

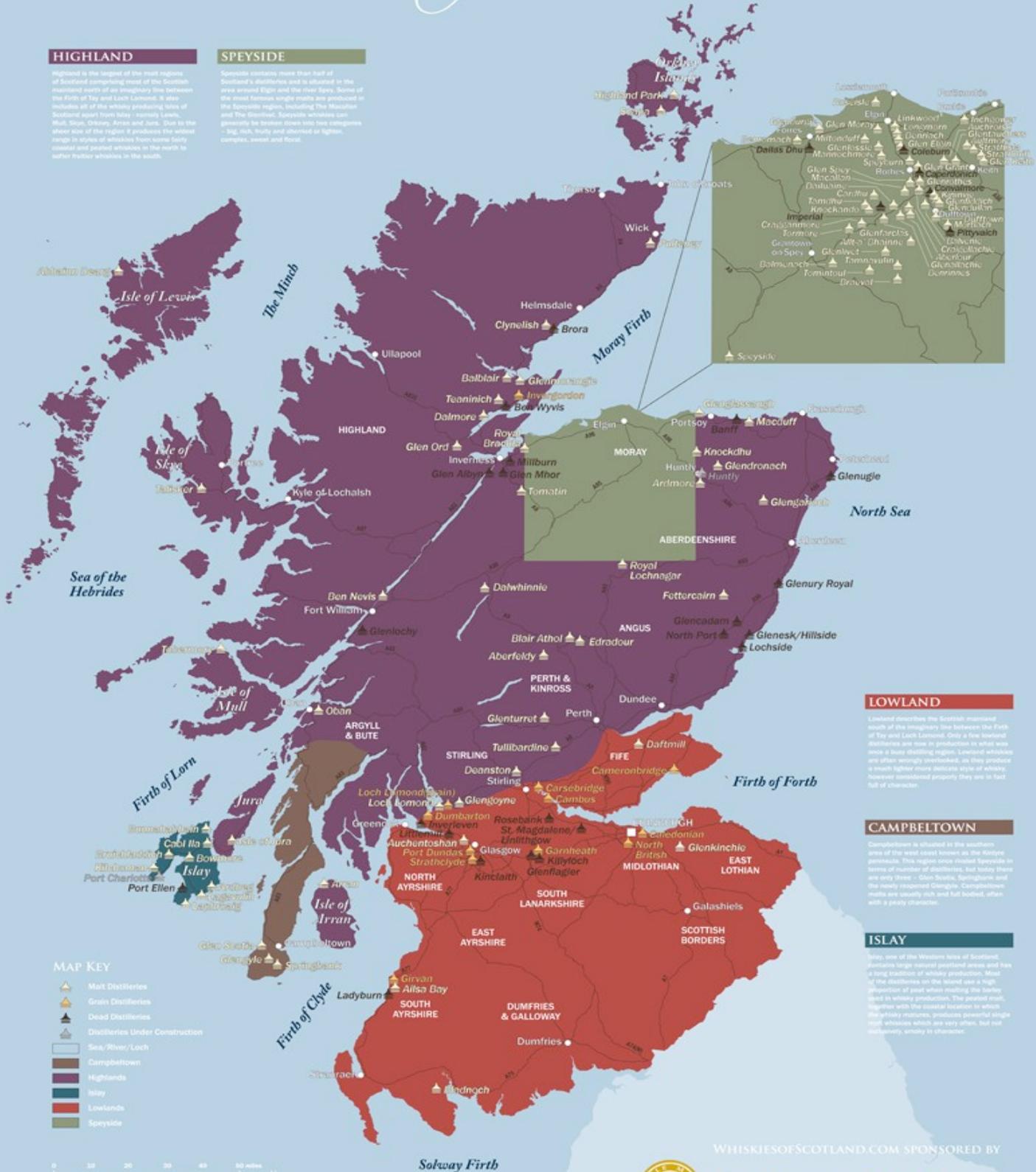
WHISKIES of SCOTLAND

HIGHLAND

Highland is the largest of the most regions of Scotland comprising most of the Scottish mainland north of an imaginary line between the Firth of Tay and Loch Lomond. It also includes all of the whisky producing isles of Scotland apart from Islay - namely Lewis, Mull, Skye, Orkney, Shetland and Jura. Due to the sheer size of the region it produces the widest range in styles of whiskies from some fairly modest and peated whiskies in the north to softer fruitier whiskies in the south.

SPEYSIDE

Speyside contains more than half of Scotland's distilleries and is situated in the area around Elgin and the river Spey. Some of the most famous single malts are produced in the Speyside region, including The Macallan and The Glenlivet. Speyside whiskies can generally be broken down into two categories - 'big, oak, fruity and abundant or light, complex, sweet and floral'.



LOWLAND

Lowland describes the Scottish mainland south of the imaginary line between the Firth of Tay and Loch Lomond. Only a few lowland distilleries are now in production so what was once a busy distilling region. Lowland whiskies are often heavily peated, as they produce a much lighter more delicate style of whisky, however considered popular they are in fact full of character.

CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown is situated in the southern area of the west coast known as the Kintyre peninsula. This region once rivaled Speyside in terms of number of distilleries, but today there are only three - Glen Scotia, Bunnahabhain and the newly reopened Glengyle. Campbeltown malts are usually rich and full bodied, often with a peaty character.

ISLAY

Islay, one of the Western Isles of Scotland, contains large natural peatland areas and has a long tradition of whisky production. Most of the distilleries on the island use a high proportion of peat when matting the barley used in whisky production. The peated malt, together with the coastal location in which the whisky matures, produces powerful single malt whiskies which are very often, but not exclusively, smoky in character.

MAP KEY

- Malt Distilleries
- Grain Distilleries
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- Campbeltown
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- Speyside
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- Scottish Borders
- Dumfries & Galloway



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Malt Whisky List

Welcome to the Kinlochewe Hotel Malt Whisky List.

Here you will find a complete and detailed list of all our Malt Whisky, including the region they are from and condensed tasting notes.

