

THE WHISKY COLLECTION

" Whisky is a mystery, a magic of locality. The foreigner may import not only Scottish barley, but Scottish water, Scottish distilling apparatus and set a Scot to work on them, but the glory evaporates: it will not travel "
(Ivor Brown)

It has been customary to divide whiskies into geographical regions according to where they are made. A useful distinction is between Lowland and Highland malts. It is difficult to generalize about the regional flavour of malt whiskies - every one is different. However, there are certain broad characteristics:

LOWLAND

Pale in colour, light bodied; a nose which is hay like or grassy, often with malty or cereal notes; the flavour tends towards dryness, or finishes dry. These whiskies are often drunk as "digestifs", and have been compared to fino sheries.

HIGHLAND

North Highland malts vary considerably. They tend to be medium bodied, sweetish (often with a dry finish) and fresh flavoured, with heathery, nutty, spicy or citric notes.

West Highland malts are lighter bodied, with some peaty or phenolic characteristics, and some spice.

South and East Highland malts (Perthshire and Aberdeenshire mainly) can be light, medium or full bodied; they often have flowery or herbal notes, sometimes with a trace of peat.

CAMPBELTOWN

Although there are today only two distillers in Campbeltown, there were once 32, and the category is still recognised. Campbeltown whiskies are medium bodied, and have a slightly smoky or misty taste, with a trace of salt on the palate.

ISLAND (including Islay)

These are the strongest smelling and tasting whiskies. They tend to be medium-bodied, dry and phenolic (i.e. redolent of peat, smoke, iodine, carbolic). Much of the Isle of Islay is peat and this taints the water. Some distilleries draw their water from springs to avoid this and produce a lighter-flavoured whisky; some use heavily peated malt to reinforce it.

SPEYSIDE

Geographically, this is part of the Highlands. It is also the heartland of whisky production, and its whiskies have long been esteemed for their complexity and diversity. There are three styles:

- 1) Light bodied tending to be estery and floral scented, with some cereal notes.
- 2) Medium bodied, these are like Highlands, but more fruity/fragrant, and some are on the dry side.
- 3) Full bodied, these are sometimes powerfully sherried, rich and redolent of chocolate or fruit-cake - great after dinner whiskies.

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*"Moderation sir, aye, moderation is my rule.
Nine or ten is reasonable refreshment,
but after that it's apt to degenerate into drinking."
(Old man in a Highland Tavern)*

LOWLAND

AUCHENTOSHAN 12 Aperitif	Smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime. Finished with ginger and a pleasant nuttyness.	£5.00
GLENKINCHIE 12 Aperitif	Sweet and soft start with a smooth and creamy delivery. Richer than the discontinued 10 year old. Dry finish.	£5.00
BLADNOCH SAMSARA Aperitif/After Dinner	Our local malt whisky. A full bodied and fragrant malt with a rich core and lingering tail.	£8.00
GLENKINCHIE 20 After Dinner	Matured for 10 years in a brandy cask giving it a greater depth of colour and roundness of body. The flavour is easily related to the younger classic malt, but with more medium bodied texture and depth of character.	£19.00
BLADNOCH TALIA After Dinner	Our local malt whisky. A spicy yet silky whisky with mature sweet oak notes and a hint of citrus to finish.	£30.00

CAMPBELLTOWN

SPRINGBANK 10
Aperitif Slight sweetness with hints of coconut oil. Warming and very smooth. £6.00

LONGGROW 10
Aperitif/After Dinner This malt is only produced occasionally at the Springbank Distillery. It is pungent, earthy with a creamy, malty palate. Extremely dry with a salty, intense finish. £9.00

ISLAND

BRUICHLADDICH
WAVES
Aperitif Dates and juniper berries infused with citrus, less peat than you would expect from a traditional Bruichladdich. £5.00

BUNNAHABHAIN 12
Aperitif Smooth, softer, less pungent Islay, nutty, malty sweetness, very full flavour. £5.00

CASK ISLAY
Aperitif/After Dinner Lively, peaty and full of flavour with notes of burnt toffee, barley and rich peat smoke. £5.00

