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INTRODUCTION

Ever since I started working at The Lodge it was my dream to create a bespoke whisky library. It's a spirit I have fallen in love with during my early bartending days. Over the years I have visited quite a few distilleries met dozens of amazing people and drunk even more drams in the process of expanding my knowledge. The origin of whiskey began over 1000 year ago when distillation made the migration from mainland Europe into Scotland and Ireland via traveling monks. The Scottish and Irish monasteries, lacking the vineyards and grapes of the continent, turn to fermenting grain mash, resulting in the first distillations of modern whisky. It's fascinating how so many different styles can be created using pretty much the same ingredients. Everyone has got their favourite region or style, mine is by far Campbeltown. Oily, maritime, briny, and full of so called Campbeltown funk. Whiskies from Kintyre Peninsula are something else in my opinion.

Our selection gives you a chance to join us on wonderful journey through world of whiskies and try something that you perhaps love already, always wanted to try or just curious.

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Whisky Map of Scotland



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HIGHLAND

Single Malt Scotch whisky from the Highlands takes on many shapes and forms. Because the region is so vast it is difficult to make sweeping statements. The most popular Highland single malt (not including the Speyside region, which is situated in the Highlands) - is Glenmorangie. Typically, single malt from the region is put into four sub regions, named for the cardinal compass points. To the north there are big bodied single malts, with cereal sweetness and richness, take The Dalmore, for example. Toward the south there are lighter, fruitier whiskies with a definite dryness. Aberfeldy is a shining example of this. To the east there are some full-bodied, dry whiskies with lots of fruit and pungency. The superb Glen Garioch is one such single malt distillery. The Western Highlands offer full body and real power with peaty, smoky overtones, nearer the coast there are some more maritime flavoured whiskies too including malts from Clynelish and Pulteney.

Dalwhinnie 15YO	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Glenmorangie 10YO 40.0 abv	£ 6.50 / £ 12.00
Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or NAS 46.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Glen Garioch 12YO 48.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Aberfeldy 16YO 40.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Dalmore Port Wood Reserve NAS 46.5 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Clynelish 14YO 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Old Pulteney 12YO 46.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Oban 14YO 43.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
The Glenturret Triple Wood 12YO 45.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Fettercairn Warehouse 2 Batch 004 NAS 48.8 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Glenglassaugh 12YO 45.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Nc'Neane Organic Single Malt NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Wolfburn Small Batch No177 46.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Edradour Caledonia 12YO 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 13.00
Deanston 12YO 46.3 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

ISLANDS

The Islands represent a very diverse region and one that is not strictly recognised as a region by the Scotch Whisky Association - technically the Islands are a part of the Highlands. It is most probably for geographic ease that this small group of islands is lumped together. There are so many different characters to be found, although usually a slight salinity is to be found, thanks to the vicinity to the sea. To the very north there is Orkney, whose single malts are coastal and full in the case of Highland Park, with plenty of honey, malt and heather and smoky malt. The other Orcadian distillery, Scapa, has a delightful citrus and herbal quality. Then there is the Isle of Skye with Talisker. Single malts here are often described as being 'volcanic' in character with plenty of body. There's Arran, who make a malty, rich whisky. Finally, there's Mull and Jura. Each with a single distillery a piece. On Mull the Tobermory distillery produces a sweet, thick, slightly herbal whisky (and a heavily peated version called Ledaig) whilst on the Isle of Jura, the distillery with the same name produces some slightly maritime, oily drams with a nutty cereal character.