We hope you will find a Malt Whisky that suits both your taste and your pocket and if you require any further help in your selection please do not hesitate to ask one of our bar staff for guidance.

We endeavour to have all the Malts listed in stock, but there will be occasions when some are unavailable. We hope this will not detract from your enjoyment and that you will be able to find a different Malt Whisky that is to your liking.

Our Local Distilleries

Historically the North West of Scotland was poorly populated, and even those people were pushed off their land during the Highland Clearances, so there were never any distilleries in the region (well, not legal ones anyway!!). Most of the distilleries are located in the more populated and arable East Coast of Scotland.

We do have some distilleries not too far away from Kinlochewe and they all have visitor centres and conduct tours of the distillery and are well worth a visit.

Glen Ord Distillery: *Is the closest to us and the one we consider as our local distillery. It is located on the Black Isle, to the west of Inverness, 38 miles from the Hotel. It was founded in 1838 and is unusual in that it has its own maltings on site, which supply it and other distilleries with malted barley.*

Glen Ord is owned by Diageo and is capable of producing 11,000,000 litres of spirit per year.

We stock two expressions of their Malt Whisky, Singleton of Glen Ord and the now out of production Glen Ord 12 Year Old in the square bottle.

The Singleton can only be bought from the distillery, it is not available in any other shop or supermarket. And the 12 Year Old is not even available from the distillery as they have sold out - only auction sites may have a bottle or two!

Dalmore: *Located in the town of Alness, Dalmore distillery is 50 miles from the Hotel. Dalmore, founded in 1839, is owned by United Spirits and produces up to 3,700,000 litres of spirit per year. It has a newly refurbished visitor centre with an excellent exhibition showing the importance of the wood of the barrels and how it affects the whisky stored in them.*

We stock two expressions of Dalmore, the 12 Year Old and their Cigar Malt Reserve. Dalmore is a distillery that has become known for some very exclusive bottlings of its Malt Whisky.

Talisker: *Located on the West coast of the beautiful Isle of Skye, 80 miles from the Hotel, Talisker is an island distillery where the maritime atmosphere makes its presence felt in the whisky, giving it a salty & peaty flavour. Like Glen Ord, Talisker is owned by Diageo and in fact they get their malted barley from the Glen Ord maltings. The distillery, which started production in 1830, now produces 2,600,000 litres of spirit each year.*

We stock two expressions from Talisker, their 10 Year Old and Talisker 57 North.

We hope you are able to visit one of our distilleries and see how the Water Of Life is made.

Drinking Malt Whisky

Use a good glass. We use a Glencairn glass because it focuses the aromas and splashes the spirit onto the tongue in a wide fashion. Some whisky drinkers prefer tumblers or snifters.

Buy yourself a dram. We sell Whisky in measures of 25ml, or multiples thereof.

Tilt and turn the glass. Let the whisky coat the glass. This increases the surface area, permitting greater evaporation and thus enhancing the aroma. Observe the consistency as it sticks to the sides of your glass, also known as its "legs".

Nose the whisky. Unlike nosing wine when you take a big "sniff", when nosing whisky you should take several small short "sniffs" to prevent the spirit burning your delicate nasal passage. Place your nose a few inches away from the glass. What do you smell? Now get a little closer. How is that? Now get as close as you can without letting the alcohol burn your nasal passage. What other aromas are there? Keeping your mouth slightly open as you nose the whiskey will help you to better discern and 'taste' the different aromas.

Add water. This is optional. Add as much as half-and-half or as little as a few drops. Adding water depends on the strength and style of the whisky and the taster's preference. Regular bottles contain 40% to 46% alcohol by volume (ABV) and are diluted using the distillery's water source. Some whisky purists (Jim Murray, for example) feel that as it has already been diluted, further dilution is unnecessary. "Cask strength" whiskies are stronger (generally 46% to 60%) and require more water.

NEVER EVER add ice as this inhibits the flavour making the whisky taste dull and flat. It may also cause the whisky to turn cloudy.

Gently agitate the whisky. Nose the whisky again. Change the angle and distance of the glass to pick up all of the subtle aromas. Continue this for a few minutes while the water marries with the whisky and releases additional aromas you may not have noticed at first. If you have added water, have patience. It takes a good amount of time before the whisky and water are completely married.

Take a sip. Take just enough to coat your mouth and begin to slowly swirl it around your tongue. Feel the consistency of the whisky. Some feel thicker, oilier, or grittier than others. This is referred to as the "mouthfeel." Try and coat your tongue so that the whisky touches all of your taste buds.

Taste the whisky. Try to hold the whisky in your mouth as long as it takes to notice all of the different flavours.

Swallow. Try not to open your mouth or close your throat. Let in a tiny amount of air through your mouth and breathe through your nose slowly as the fumes rise up into your sinuses. You may notice different flavours. This is called the "finish." Once the flavours subside, breathe normally.

Repeat. Consuming a dram can often take half an hour or more. Notice how the flavours and aromas change throughout your dram.

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Whisky

Drinking whisky is a pleasure and in this booklet we aim to de-mystify the selection and enjoyment of Malt Whisky.

Our Malt Whisky is listed alphabetically in the following pages - as you see the bottles displayed on the shelves.

Each listing shows the area where the Malt Whisky is distilled as this affects the character, nose, flavour and taste of the Whisky.

Area of Distillation		
<i>C - Campbeltown</i>	<i>L - Lowland</i>	<i>Eng - England</i>
<i>H - Highland</i>	<i>S - Speyside</i>	<i>Ire - Ireland</i>
<i>H/Is - Highland Islands</i>	<i>Ind - India</i>	<i>Jap - Japan</i>
<i>I - Islay</i>	<i>Tas - Tasmania</i>	<i>Wal - Wales</i>

Many people find a malt that they like but do not know how to find another that tastes similar.

