



WHISKY  
COMPENDIUM

FORGAN'S

*Whisky is a spirit distilled from fermented grains  
and aged in oak barrels, where it gets most of its colour  
and flavour from.*

*Our whisky compendium is a humble tribute to this great  
spirit that is made and enjoyed all around the world.*



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## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

### A SHORT HISTORY OF SCOTCH WHISKY

Whether the Scots learnt it from the Irish or not will always be a heated debate, but they surely know their stuff. The history of Scottish whisky can be traced back over almost 700 years, and is thought to have started with monks trying to distil beer in a search for the secret of eternal youth. In fact, the name whisky is derived from the Gaelic term for water of life: 'Uisge Beatha'.

It quickly became a favourite pastime for many households, but more for simple pleasure than looking for youth. It became a way to keep warm during the cold Scottish winters and a welcome to offer to your guests.

### INTRODUCTION OF TAX LAWS

The history of whisky is coloured with years of harsh tax laws which turned distillers into smugglers and gave birth to the moonshiners. As whisky became more and more a part of everyday life for the Scots, Parliament introduced a tax, not only on the malts, but also on the finished product.

Following The Act Of Union with England in 1707, taxes began to rise further. A new malt tax introduced by the House of Commons in 1725 would lead to the Malt Tax Riots in Scotland.

Eventually, many distillers were driven underground and a long – and often bloody – battle arose between the excisemen and the illicit distillers.

### BROTHER JOHN COR

*“To Friar John Cor, by order of the King, to make aqua vitae, VIII bolls of malt”*  
- Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, 1 June 1495

The quote above comes from the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland and is the first written evidence of the distillation of aqua vitae or, as it was said in Gaelic, Uisge Beatha.

Interestingly, this amount of malt would result in roughly 1,500 bottles, suggesting that distillation was well established in the late 15th century – more than a century before a certain Irish distillery was granted their license to distill.



## SPEYSIDE

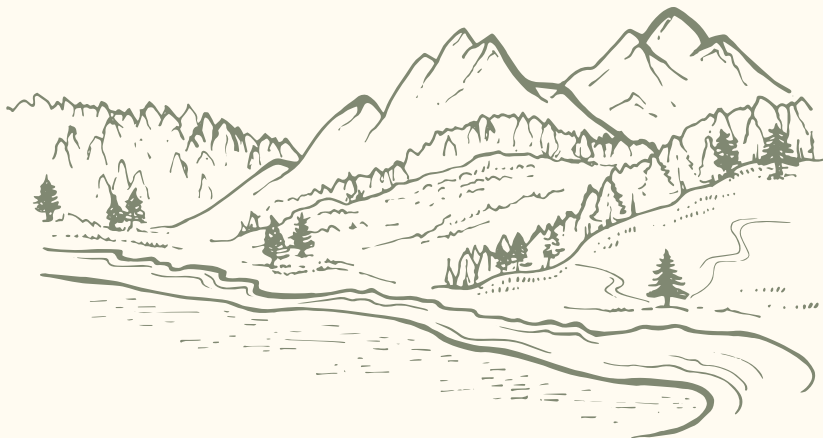
Speyside is probably the most famous region in Scotland. Known for its brilliantly sweet and rich whisky, it accounts for around two-thirds of the country's single malts. The whisky history of this little corner of Scotland goes back more than two centuries, when the mountains provided a safe hideaway for whisky distillers evading English taxmen.

Glenlivet famously became the first legal distillery in Speyside when owner George Smith took the brave step of applying for the first license to distil after the Excise Act of 1823.

It was said that for a time after, he was forced to carry a pair of pistols to protect himself and his family from his former colleagues, the moonshiners.

His whisky soon became synonymous with quality and set the benchmark that others would strive to achieve.

Balvenie Doublewood 12 Years 40%	7.25
Fruit, Chocolate, Cinnamon	
Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Years 43%	9.75
Rum, Honey, Toffee	
Cragganmore 12 Year Old 40%	6.50
Rich Honey, Stone Fruits, Walnuts	
Glenfiddich 12 Years 40%	6.50
Pear, Butterscotch, Oak	
Glenfiddich Solera 15 Years 40%	8.25
Sherry, Marzipan, Fudge	
Glenfiddich 18 Years 40%	14.50
Citrus, Stewed Fruit, Caramelised	
Glenfiddich Grand Cru 23 Years 40%	33.00
Vanilla, Brioche, Pear	
Macallan 12 Year Old Double Cask 40%	10.50
Butterscotch, Marmalade, Cinnamon	
Macallan 15 Year Old Double Cask 43%	19.50
Dried Fruit, Caramel, Ginger	
Old Ballantruan 50%	6.00
Creamy Chocolate, Sweet Malt, Bonfire Smoke	
Speyburn 10 Years 40%	5.50
Toffee, Butterscotch, Fruity	



## THE LOWLANDS

In days gone by, the Lowland distilleries typically produced a lighter-tasting whisky that was appreciated more by our southern neighbour. The distilleries here typically used triple distillation which resulted in a more delicate spirit often described as floral and sweet.