Talisker Skye NAS 45.8 abv	£ 6.50 / £12.00
Talisker 10YO 45.8 abv	£ 7.00 / £13.00
Highland Park 12 YO 40.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £13.00
Arran 10YO 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Arran Machrie Moor Cask Strength NAS 56.2 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Jura 18YO 44.0 abv	£ 10.50 / £ 20.00
Tobermory 10YO 46.3 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Tobermory 12YO 46.3 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Ledaig Rioja Cask Finish NAS 46.3 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Ledaig 18YO 46.3 abv	£ 14.00 / £27.00
Scapa Glansa NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.50 / £ 12.00
LAGG Corriecravie NAS 55.0 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00
LAGG Kilmory NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Isle of Harris The Hearach NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00

SPEYSIDE

Playing host to over half the distilleries in Scotland, Speyside has the greatest concentration of malt whisky producers compared to every other whisky-producing region. Because of this, there is great variation in the number of fantastic whiskies distilled in the region, which is awesome as it means there is sure to be a dram for you in the sublime Speyside. However, most people would typically recognise Speyside Scotch for its two primary styles. Firstly, there is the light, sweet and honeyed single malts of distilleries such as Glenfiddich. A more recent tradition has also emerged in the region of producing the big bodied, sherried drams of distilleries like GlenAllachie and Glenfarclas.

Aberlour 14YO Double Cask 40.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Balvenie 12YO 40.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Balvenie The Creation of Classic NAS 43.0 abv	£ 13.00 / £25.00
Benrinnes 15YO Fauna and Flora 43.0 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 16.00
Benromach 15YO 43.0 abv	£ 12.00 / £23.00
Cragganmore 2022 Edition NAS 43.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £16.00
GlenAllachie 15YO 46.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Glenfarclas 15YO 46.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Glenfiddich XX NAS 47.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Mortlach 16YO 43.4 abv	£ 14.00 / £ 27.00
Tamdhu 12YO 43.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
The Macallan 12YO Double Cask 40.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Old Ballantruan 15YO 50.0 abv	£ 11.00 / £ 21.00
Meikle Toir The Chinquain One 5YO 48.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Meikle Toir The Sherry One 5YO 48.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00

LOWLAND

The Lowlands is a region of more gentle, floral whiskies. Their single malt distilleries have earned the nickname "The Lowland Ladies". The region's topography and relatively milder weather allow for the cultivation of softer and more delicate barley varieties. Additionally, the method of production, particularly the utilisation of triple distillation by some Lowland distilleries (a technique borrowed from Irish whiskey-making), often results in a smoother and lighter spirit. Auchentoshan is perhaps the most famed Lowland distillery, though there are other great distilleries, including Glenkinchie and the recently restarted Bladnoch and brought back from the ashes Rosebank.

Ailsa Bay Release 1.2 Sweet Smoke NAS 48.9 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Auchentoshan Three Wood NAS 43.0 abv	£ 6.50 / £ 12.00
Bladnoch 11YO 46.7 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Glasgow 1770 The Original NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Glenkinchie 12YO 43.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Kingsbarns Doocot NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Lindores Abbey MCDXCIV NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Lochlea Our Barley NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown was once one of the most prolific regions in Scotland, sadly US Prohibition affected the area and until recently there were only 2 distilleries producing whisky. Campbeltown sits on the Mull of Kintyre and the single malt whiskies from the region reflect this with a slight coastal character. They are known for their dryness and often for their pungency. There are also a few peated releases, for example Longrow, which is produced at the Springbank. The distilleries in Campbeltown are known for their artisanal approach to whisky production, often involving traditional methods. Many operations are still carried out by hand, and there is a strong emphasis on craftsmanship at every stage of the process. This hands-on approach, along with the unique climate and geography of the peninsula, contributes to the distinctiveness of Campbeltown single malts.

Glen Scotia Double Cask NAS 46.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Glen Scotia 15YO 46.0 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 17.00
Glen Scotia Victoriana NAS 54.2 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Springbank 10YO 46.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Longrow Peated NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Kilkerran 12YO 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Kilkerran 16YO 46.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Longrow 18YO 46.0 abv	£ 18.00 / £ 35.00
Kilkerran Heavily Peated Batch No9 NAS 59.2 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Kilkerran Heavily Peated Batch No10 NAS 57.8 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Hazelburn 10YO 46.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Longrow Red 7YO Pinot Noir 57.1 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00
Kilkerran Sherry Cask 8YO 57.4 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00