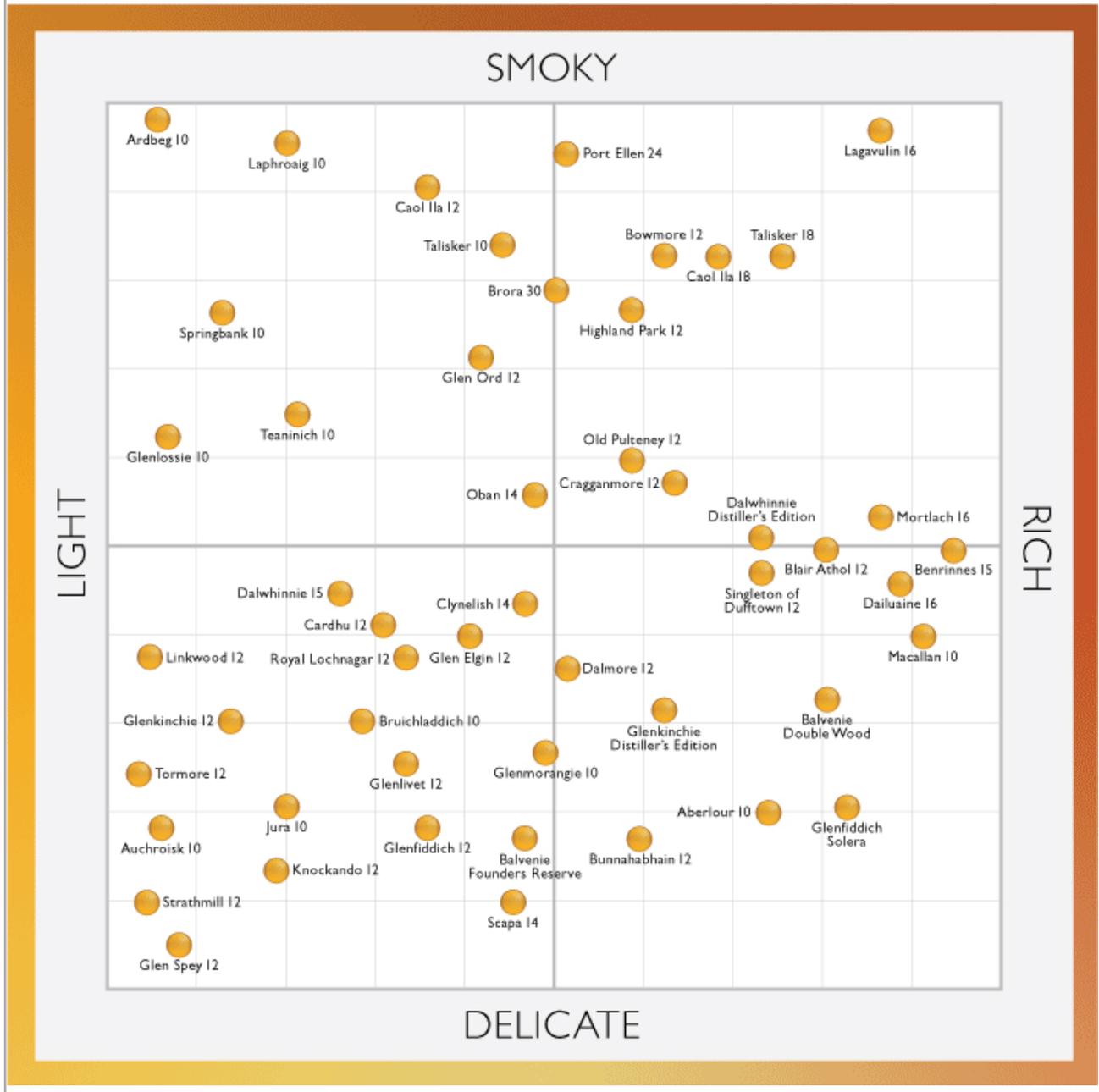
The “Group” column classifies the Malts with similar characteristics allowing you to chose something similar but different and, hopefully, enjoyable.

Shown opposite is a Flavour Chart which also allows the selection of a Malt according to flavour, from the Light & Delicate Glen Spey 12YO right through to to the Rich & Smoky Lagavulin 16YO.

Whatever your taste we hope you can find a Malt Whisky on our shelves that you enjoy and perhaps extend your taste to something you might not otherwise have tried.

Please ask our bar staff for any help or guidance you require.