For many years, only a handful of distilleries remained in the Lowlands, however with the rise of craft distilleries we are seeing somewhat of a resurgence and a moving away from the traditional Lowland style.

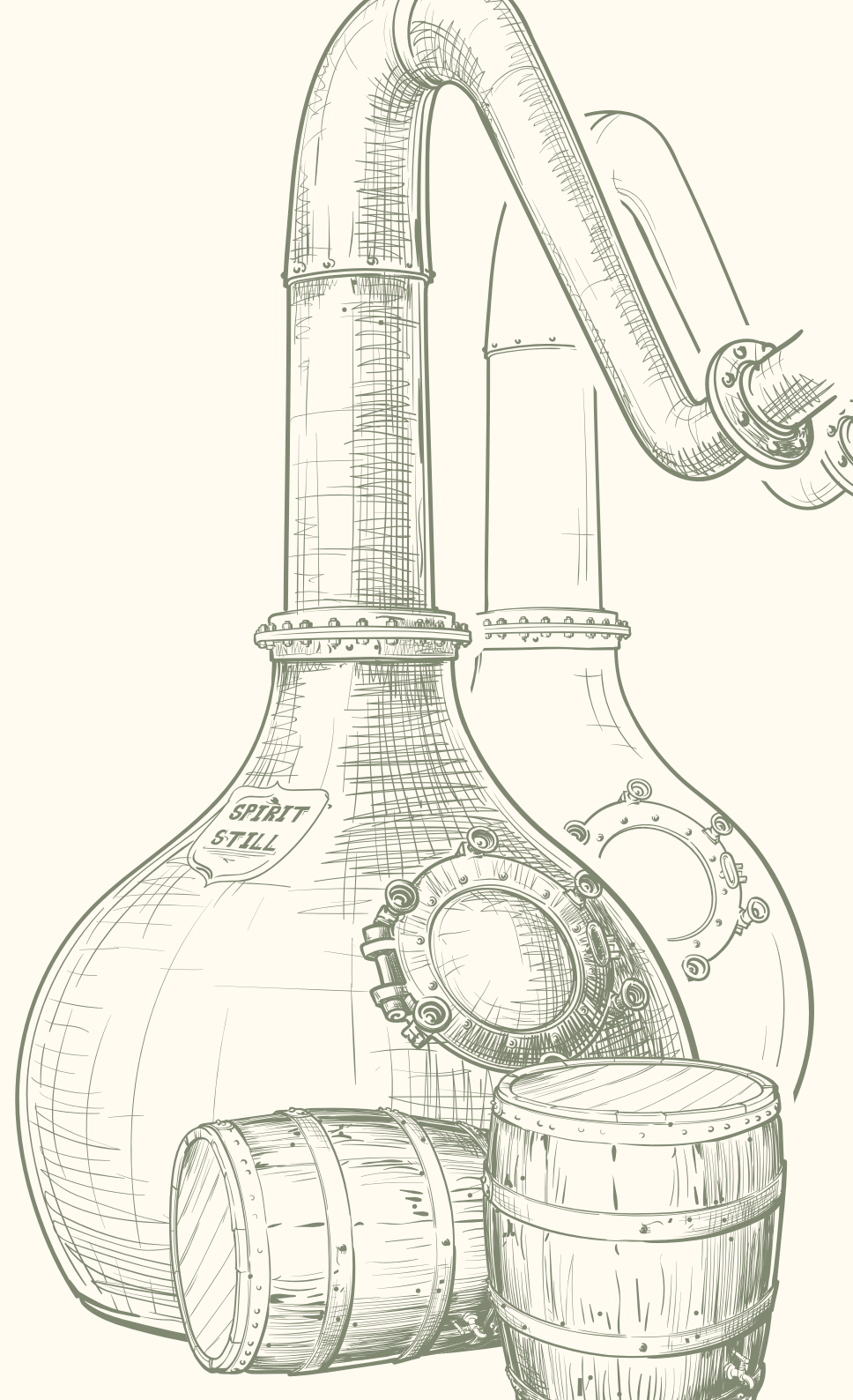
Auchentoshan 12 Years 40% Nuttiness, Tangerine, Smooth	5.95
Auchentoshan Three Wood 43% Plum, Raisin, Orange	7.25
Glenkinchie 12 Years Stewed Fruits, Apple Peel, Honey	6.00
Kinglassie 8 Years Raw Edition 46.3% Sweet Malt, Vanilla, Bonfire Smoke,	9.50
Lochlea Barley 46% Vanilla, Nuttiness, Oak	6.50

