest gin. Balanced with eight other carefully chosen botanicals, we have created an exceptionally fresh, smooth and truly original gin with complexity and balanced charm. Smooth and vibrant spice, leading to lively citrus and Lebanese mint then to red fruit followed by juniper.

## Caorunn

*Aberdeenshire Gin*

Caorunn is a small batch, quadruple-distilled Scottish Gin personally crafted by one man – our Gin Master, Simon Buley. Using only the finest pure grain spirit, natural Scottish water and 11 botanical gin ingredients, he personally crafts each and every bottle of Caorunn. Balmenach Distillery's rugged location in the heart of the Cairngorm National

Park furnishes Caorunn with the world's finest ingredients for crafting artisan gin. Crystal clear Scottish water is married with locally foraged botanicals to create a gin of supreme quality and heritage. Savoured around the world, Caorunn offers the drinks connoisseur the opportunity to embrace a wildly sophisticated gin of unrivalled quality.



**Caorunn Gin** £4.00 | Garnish - Apple

A unique fusion of pure Scottish Highland water, six traditional and five Celtic botanicals, hand-infused in a Copper-Berry Chamber for an invigorating naturally balanced taste. It is dry and crisp, full bodied and aromatic, with a sweet touch.

## Eden Mill Gin - St. Andrews

Eden Mill makes Premium Scottish Gin in Scotland for the world of gin lovers to enjoy. Traditionally made by hand using copper pot stills, our gin is proudly crafted by our distillers who have a cultural desire to innovate and tingle the taste buds. No vast, computerised gin production tanks at Eden Mill. They source ethically and locally from the verdant fields and wild coasts of Scotland.



**Hop Gin** £4.80 | Garnish - Lemon

So to create our award winning Hop Gin, we married our brewing and distilling skills. Hops, a core ingredient of beer, meet our distillery's gin and the result is a zesty citrus and apricot aroma. ...



# GIN menu



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