Malt Whisky Flavour Chart



Malt Whisky List

Whisky	Area	Age	ABV	Nose	Palate	Finish	Group	Price
Aberfeldy	H	12	40%	Fragrant, heather honey & spice discernible.	Medium bodied, medium sweet, Seville oranges with spices, oak & honey notes.	Medium length with spices & Seville oranges.	E	£3.65
Aberlour	S	10	40%	Spicy, estery & sherried with pear drops, pine & mint toffee.	Medium bodied, medium sweet & multi-layered with honey, autumn fruits, cinnamon & a whiff of smoke.	Long & drying with honey, cinnamon, chocolate mints, sherry & smoke.	C	£3.50
Allt-a-Bhainne	I		40%	Smoky malt and a prickle of white pepper spice blend with toffee apples, buttery pastry, a hint of heather and toasted oak.	Butterscotch, roasted apricot and honey provide sweetness among gingerbread and cinnamon spice and earthy peat.	A long finish has plenty of drying smoke and fizzing spice.		£5.00
An Cnoc (Knockdhu)	H	12	40%	Lemons, honey & green fruits aroma, new mown hay, a whiff of smoke & sweet tobacco.	Medium bodied & sweet, fairly complex with barley sugar, citrus, pears, honey, sherbet & a touch of spice.	Medium length, drying with tart apples, lemons, heather honey & earthy smoke.	H	£3.75
Ardbeg	I	10	46%	Deliciously complex & promising with deep smoke, salt & malt undercut by citrus fruits, ripe bananas, grassy & cocoa notes.	Full bodied and quite sweet, explosion of peat smoke & iodine, creamy with cocoa, black pepper & liquorice emerging.	Long, rich & complex, powerful peatsmoke layered with medicinal salt & pepper flavours.	J	£4.75
Ardbeg Uigeadail	I	NA	54.2%	Warm Christmas cake, ocean spice, cedar, pine needles. Smoky coal fire, treacle toffee & chocolate coated raisins.	An intriguing balance between sweet spicy and deep smoky flavours. Winter spices, glazed smoked food & chewy treacle.	Amazingly long & chewy with lingering raisiny, deep mocha tones & rich aromatic smoke into the perfectly integrated finish.	J	£6.75
Ardmore	H	NA	46%	Rich with heather smoke, honey, fruit, spice & a whiff of antiseptic.	Medium bodied & quite sweet with distinctive smoky, earthy flavour, honey, dried fruit & oaky spice.	Quite long, smoke & spice lingering at the end.	I	£3.80
Arran	H/Is	14	46%	Dried fruits, vanilla & toffee add a little water & a salty tang appears with caramelised fruits.	Initially brine leads to toffee apples & hazelnuts with dates, chocolate orange & spiced tea-cake.	Cinnamon spices leading to a classic island style salty wave balancing the sweet fruit of the palate.	G	£5.00
Auchentoshan	L	12	40%	Toffee, citrus fruits, honey, sherry & toasted almonds	Medium bodied, medium sweet with oranges, figs, spices & a hint of smoke.	Long, nutty sherry & Seville marmalade at the end	E	£4.25
Auchroisk	S	10	43%	Mild, sweet and fresh. Ground almonds, even dry marzipan, with some dark chocolate that eventually becomes nuttier.	Takes a fair amount of water. Light and fresh; pleasant mouthfeel. Sweetish start, some acidity.	Surprisingly dry, fairly short – all well balanced.	E	£5.35
Aultmore		12	46%	Very fresh and vibrant. Clean, refreshing notes of Cox's apple and pear, with a gentle creaminess and some aromatic floral notes, too.	A touch richer on the palate than expected, but still soft and fruity, with some sweet pastry/custard-tart notes. Florality lifts the palate.	Very clean and measured, with the soft fruits gently receding.	H	£4.90

Balblair 12	H	12	46%	Full bodied with aromas of test green apples, ground spices & honey.	Citrus orchard followed by intense sweetness of toffee & vanilla.	A deliciously spicy long finish. This dram is bright and full of character.	H	£5.75
Balvenie Doublewood	S	12	40%	Sweet with a full oloroso sherry aroma, Seville oranges, toffee & spices.	Quite full bodied & sweet, pronounced sherry note with oranges, butterscotch, heather honey, spice & a swirl of smoke.	Long & warming, sherry & cinnamon at the end.	A	£4.45
Ben Nevis	H	10	46%	Fresh & quite dry with a rich fruitiness. Hints of orange & Seville marmalade with nutty undertones.	Gentle dryness. Toffee. Solid peat notes with a biter sweetness.	Silken toffee & caramel with a touch of mochaccino & dark chocolate on the tail.	C	£3.75
Benriach	S	10	43%	Nutty, rich, damp earth. Almonds and hazelnuts, with appealing green-apple freshness aromas of lemon and grapefruit, lifted by cinnamon, nutmeg and toffee.	Floral and spicy, with clean, bright fruit: green apples, pears, honeysuckle. There's some spiciness in there, too – a little black pepper.	The spiciness hangs on, but the overriding character is fresh, clean fruit. Refreshing and lip-smacking.	S	£3.50
Benrinnes	S	15	43%	Slightly doughy. Toffee chip biscuits. Floral.	Rounded, good sweetness. A whiff of peat.	Barley, biscuity, slightly drying.	C	£5.85
Benromach 10	S	10	43%	Pine oils, fresh. Sweetness, nutty, smoky. Stem ginger, bog myrtle & acacia honey.	Floral, grassy, heather & hedgerow berries. Buttery, spicy.	Quite sweet, tannic, citrus notes, a tad more stem ginger, zesty.	F	£3.50
Benromach Wood Finish	S		45%	Rich fruits, Zingy Lemonade	Wine Tannin hints, peppery vanilla notes	Light wisp of bonfire embers	F	£4.75
Blair Athol	H	12	43%	Muscat grapes and Madeira wine, brimstone in the background, even tar. Dried apricots in the foreground, and treacle toffee.	Rich and mouth-filling, with a good balance.	A curious sweetness is introduced at the end, after the acidity and dryish finish has passed.	C	£5.50
Bowmore	I	12	40%	Grassy & smoky with lemon note, hints of sherry & seaweed.	Well balanced complexity with smoke, spice, heather honey, tart grapefruit and dark chocolate.	Quite long with smoke, coconut & citrus notes at the end.	I	£4.20
Braeval	S	14	48%	Citrus blossom, honey'd sultanas, sawdust and rhubarb crumble	Fizzy orange sweeties, clove and cinnamon. Touches of toffee develop later on	Peppered oak and lingering hints of butterscotch	H	£7.50
Bruichladdich Islay Barley 2011	I	NA	50%	Bright grapefruit and nectarine, balanced by a hint of sea spray	Almond, walnut and barley, joined by tinned peaches, milk chocolate and orange peel.	Subtly coastal, with white grape and barley sugar in support	J	£6.50
Bruichladdich Classic Laddie	I		50%	Elegantly sweet with honey'd barley, boiled sweets and orange petals. Wafts of sea air	Red apples and white grapes, with touches of sweet cinnamon and brown sugar. Still softly coastal.	Mineral-rich malt, with toffee and more honey.	J	£5.50
Bruichladdich Octomore 10.3 (peated 114 ppm)	I	NA	61.3%	Earthy peat smoke, lemon drops, thyme, sea salt, vanilla and fudge, with a sharp, medicinal edge.	salt, honey and lemon, developing pear, gooseberry and oak atop a backdrop of heavy peat smoke.	There's stewed apple and coffee grounds as the charred oak and thick ash dissipates.	J	£18.75