ISLE OF JURA 10
Aperitif Very delicate, lightly peated a pleasant oily nuttiness. Smooth, dry, salty finish. £5.00

LAPHROAIG 10
Aperitif Big Islay peaty flavour, iodine/medicinal, a lingering, unique, dry finish. £5.00

POIT DHUBH 12
Aperitif A vatted malt, smooth with a touch of dryness. Lightly peated, long, smoky, perfumed finish. 43% volume. £5.00

ARDBEG 10
Aperitif/After Dinner An initial moderate and clean sweetness is rapidly followed by a mouthful of deep peat notes, with tobacco smoke and strong espresso coffee, which then gives way to treacle sweetness and liquorice. £6.00

HIGHLAND PARK 12
Aperitif/After Dinner Succulent, with smoky dryness, heather-honey sweetness and maltiness. £6.00

LEDAIG
Aperitif Dry, smoky sea taste with a hint of sweetness, light and long finish with a soft warmth. £6.00

SMOKEHEAD
Aperitif/After Dinner Fresh, fruity and immense, with notes of sherry, iodine, toffee and sea salt. £6.00

TALISKER 10 Aperitif/After Dinner	Smoky, malty-sweet, peaty, dry and spicy, very peppery, long finish.	£6.00
THE ARRAN MALT After Dinner	After maturing in a sherry cask, this whisky was filled into a Bordeaux wine cask from St. Estephe. This ‘finishing’ process accentuates the fruity apple notes.	£7.00
BOWMORE 12 Aperitif	Sherry sweetness. Spicy, heathery, seaweedy, salty. Complex. Long, salty finish.	£7.00
CAOL ILA 12 Aperitif/After Dinner	A good bodied whisky with hints of boiled sweets, tar and smoke with a long peppery finish.	£7.00
JURA SUPERSTITION Aperitif	Spice, honey, pine and peat aromas make a dramatic impact, the long years in oak casks create a long, lingering and tantalising aftertaste.	£7.00
LEDAIG 1993 After Dinner	Medium bodied malt of rich dark chocolate flavours with a slight nuttiness and long lingering finish. Finished in St. Joseph wine casks for 40 months.	£7.00
BRUICHLADDICH The Classic Laddie After Dinner	Youthful and oaky with hints of vanilla sweetness, spices and cloves and a long finish.	£8.00
LAGAVULIN 16 After Dinner	Big, peaty, dry, very smooth with a long smoky finish.	£8.00
PORT CHARLOTTE Aperitif	Long and mellow peaty malt with a hint of vanilla sweetness to the finish.	£9.00
BOWMORE 14 After Dinner	Creamy, sweet and slightly smoky with a hint of salted peanut caramel.	£10.00
HIGHLAND PARK 23 After Dinner	Liquorice, salt and burnt treacle with a hint of tobacco. A very rare HP sherry cask – Orkney heaven.	£15.00
HIGHLAND PARK 25 After Dinner	Full, rich burst of flavour, medium sweet. The finish is rich, long and amazingly sweet.	£30.00

HIGHLAND

South Highland

ABERFELDY 12 Aperitif	Slightly peaty, smoky, tangy fruit, nice long and dry finish.	£5.00
GLENGOYNE 10 Aperitif/After Dinner	Clean, sweetish, quite dry with a smooth, buttery vanilla character.	£5.00
STRONACHIE 10 Aperitif	Smooth with tastes of honey and biscuits finishing with pepper and cereal notes	£5.00
DEANSTON 12 Aperitif/After Dinner	Notes of heather honey, vanilla, creamy caramel and sweet oak with a clean, dry finish.	£6.00
INCHMURRIN 12 Aperitif/After Dinner	Smooth rich palate with barley malt and salt caramel. Medium long finish.	£6.00
STRONACHIE 18 After Dinner	Full-bodied, robust and oily-smooth. Malted biscuits with rich honey then lingering pepper and spice.	£6.00
GLENGOYNE 17 Aperitif/After Dinner	Soft, rich and smooth, sweet oaky vanilla, spicy, malty, long finish.	£7.00
STRONACHIE 12 Aperitif	Rounded firm character with a hint of heather.	£7.00
GLENGOYNE 28 After Dinner	Combines the aroma of oranges and cedarwood on the nose with a hint of apple on the palate and a long medium sweet finish.	£21.00