ISLAY

Islay is usually associated with peaty single malt whisky, and it is unsurprising for the three powerhouse distilleries on its south coast, that have become world famous, produce some exceptional peaty single malt whiskies. Ardbeg, Laphroaig and Lagavulin all enjoy a sort of cult status. There are also some less peaty drams. Take Bunnahabhain. The distillery sits to the north of the isle and produces fruitier single malts. There's also the Bruichladdich distillery known for their experimental stance when producing single malt, Bowmore in the island's pretty administrative capital, Caol Ila and the newer farm-distillery of Kilchoman, both of which are usually peated, but not to the same level as the three mentioned at the top. There is also Ardnahoe, new kid on the block, founded by the Laing family from Hunter Laing bottlers and blenders of Glasgow. Ground was broken in 2016, and the first whisky came off the stills in 2018.

Ardbeg 10YO 46.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Ardbeg Uigeadail NAS 54.2 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00
Ardbeg BizzareBQ NAS 50.9 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Ardnahoe Infinite Loch NAS 50.0 abv	£ 8.50 / £ 16.00
Bowmore 12YO 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Bunnahabhain 12YO 46.3 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Bruichladdich Classic Laddie NAS 50.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Port Charlotte 10YO 50.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Caol Ila Distillers Edition NAS 43.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Kilchoman Machir Bay NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00
Kilchoman Sanaig NAS 46.0 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 17.00
Lagavulin 16YO 43.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Laphroaig 10YO 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Filthy Smoke 10YO 42.8 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

BLEND

(Grain and malt)

Scotch Blended whisky needs little introduction, like all Scotch whisky, must be matured for at least three years and a day in oak casks. Blended Scotch whisky is made from grain whisky, which is cheap and efficient to produce, though it has a more neutral character, so they include malt whisky as well, this peeps everything up and brings body and complexity.

Blended malt Scotch whisky is slightly different from a standard blended whisky. The reason is it includes no grain whisky; it is simply a blend of single malts.

Famous Grouse NAS 40.0 abv	£ 4.50 / £ 8.00
Bells Original NAS 40.0 abv	£ 4.50 / £ 8.00
Cutty Sark Prohibition Edition NAS 50.0 abv	£ 5.00 / £ 9.00
Johnnie Walker Black Label 12YO 40.0 abv	£ 5.50 / £ 10.00
Naked Malt NAS 40.0 abv	£ 5.50 / £ 10.00
Seaweed & Aeons & Christmas Cake & Cinnamon NAS 43.8 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Campbeltown Loch NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

GRAIN WHISKY

Over 90% of all Scotch whisky sold is blended whisky. Blended whisky has been the cornerstone of the industry for so long because it is cheaper to produce than single malt whisky. The reason is blended whisky contains grain whisky as well as malt whisky and grain whisky is much cheaper and easier to produce. The grain brings different qualities to the final blend than the malts do and helps to bring more boisterous malts together too. The result is an approachable whisky, made to suit a wide range of palates that is also more economical than a single malt.

Wee Smokey Batch 2 NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Loch Lomond Single Grain NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Coven of Resurrection 13YO 57.8 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Butterscotch & Vanilla & Toast & A Generation 30YO 40.0 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 17.00

ENGLISH AND WELSH WHISKY

Now England has its own place in the annals of whisky history, proudly boasting the Norfolk-based distillery St George's Well, established in 2006. The 'new make' spirit from St George's Distillery received critical acclaim; Jim Murray awarded more than 90 points to some expressions.

Welsh whiskies are sweet, fruity, and quite thick. Sometimes exhibiting tropical fruits and herbal notes, oak, and chocolate.