### Rosebank

Winner of the Best in Show title at the San Francisco Spirits Awards, this is the highest honour in global spirits judging. This accolade marks a landmark moment in the revival of Rosebank, long considered the “King of the Lowlands” and one of Scotland’s most admired distilleries.

Rosebank 31 Years was distilled before the distillery’s closure in 1993 and left undisturbed in refill casks for over three decades, these exceptional casks capture the distillery’s unmistakable Lowland character.

Rosebank 31 Years 48.1% Bright Citrus, Soft Vanilla, Rose Petals, Candied Almond	110.00
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## THE HIGHLANDS

Taking in most of the mainland and all the islands, if you draw an imaginary line between Dundee and Greenock, everything north would be considered the Highlands.

This imaginary line is often referred to as the tax divide; many years ago, this divide allowed the north to have smaller stills than the south, which many argue resulted in a more charismatic spirit.

Given the vastness of the region, it has always been difficult to pin down a style that is typical of the Highlands. And now with many of the once closed distilleries firing up their stills again and a handful of newcomers, the Highlands continues to be a region that both honours tradition and pushes the boundaries.

Balblair 12 Years 46%	6.50
Vanilla, Pear, Ground Spices	
Dalmore 12 Years 40%	8.95
Chocolate, Orange, Cinnamon	
Dalmore 15 Years 40%	19.50
Rich, Cherries, Nutmeg	
Dalmore 18 Years 43%	38.00
Candied Fruit, Coffee, Vanilla	
Deanston 12 Years 46.3%	6.50
Fruit, Honey, Citrus	
Fettercairn 12 Years 40%	8.00
Cinnamon, Tropical, Bread	
Glengoyne 12 Years 40%	6.25
Toffee Apples, Ginger, Honey	
Glengoyne 15 Years 40%	11.50
Tropical Fruit, Apple Pie, Vanilla	
Glengoyne 18 Years 40%	16.00
Chocolate, Brandy Butter, Fruit Cake	
Glenmorangie 12 Years Original 40%	8.00

Citrus, Peach, Vanilla	
Glenmorangie Signet 46%	26.00
Chocolate Raisins, Toasted Spices, Cashews	
Inchmurrin 12 Years 46%	6.50
Vanilla, Caramel, Peach Blossom	
Ledaig 10 years 40%	7.00
Oak, Vanilla, Cacao	
Loch Lomond 12yo 46%	6.75
White Fruits, Sweet Cereal, Charred Oak	
Oban 14 Years 43%	9.95
Hay, Seaweed, Citrus	
Torabhaig 46%	8.50
Subtle Peat, Vanilla, Apple	

### Old Pulteney

On the northern coast of Scotland is Wick, the beating heart of Old Pulteney - where salt-laden winds whip in hard off the seas and maritime resilience runs deep. For over 200 years, The Maritime Malt has quietly endured for those who honour the authentic and stand firm in their commitment to quality. Strong character, tough conditions, and time-honoured craftsmanship converge to produce a remarkable Scottish Single Malt Whisky with an unmistakably salty character.

Old Pulteney 12 Years 40%	6.00
Floral, Citrus, Tropical	
Old Pulteney 15 Years 40%	12.00
Dark Toffee, Vanilla, Sea Air	
Old Pulteney 18 Years 40%	16.00
Chocolate, Vanilla, Sea Spray	

## ISLANDS

Although not a region that is officially recognised by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), the islands surrounding Scotland are duly recognised as producing some of the most unique and interesting malts in the UK.

Often mistakenly compared to peaty Islay whiskies, the few distilleries on the more northern islands produce an astonishing range of flavours, from fresh, peppery peat (Talisker) to creamy, with citrusy spice (Isle of Jura). Expect few similarities here.