Bunnahabhain XII	I	12	46.3%	Fresh & aromatic, malty with hints of seashore, sherry & a whiff of smoke.	Quite full bodied & sweet, dried fruits, malt, sherry & nuts.	Long & well balanced with malty sweetness, fruit & sherry notes at the end.	F	£4.75
Caol Ila	I	12	43%	Subdued, citric fruitiness; a whiff of bath oil and dentist's mouthwash. A fresh and appetising nose, with little or no trace of smoke.	Drinks well at natural strength; sweet start; pleasant, light fragrant smokiness and a lengthy finish.	Sweet smokiness in the lingering, slightly sour finish.	J	£4.85
Cardhu	S	12	40%	Heady, with pear drops, heather, resin and sweet honey-nut notes.	Well balanced, smooth mouthfeel; sweet and fresh, then drying.	Lingering sweet smoke in the attractive, drying aftertaste.	H	£4.65
Clynelish	H	14	46%	Light candle wax, with some sugar. A faint floral fragrance.	Pleasant creamy mouthfeel; maritime generally.	Some salt, dryish yet an attractive, even slightly bitter finish.	F	£4.85
Connemara Single Cask	Ire	NA	46%	Smoky peatiness balanced by floral heather with hints of honey & oak.	Silky smooth with a honey sweet start, followed by more complex aromas of malt & fruit giving way to full bodied peat.	Long with golden honey notes & deep peat. Hints of chocolate, vanilla & oak leave a mouth-watering taste.	I	£6.15
Cragganmore	S	12	40%	A combination of sweet floral fragrances, riverside herbs and flowers with some honey and vanilla.	A strong malty taste with hints of sweet wood smoke and sandalwood.	A long, malt-driven finish with light smoke and hints of sweetness.	D	£4.55
Craigellachie	S	13	46%	Plenty of apple, with some raw yeasty notes. Soft vanilla marshmallow and honey. Citrus. Hints of overripe banana skins in the background.	Oily and sweet, very malty. Apple pie, pineapple and whiffs of charcoal smoke. Shows more oak spices (ginger) and becomes herbal.	Medium long, with some drying oak, liquorice and the same hint of smoke.	D	£5.00
Dailuaine	S	16	43%	Cheddar cheese rind, backed by old Madeira. After dinner mode continues with walnuts and light butterscotch.	Straight, the whisky is full, sweet and warming.	Warming, with a light nutty aftertaste	C	£6.25
Dallas Dhu	S	34	43%	Delicate sherry influences with hints of green apples and pears.	The palate has orange and ripe banana flavours initially complimented by a lingering charred oak edge.	Dry with a hint of mustard and a good length.	E	£22.50
Dalmore	H	12	40%	Rich, fruity & sherried with nutty, orange & marzipan notes & a swirl of smoke.	Quite full bodied & sweet with orange marmalade, fruit cake, cream toffee, spice & sherry notes.	Long & sweet, marzipan, sherry & orange marmalade at the end.	E	£4.65
Dalwhinnie	H	15	43%	A big, crisp, dry and very aromatic nose with hints of heather and peat.	Smooth, soft and lasting flavours of heather-honey sweetness and vanilla followed by deeper citrus-fruit flavours and hints of malted bread.	Long, lingering, surprisingly intense finish that starts sweetly, then gives way to smoke, peat and malt.	H	£4.75
Deanston	H	12	46.3%	Fragrant & honeyed, Seville oranges, toffee, pronounced malty notes, menthol & a hint of smoke.	Medium bodied, medium dry, intensely malty & fruity, roast chestnuts, marmalade on toast & rich spice.	Quite long & dry, toast, honey & spice at the end.	F	£3.95

Dufftown Singleton of.	The	S	12	40%	First polished wood and toasted nuts, then baked apples and soft brown sugar take over, giving way to a mossy note, too.	Sweetness and crunchy nuts, then smooth fruity richness: hints of brown sugar and espresso coffee.	Medium to long, elegantly drying and crisp, completed by a pleasant, sweetly nutty chew-ability.	E	£3.85
Edradour		H	10	40%	Fragrant & honeyed, minty & sherried like sugared almonds, with a whiff of smoke.	Medium bodied, quite sweet, honey, sherry & creamy with pistachio, fruit & barley notes & a hint of spice.	Medium length, deliciously sweet, the honey lingers on with oaky nuttiness	D	£3.80
Glenburgie Ballentines		S	15	40%	Luxurious nose, kicks off with golden syrup, white grapes and cooking apples. Stewed pear and a hint of brown sugar	Caramel, white chocolate and vanilla emerge through fizzing ginger and white pepper. Mandarin, lychee and deep dark fruits develop.	Relatively short, with flickers of spice.	A	£7.25
Glencadam			10	46%	Spice and vanilla with elegant sweetness	Floral and spicy with sophisticated mix of vanilla and Sherry sweetness	Gentle pepper and spice	H	£3.85
Glen Elgin		S	12	43%	Sweet. Almonds, or maybe marzipan. Some orange juice. Perhaps a trace of sawn wood.	Sweetish, then dryish, with some acidity between; all well balanced.	Dryish, balanced finish.	E	£4.55
Glenfarclas		S	10	40%	Sweet & fragrant, intense sweet peas, orchards, runny honey, fruity & richly sherried.	Quite full bodied & very sweet, sherried with creamy malty, nutty flavours, underlying citrus fruits, cinnamon spice & a little peat smoke.	Long, sweetly sherried, spicy & malty with lingering smoke	B	£3.50
Gelinfiddich		S	12	40%	fresh, with pears everywhere and a malty, cereal centre. Freshly sawn wood. Some lime, hints of white grapes. Buttercups. Soft vanilla	rather light and bittersweet. There's a sugary side (honey, vanilla, apple juice) as well as a bitterish side (apple seeds, nutmeg, oak juice).	not too long, on apple cider and a few spices.	E	£3.80
Glen Garioch		H	12	48%	Heathery floral notes balanced with rich poached pears and sweet malted barley	Creme brulee & sweet ripe banana then a light oakiness with pear.	Long smooth, creamy & fragrant	G	£4.95
Glenglassaugh Revival		H	NA	46%	Sweet caramel and toffee with notes of nutty sherry, milk chocolate and honey. Ripe plums, red berries and oranges. Caramelised sugar and earthy, charred oak.	Sweet, rounded & creamy. Oranges, plums cherries & walnuts, chocolate, honey-mead, sherry & soft spiced oak.	Medium & warming mulled wine spices, sherry & caramel.	A	£4.00
Glengoyne		H	10	40%	Rich malty aroma, pancakes, honeysuckle & sherry.	Light bodied, medium dry, oak, apple & butterscotch notes with hints of sherry & spice.	Quite short & light, apples, spice, malt & no smoke.	G	£3.65
Glen Grant		S	10	40%	Delicate, fragrant, slightly honeyed, pear drops & new mown hay.	Clean, slightly sweet with honey, green apples & vanilla	Fairly short, clean citrus & almonds lingering	H	£3.70