Penderyn Madeira Finish NAS 46.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Penderyn Portwood Finish NAS 46.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Aber Falls Single Malt Whisky NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
The English Original NAS 43.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Ludlow Stolen Youth NAS 42.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Ludlow Whisky Oloroso Cask NAS 42.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Ludlow Whisky Islay Cask NAS 42.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Kirkwood's Single Barrel Rye NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
The Lakes Moscatel Finished NAS 46.6 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

IRISH WHISKEY

Irish whiskeys are often thought to be smooth, fruity, and triple distilled and many of them are, but this isn't the full story. The Irish are widely credited as being the first to distil whiskey, though this is strictly contested by the Scots. The Bushmills distillery, for example, is the world's oldest licensed distillery, founded in 1608. The Irish are unique in their pure pot still whiskey.

Irish single pot still whiskey is a mix of barley, malted and otherwise, distilled in a pot still. The unmalted barley proffers a spicy freshness that one associates with Irish whiskey.

In the last 20 or so years we've seen the re-introduction of double distilled single malts and peated malts, as well as a reinvigorated and now thriving single pot still Irish whiskey style. There are also many new distilleries being constructed as Irish whiskey continues to be the fastest growing spirits category in the world!

Bushmills 10 YO 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Jameson NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Jameson Caskmates Stout NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.50 / £ 12.00
Green Spot Single Pot Still NAS 40.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Teeling Pineapple Rum Cask NAS 49.7 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Redbreast 12 YO 40.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00

REST OF THE WORLD

United States and Canada

American whiskeys may often be categorised as pertaining to toastiness, spice and vanilla sweetness. This is in large part due to the generous use of new charred oak (predominant in most styles of US whiskey, and used exclusively in the production of bourbon), which lends stunning sweet flavours such as vanillin, and other flavour compounds.

Rye whiskey is made with a mash bill that mainly features rye. The result of this is a spicier whiskey with lots of complexity. Great examples include Sazerac rye whiskey, Rittenhouse Straight Rye, and Pappy Van Winkle's Rye.

Tennessee whiskeys are essentially bourbons which undergo the "Lincoln County Process", developed by the world-famous Jack Daniel's. This involves filtering the spirit through sugar maple charcoal.

Canadian whiskies are blended and distilled from a selection of grains, which usually include a good proportion of rye alongside barley and corn. This style is greatly like Scotch blended whisky.

Elijah Craig Small Batch Bourbon NAS 47.0abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Jack Daniels Tennessee Whisky NAS 40.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Jack Daniels Bonded Tennessee Rye Whisky NAS 50.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Jack Daniels Bonded Tennessee Whisky NAS 50.0 abv	£ 6.50 / £ 12.00
Basil Hayden Kentucky Straight Bourbon NAS 40.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Sazerac Straight Rye NAS 45.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
High West American Prairie Bourbon NAS 46.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Kentucky Vintage NAS 45.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Maker's Mark NAS 45.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Colonel EH Taylor NAS 50.0 abv	£ 13.00 / £ 25.00
Palmetto Moonshine NAS 52.5 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Woodford Reserve Kentucky Bourbon NAS 45.2 abv	£ 5.50 / £ 10.00
Woodford Reserve Kentucky Straight Wheat NAS 45.2 abv	£ 5.00 / £ 11.00
MB Roland straight Corn NAS 45.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Pike Creek 10YO 42.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Lot 40 Rye Whisky 43.0 abv	£ 7.50 / £ 14.00

REST OF THE WORLD

Japan

Japanese whiskies are crafted in the Scottish style. They lie between Lowland and Speyside in style. Delicate and perfumed with honeyed sweetness. One regularly hears them described as being smooth, but that is doing them an injustice. Light sherry and floral notes, sometimes they have been peated for a smoky, quasi-Islay style.

The burgeoning whisky Japanese industry has been largely attributed to its two founding fathers: Shinjiro Torii and Masataka Taketsuru. Shinjiro established the Suntory brand, founding the first distillery in Japan in 1923, Yamazaki in the Vale of Yamazaki. Taketsuru founded Yoichi on Hokkaido eleven years later. Today, Japanese whiskies are becoming increasingly popular and in a style of their own.