Highland Park 12 Years 40% Heather Honey, Spice, Peat	6.75
Highland Park 18 Years 43% Rich, Honey, Aromatic	18.00
Jura 10 Years 40% Chocolate, Spice, Dried Fruit	6.50
Jura 12 Years 40% Baked Apple, Rich, Smoke	6.75
Jura Seven Wood 42% Pear, Orange, Chocolate	7.75
Talisker 10 Years 45.8% Smoke, Dried Fruit, Sea Salt	7.25



## ISLAY

This little island, often referred to as The Queen Of The Hebrides, is home to some of the most renowned distilleries in the world. Islay's history is filled with many a colourful tale of home distilling, smuggling and 'illegal' whisky production, in fact it is known to have played a vital role in ensuring Americans still had good whisky to drink during the dark days of prohibition.

Known for their bold smoky flavours, these whiskies are not for the faint of heart.

Ardbeg 10 Years 46% Vanilla, Sea Salted Caramel, Bonfire Smoke	6.75
Bowmore 12 Years 40% Caramel, Tropical, Smokiness	6.00
Bunnahabhain 12 Years 46.3% Vanilla, Cherry, Oak	7.00
Caol Ila 12 Years 43% Peppermint, Smoked Ham, Warm Spice	7.50
Lagavulin 16 Years 43% Orange, Tropical, Smoke	10.50
Laphroaig 10 Years 40% Full, Smokey, Sweet	6.50
Port Charlotte 10 Years 50% Stone Fruits, Vanilla Custard, Dry Smoke	8.00

## CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown was once the whisky centre of Scotland, with more than 30 distilleries, and was known for its distinctive peaty and oily whisky.

However, during American prohibition, overproduction for US export ruined the reputation of this fine region, and sadly today only three of its distilleries remain in operation – Glen Scotia, Springbank & Glengyle.

### Glen Scotia

Dating all the way back to 1832, Glen Scotia has an illustrious past and rich history. The distillery still maintains much of its original design, including the fermenters, stillhouse and Dunnage Warehouse.

Honouring traditional Campbeltown methods and flavours and sharing everything they do, with a warm generosity of spirit, A dram of Glen Scotia single malt is a window through time.

Glen Scotia 12 Years 46% Sea Air, Tropical Fruit, Vanilla	6.00
Glen Scotia 15 Years 46% Citrus Peels, Oak Spice, Honey	10.00
Glen Scotia 18 Years 46% Sweet Smoke, Dried Fruits, Warming Spice	18.00
Glen Scotia Double Cask 46% Winter Spices, Gentle Smoke, Burnt Sugar	6.00
Glen Scotia Victoriana 46% Wood Spice, Dried Fruit, Caramel	11.00
Kilkerran 12 Year Old 46% Citrus, Butterscotch, Sea Salt	7.50
Longrow 46% Smoke, Marshmallows, Iodine	7.00

## WHISKY FLIGHTS

### THE FLYING SCOTSMAN

**33.00**

If you're not sure where to begin or what you might like, we've put together a flight of five whiskies to take you on a whirlwind tour of the SWA recognised regions. Each of these drams are great example of the historical flavour profiles of their regions.

Auchentoshan 12 yr, Balvenie 12 yr, Glenmorangie 12yr, Glen Scotia Double Cask, Ardbeg 10 yr

### LIGHT & FRUITY

**20.00**

If you're fairly new to Scotch whisky or if you're just a fan of lighter drams, then this one is for you. Expect sweet vanillas, soft spices, tropical fruits and warming oaks.

Lochlea Our Barley, Old Pulteney 12 yr, Fettercairn 12yr

### RICH & SPICY

**25.00**

These drams are full of complexity and are typically full-bodied sips that fill your senses with joy. Expect to find warm spices, dried fruits, dark sugars and warm woody flavours.

Highland Park 12yr, Old Pulteney 15yr, Glengoyne 12yr

### THE BIG SMOKE

**25.00**

These drams are for the connoisseur who loves a helping of smoke with their whisky. Intense and earthy, these are complex sips with flavours often associated with dessert such as salted caramel, custard & honey. Expect some maritime notes like brine and sea salt here also.

Lagavulin 16yr, Talisker 10yr, Port Charlotte 10yr

## INTERNATIONAL

Jameson 40% Ireland	4.50
Redbreast 12 Years 40% Ireland	9.00
Buffalo Trace 40% Kentucky, USA	4.50
Blanton's Gold 51.5% Kentucky, USA	16.00
Blanton's Original 46.5% Kentucky, USA	12.00
Eagle Rare 10 Years 45% Kentucky, USA	5.00
W.L. Weller Special Reserve 45% Kentucky, USA	5.00
Woodford's Reserve 43.2% Kentucky, USA	5.75



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