Glen Keith	S	NA	40%	Sweet and crisp with orchard fruits and a malty character. Toffee apples and banana skins linger	Through oaked dryness and an oily note comes vanilla sweetness with helpings of apricot yogurt, dried mango and nectarines. Suggestions of chocolate pudding.	Subtle floral notes and new oak, with a little honey.	E	£3.75
Glenkinchie	L	12	43%	Aromatic, vanilla, cut flowers and beneath, a clean, toasty note. Increasingly sweet and creamy, with fresh citrus.	Crisp mid-palate then butter icing, lemon cheesecake and freesias.	Herbal and drying, a little like potpourri.	G	£4.30
Glenlossie	S	10	43%	Vinous, like a well-used cocktail cabinet. Fresh plums and kiwi-fruit and promise of pear-drops.	Sweet; a good balance of primary tastes, with some pleasant acidity. If more water is added, there is a very slight hint of smoke.	Dryish, with some light chocolate notes and a light, malty aftertaste.	G	£5.20
Glenmorangie The Original	H	10	40%	Floral, citrus fruits, vanilla & butterscotch.	Creamy soft & fresh with oranges, creme brulee, spices & nuts	Drying towards the end, salty with flaked almonds & cinnamon	G	£4.50
Glen Moray Sherry Cask	S	NA	40%	Raisin and milk chocolate, with a backbone of butterscotch sweeties	Cinnamon starts to develop on the palate, giving it an enjoyable warmth. Still rich in caramel and butterscotch.	Medium length, with a hint of five-spice	G	£3.75
Glen Moray Peated	S	NA	40%	Layers of peat with background of vanilla. Tangy rhubarb and hints of leather.	Instant peat smoke, lightly spiced with creamy vanilla.	Long, sweet and spicy.	I	£3.75
Glen Ord The Singleton of	H	12	40%	Winy top notes rapidly evolve into plummy fruits offset by zesty, oily orange peel. Then, rich caramel toffees, chocolate and malty biscuits.	Subtly coating, with a clever balance of gentle fruit tartness and gingery, rich, sweet malt. Becoming lighter and cleaner on the palate.	A beautiful balance of lightly cleansing fruit notes and gingery toasted maltiness; a smooth texture, like good chocolate slowly melting on the tongue.	D	£4.00
Glen Ord	H	12	43%	Intensely spicy with a citrus hit & sherry roundness. Hints of peat smoke deep within.	Sweet sherry coats the mouth & reveals the peat influence along with peppery spices that come on late.	Quite dry, rich with flavours of leather, oak, synthetic cherry & a distinct ginger sharpness.	D	£25.00
Glenrothes Select Reserve	S	NA	43%	Toffee, vanilla, geraniums, lemons, honey & oaky spice.	Quite full bodied, medium sweet with orange zest, biscuits, butterscotch, plums & custard.	Medium length, Seville marmalade, nuts, chocolate & biscuits.	E	£4.20
Glen Scotia	C	15	46%	Lemon zest, cookies, ginger, sweet, lots of depth with notes of apricots, fruit salad & oak.	Complex with fruit, slightly dry aromas, oak & caramel	Powerful & slightly drying.	E	£5.50
Glen Spey	S	12	43%	Mild, closed. Lightly fruity like greengages and white grapes. With water, fresh and estery, but still relatively closed.	Warming. Light sweetness, some acidity.	Dry, medium length. Some chocolate and light coconut in the aftertaste.	E	£5.30
Glenturret Peated	H	NA	43%	Warm bitumen and freshly baked brownie	Sweet, smoky flavour with slightly salty notes	Lingering soft peat	I	£4.50