West Highland

OBAN 14 After Dinner	Fresh hint of peat. Quite silky with a smoky, dry, delicate finish.	£7.00
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Eastern Highland

AN CNOC 12 Aperitif	Medium bodied malt with good sweetness. Hints of Madeira, winter spices and toasted granary bread.	£6.00
FETTERCAIRN FIOR Aperitif	A rich flavour of cocoa, espresso, spices, fruit and almonds. Fior is Gaelic for “true”.	£7.00
GLEN GARIOCH 12 Aperitif/After Dinner	Matured in both bourbon and sherry casks this whisky has lots of character with a smooth and spicy finish.	£7.00
ROYAL LOCHNAGAR 12 After Dinner	Sweet, clean, creamy and slightly peppery.	£7.00
AN CNOC Peter Arkle After Dinner	Sweet, warm and spicy with dried fruit cake and creamy vanilla tones followed by a zesty orange finish. Special edition bottle designed by freelance illustrator Peter Arkle.	£9.00
KNOCKDHU 23 After Dinner	This cask strength malt is full and rich on the palate with an aromatic and smokey finish.	£40.00

North Highland

DALMORE 12 After Dinner	Full, medium-sweet, spicy with a slight smokiness. Malty, smooth, dry finish.	£5.00
GLENMORANGIE 10 Aperitif	Beautiful aroma, subtle hint of peat. Medium-bodied with a sweet, fresh finish.	£5.00
GLENTURRET 1998 Aperitif/After Dinner	Glenturret claims to be the oldest distillery in Scotland and rests on the banks of the River Turret, near Crieff. Pronounced fruity notes with a touch of black pepper.	£5.00
DALWHINNIE 15 Aperitif	A gentle aromatic bouquet. Has a light, honey sweet finish.	£6.00
EDRADOOR 10 After Dinner	Fruity, sweet and smoky. Has a nutty almond like aftertaste.	£6.00
TOMATIN 15 Aperitif	A light bodied malt with a soft palate of toffee, caramel and citrus.	£6.00
TULLIBARDINE 1993 Aperitif/After Dinner	Notes of citrus, caramel and pepper. The finish is spicy and peaty but very calm. Overall a very smooth whisky.	£6.00

GLENMORANGIE Port Wood After Dinner	Port brings out the toffee-ish notes, it also adds sweeter, winey notes that meld beautifully with the Glenmorangie spiciness.	£8.00
BALBLAIR 1991 After Dinner	Sweet and fruity with hints of summer berries and orange. Finished in Crozes Hermitage casks for 40 months. Medium bodied malt with a long finish.	£10.00
GLENMORANGIE Sauterenes Cask After Dinner	Toasted oak and vanilla are intricately woven with honey, lemon and spices, a silky texture and a long, lingering finish.	£13.00
GLENMORANGIE 18 Aperitif/After Dinner	Sherryish and sweet, then spiciness with a nutty, aromatic finish.	£13.00
GLENMORANGIE 25 After Dinner	The lingering scent of fruit orchards laden with cherries, plums & blackberries is melded with chocolate and coffee tones followed by the icy clarity of fresh wild mint.	£27.00

SPEYSIDE

ABERLOUR 10 After Dinner	Rich, malty aroma. Hint of smoke.	£5.00
ARDMORE LEGACY Aperitif	Smoky notes joined by drying oak, pear drops and subtle grassy touches. Finishes with peat smoke.	£5.00
BENROMACH Peat Smoke Aperitif	Full-bodied and complex with a seriously smoky character, yet balanced with the fruity elegance of Speyside.	£5.00
BENROMACH Hermitage After Dinner	Finishing this Benromach whisky in Hermitage wine casks. Full and fruity on the palate, with citric elements balanced by creamy, sweet spices.	£5.00
CRAGGANMORE 12 After Dinner	Malty, medium-sweet with herbal-flowery notes. Slightly smoky, long finish.	£5.00
GLEN GRANT 1989 Aperitif	Soft, dry and nutty on the palate with a mellow but warming finish.	£5.00
INCHGOWER 1997 Aperitif/After Dinner	This whisky has a sweet and fresh character with a delicate touch of mixed spices.	£5.00
KNOCKANDO 12 Aperitif	Soft and sweet, lightly smoky, dry.	£5.00