The Yamazaki Single Malt NAS 43.0 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00
The Hakushu Single Malt NAS 43.0 abv	£ 9.50 / £ 18.00
Suntory Toki NAS 43.0 abv	£ 6.00 / £ 11.00
Hatozaki Umeshu Cask Finish 12YO 46.0 abv	£ 10.00 / £ 19.00
Hibiki Japanese Harmony NAS 43.0 abv	£ 10.50 / £ 20.00

REST OF THE WORLD

India and Taiwan

Indian whiskies are fruity and malty. They are often examples of youthful exuberance, enjoyable and of a defined style. Plenty of tropical fruit and toffee. India's climate proffers a speedy maturation. The temperature is such that the angel's share accounts for a loss of around twelve percent alcohol by volume per annum. Thus, Indian whiskies tend to be much younger than their Gaelic counterparts.

Situated at the cross boundary of Yi-Lan mountains, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the King Car distillery has been creating something that many thought would never happen: Taiwanese whisky. Naming their brand after the indigenous people that originally inhabited that area - The Kavalan.

Paul John Brilliance NAS 46.0 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00
Rampur Double Cask NAS 45.0 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Kavalan Ex Bourbon Oak NAS 46.0 abv	£ 11.00 / £ 21.00

Scandinavia

Scandinavian whisky contains a great many cracking malts the likes of which you won't find anywhere else. Whether this is on account of the terrain and coast-to-landmass ratio, like Spirit of Hven, produced on a tiny island between Denmark and Sweden, or because of the unusual woods used for maturation as with some of the innovative releases from Mackmyra, Scandinavia produces some funky whiskies.

Spirit of Hven Hvenus Rye NAS 45.6 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 17.00
Spirit of MerCurious Corn NAS 45.6 abv	£ 9.00 / £ 17.00
Mackmyra Bjorksaw NAS 46.1 abv	£ 8.00 / £ 15.00
Kyro Malt Rye Whisky NAS 46.1 abv	£ 7.00 / £ 13.00

REST OF THE WORLD

Australia

The production of whisky in Australia can trace its roots back to the early colonial days, but it wasn't until the 1990s that the contemporary Australian whisky industry truly began to emerge. The turnaround was marked by the founding of distilleries like Lark Distillery in Tasmania, which is often credited with igniting the modern Australian whisky movement. From this point, the number of distilleries has expanded exponentially across the continent. Tasmania has just about everything you need to make good whisky: water, barley, even peat (although it's different to that found in Scotland). No wonder then that the Australian single malt renaissance was kick-started here.

Starward Fortis NAS 50.0 abv £ 8.00 / £ 15.00

Morris Muscat Barrel Finish NAS 46.0 abv £ 9.00 / £ 17.00

France

France has long been associated with some of the world's finest wines and spirits, from the storied vineyards of Bordeaux to the Cognac houses of Charente. It's perhaps surprising, then, that whisky production is a relatively recent venture. Yet, it has been met with passion and innovation, carving out a unique niche in the whisky world. But the whisky producers are, for the most part, doing something very different to the distillers of Speyside – something, somehow, defiantly 'French'.

G. Miclo Welche's Single Malt NAS 43.0 abv £ 8.00 / £ 15.00

Tresor Legendaire Paille Bottling NAS 44.0 abv £ 8.00 / £ 15.00

WHISKY FLIGHTS

(4 different whiskies per flight, All served at 25ml per dram. Please ask for current selection, pricing and tasting notes)

Campbeltown Funk

Around the World in 80 Drams

Peaty Blinders

Sherry Madness

New Kids on The Block

WHISKY COCKTAILS

Old Fashioned

£16

Bourbon, Rye Whisky, Orange, Sugar, Bitters

Sazerac

£18

Cognac, Bourbon, Rye Whisky, Absinthe, Sugar, Bitters

Manhattan (Sweet)

£16

Bourbon, Martini Rosso, Bitters

Atholl Brose

£16

Scotch, Oat Milk, Drambuie, Amaretto, Honey, Cream

Boulevardier

£15

Bourbon, Martini Rosso, Campari Bitter

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