Hazelburn	C	10	46%	Stewed pears and baked apples are followed by honeycomb and fudge notes.	A lovely and rich whisky with vanilla and honey flavours, liquorice follows with a refreshing zestiness.	A lovely and rich whisky with vanilla and honey flavours, liquorice follows with a refreshing zestiness.	E	£4.40
Highland Park	H/Is	12	40%	Heather honey sweetness & peaty smokiness	Medium bodied, quite sweet & smokey with layers of dark chocolate, heather honey, spiced oranges & cinnamon.	Quite long with subtle smoke, dark Belgian chocolate & orange marmalade lingering at the end.	I	£3.80
Highland Park Dragon Legend	H/Is		43%	Cut grass, roasted vailla pod and a hint of mulled wine	A robust core of heather-y, earthy smoke arrives straight away, with peppercorn, mince pie and oily malt in tow.	Notes of dried citrus and tossed barley linger,	H	£4.75
Inchgower	H	14	43%	Rich and deep and faintly toffied. After a while offers some short-crust pastry and fruit, then vaguely 'gun-metal'.	Sweet overall, but also curiously mouth-drying, with some salt and traces of oil.	A saccharine-bitter finish that leaves an aftertaste of almonds.	H	£4.75
Inchmurrin	L	12	46%	Distinctively fruity with pear drops and toffee sweetness. Light notes of freshly cut hay in summer sun.	Seville orange citrus notes build in intensity before mellowing into softer fruits of peach and apricot giving way to creamy fudge and vanilla.	Medium length with peppery finish.	E	£4.20
Jura	H/Is	10	40%	Aromatic & dry, orange zest & almonds, a whiff of smoke & salt spray.	medium bodied & dry, with fruit & peat notes & the suggestion of heather, almonds & pine.	Medium length, salty & malty finish	I	£3.95
Jura Prophecy	H/Is	NA	46%	An exquisite burst of bonfire smoke slowly gives way to salty and spicy sea spray.	Powerful peat smoke and spicy sea spray open up the palate, followed by flavours of soft liquorice, spicy cinnamon and nutmeg.	Non-chill filtered for a huge peaty punch, this complex and structured whisky is aged in Bourbon, sherry and Limousin oak casks	I	£5.65
Kilchoman Machir Bay	I	NA	46%	Smoked & malty with notes of cured ham, oysters with lemon, red wine vinegar & citrus zest.	Oaky & bittersweet with black pepper, toffee apples, dark chocolate, aniseed & warm spicy peat. Very complex.	Very long & salty with sticking plasters & blackcurrant.	J	£6.75
Knockando	S	12	43%	Fruity-floral with a hint of blackcurrant. Some ash, then a trace of damp linen.	A light body and mouthfeel, as might be expected.	Relatively short. Clean and easy to drink.	G	£4.20
Lagavulin	I	16	43%	Intensely flavoured, peat smoke with iodine and seaweed and a rich, deep sweetness.	Dry peat smoke fills the palate with a gentle but strong sweetness, followed by sea and salt with touches of wood.	A long, elegant peat-filled finish with lots of salt and seaweed	J	£6.50
Lagavulin Distillers Edition (Sherry cask finished)	I		43%	Seaweed, Christmas cake, mint leaf, dates and amaretto	Packs a mighty peaty punch, followed by juicy raspberry, dark chocolate and Shried orange peel	Sea salt lingers on the finish.	J	£10.50

Laphroaig	I	10	40%	<i>Pungent, earthy aroma of blue peat smoke with wafts of seashore & hints of vanilla oakiness.</i>	<i>Full bodied & rather dry, very peaty, smoky, salty, & medicinal with some malty nuttiness & a little citrus zest & black pepper.</i>	<i>Long & smoky with medicinal seaweed.</i>	J	£4.80
Laphroaig Triple Wood	I	NA	48%	<i>Molasses and oily toffee. Dates, walnuts, oodles of butter, zest, cool wood smoke, almond, and passion fruit.</i>	<i>Dry and medicinal, with exotic spices. The palate is savoury at first. The sherry notes are there too, with hints of Laphroaig's classic smoke.</i>	<i>Oaked. The mustiness carries into the finish, which lasts for a good while, with oily spices and dried fruit.</i>		£5.75
Laphroaig Quarter Cask	I	NA	48%	<i>Burning embers of peat in a crofters fireplace, hints of coconut and banana aromas</i>	<i>Deep, complex and smoky yet offers and surprises the palate with a gentle sweetness</i>	<i>Really long, and dries appropriately with smoke and spice</i>	J	£5.20
Ledaig	H/Is	NA	42%	<i>Quite light & well balanced with a freshness from notes of cut hay & straw, barley sugar & herbs, cereals & melted butter on granary toast.</i>	<i>Medium bodied & rich, notes of gentle wood smoke, barley sugars, hints of hay with a touch of cereal sweetness & caramel.</i>	<i>The finish is long and slightly herbal</i>	I	£3.10
Linkwood	S	12	43%	<i>Fresh soft-fruits with a hint of vanilla, then light cigar-box notes are perceptible, and a faint hint of expensive ladies' perfume.</i>	<i>Cedar notes emerge in the finish, which is long.</i>	<i>Cedar notes emerge in the finish, which is long.</i>	H	£7.50
Longmorn	S	NA	40%	<i>Citrus and toffee apples, caramelised pears, stem ginger and other subtle spices.</i>	<i>Creamy malt, a touch of praline, caramel and chocolate orange.</i>	<i>Sweet barley and oak spice.</i>		£5.35
Longrow	C	NA	46%	<i>Very creamy, vanilla custard. The smoke develops and toasted marshmallows, herbs and rich fruits appear over time.</i>	<i>Incredibly well balanced – rich and creamy with a slight medicinal hint. The smoke is always present and washes over the palate in waves.</i>	<i>The gentle smoke lingers and lingers.</i>		£4.25
Macallan, Sherry Cask	S	12	40%	<i>Gingerbread, vanilla essence, wafts of buttered toast and clotted-cream-topped scones</i>	<i>Raisins, sultanas and stem ginger. Citrus begins to develop on the palate, with a touch of dark chocolate.</i>	<i>Subtle cedar and honey linger on the palate.</i>	A	£8.50
Macallan, Gold	S		40.0%	<i>Soft aromatic vanilla, lemon and barley with hints of ginger. Milk chocolate buttons and hints of Sun-Maid Raisins</i>	<i>Golden sultanas, dates, apple peelings and a dusting of cinnamon. Cereal notes on the mid-palate, joined by crumbly shortbread</i>	<i>Fragrant oak finish, with the mince pie notes lingering</i>	A	£6.50
Mackinlay's Shackleton Blended Malt (See the story of this remarkable Whisky at the back of this book).	H	NA	47.3%	<i>Crushed apple, floral notes too. Freshly baked bread loaf, lemonade. A complex mix of engine oil, Cornflakes, dumplings and orange rind.</i>	<i>Oily and mouth coating but perhaps lighter than expected. Orange syrup sings through with that gorgeous peated Dalmore.</i>	<i>Fresh bread and those little European biscuits you get with your coffee.</i>		£12.50
Mannochmore	S	12	43.0%	<i>Light and fruity with whiff of brimstone</i>	<i>Fresh and clean with good acidity and well balanced dryness</i>	<i>Surprisingly dry for a speyside</i>		£5.50