MILTONDUFF 10 Aperitif	Fragrant with a slight vanilla edge, then slightly smoky and nutty.	£5.00
ROYAL BRACKLA 10 Aperitif	A slightly sweet floral nose develops into a delightfully malty and sweet palate, which builds to a robust fruitiness with spicy overtones.	£5.00
TAMDHU Aperitif/After Dinner	Medium-sweet, biscuity and quite smooth.	£5.00
TAMNAVULIN 1991 Aperitif	Light and delicate with hints of pepper, spice and sweet fruits.	£5.00
BALVENIE 12 Aperitif/After Dinner	Beautiful combined flavours, nutty, sherry, orange and cinnamon spiciness.	£6.00
DUFFTOWN 15 Aperitif	Light, flowery, pleasant aroma, taste lingers on the palate.	£6.00
GLEN KEITH 1993 Aperitif	Medium bodied with a hint of winter spice and exotic fruit. A long dry oaked finish.	£6.00
GLENROTHES Select Reserve Aperitif	Ripe fruits, citrus, vanilla and hints of spice.	£6.00
LINKWOOD 12 Aperitif	Full bodied with a hint of sweetness, a touch of spice. Dry, smoky finish.	£6.00
MACALLAN GOLD Aperitif/After Dinner	From the 1824 series of whisky. A citrus taste with hints of ginger and cinnamon. The finish is medium sweet, malty and slightly dry.	£6.00
CRAIGELLACHIE 11 Aperitif/After Dinner	Viscous and meaty, apricots and a long toasty finish.	£7.00
GLENLIVET Founders Reserve Aperitif	Sweet, fruit notes of zesty oranges and pears with a hint of candy and toffee apples. Well balanced with a long creamy and smooth finish.	£7.00
BALVENIE 14 Caribbean Cask After Dinner	Matured in oak casks then transferred to rum casks to impart extra flavour. A well rounded whisky with notes of fruit and vanilla.	£8.00
THE BENNACHIE 17 Aperitif	Aroma of citrus and apple, rich and fruity on the palate and has a dry finish.	£8.00

GLENFIDDICH 15 Solera Aperitif/After Dinner	Full and fragrant, it is very smooth and delicious with great depth of flavour and a long finish.	£8.00
AUCHROISK 23 After Dinner	Stewed apricots and sultanas with a sweet and malty finish.	£9.00
THE BENNACHIE 21 Aperitif/ After Dinner	Rich with an aromatic tang and traces of passion fruit. The finish is medium dry and very long.	£9.00
GLENROTHES 2001 After Dinner	A top notch whisky, sweet and oaky, with hints of vanilla, black cherries and soft spices. Fairly long finish.	£9.00
CRAGGANMORE 13 After Dinner	Rich and medium-sweet with quite solid peat and of good weight. Long, sweet finish. 59%.	£10.00
CONVALMORE 1984 After Dinner	A medium bodied whisky with a peppery fruitiness.	£10.00
THE SINGLETON 10 After Dinner	Sweet, fruity, smooth. Liqueur-ish with a hint of smoke and cloves in the finish.	£15.00
LINKWOOD 26 After Dinner	Matured in a rum cask for 14 years. Pleasantly warming and chewy, with a vanilla cream and brown sugar sweetness. Long, hot, cedar-dry finish.	£19.00
BENROMACH GLENLIVET 17 Aperitif/After Dinner	Aged in 100 year old casks, it is sweet spicy, with cloves and cinnamon giving away to a dry, smoky finish.	£40.00

IRISH MALT WHISKIES

MAGILLIGAN Aperitif	A soft and mellow malt although spicy and strangely dry.	£6.00
CONNEMARA Aperitif	Evidence of peat and smoke, giving away to sweetness. Long, dry, peaty aftertaste.	£7.00
KNAPPOGUE CASTLE 1992 Aperitif	Aged in bourbon casks. Exceptionally smooth and unique.	£7.00