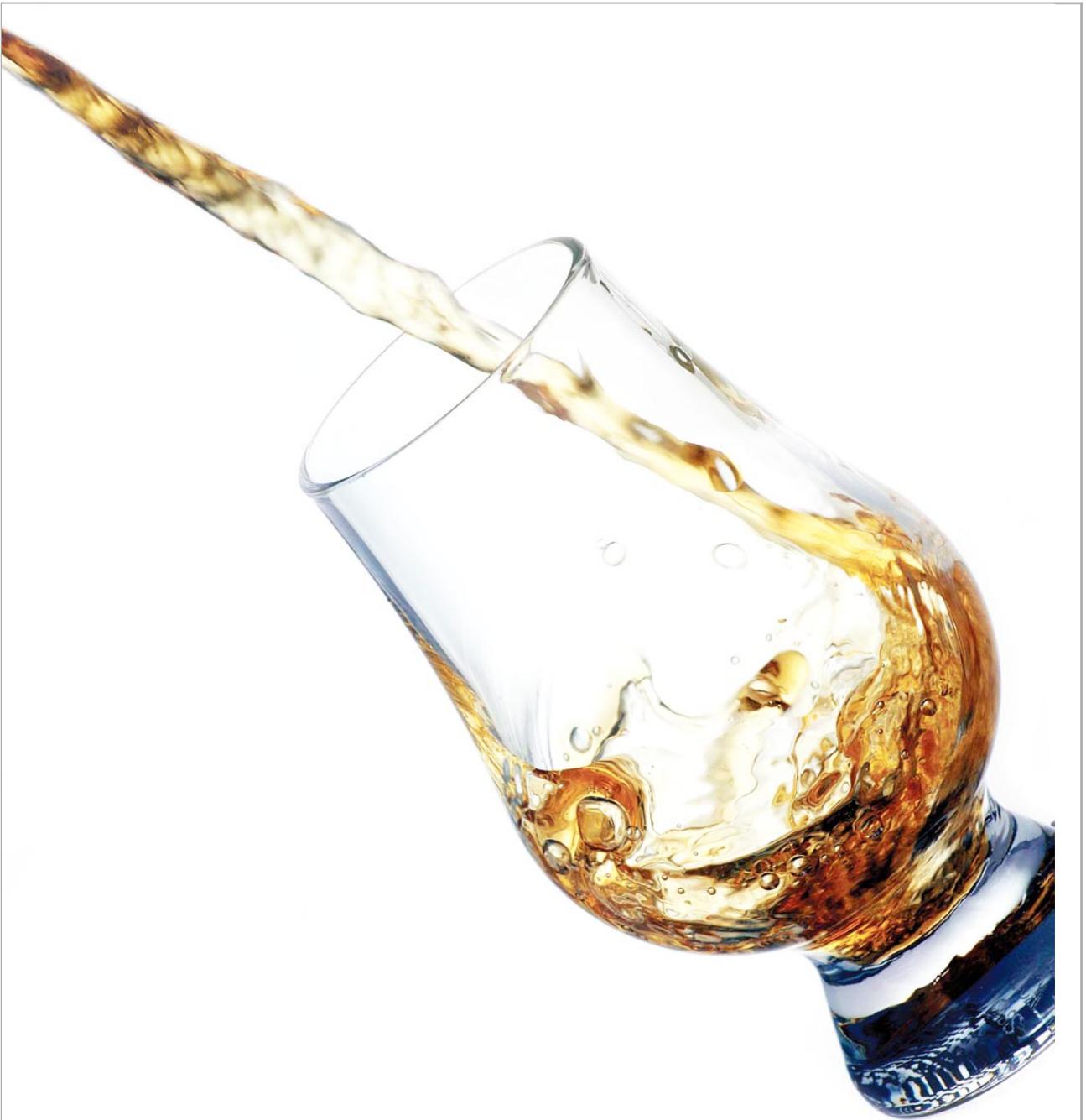
Middleton, Barry Crockett Legacy	IE	NA	46.0%	Soft, sweet notes of barley, floral honey, rosemary, citrus, cut hay, Summer meadows and toffee apples.	Sweet tobacco leaves and ceda, sugared peels, toffee, honey softness, vanilla and boiled sweets	Very creamy and vanilla-rich, cinnamon and a little pear drop on the tail		£30.00
Miltoduff, Cask Strength	S	NA	59%	Delicious sherry notes, stewed pears and cocoa powder	Sweet and spicy with stewed fruits, cinnamon and a fresh menthol edge			£9.50
Mortlach	S	12	48%	Dried hay and rich barley form the core that salted caramel and sharp green apples emerge from	Earthy vanilla and thyme honey cover stewed fruits and zesty orange. There's a little rye bread underneath with a prickle of nutmeg and black pepper	A hint of mint chocolate lingers		£6.50
Oban	H	14	43%	Rich sweetness and fruits - oranges, lemons and pears, with sea-salt and peaty smokiness.	Mouth-filling late autumn fruits - dried figs and honey-sweet spices; followed by a smoky malty dryness.	Long, smooth-sweet finish with oak-wood, dryness and a grain of salt.	I	£5.45
Old Pulteney	H/Is	12	40%	Aromatic, fruit, honeycomb, butterscotch & a whiff of the North sea.	Medium bodied, medium sweet & oily, orange or grapefruit zest, lemon, honey, butterscotch, vanilla & a hint of smoke.	Medium length, more fruit, butterscotch & a touch of spice.	E	£3.70
Paul John Brilliance	Ind	NA	46%	A complex amalgam of nougat, spotted dog pudding (sans sultanas!) and orange blossom honey with the vanilla spinning tangled webs just beneath.	The mouth feel exudes quality with the barley generating juicy riches with the light Demerara sugars forming an elegant accompaniment.	Beautifully relaxed: a light tingle from the spices pulses contentedly, the vanillas gather in deeper intensity yet the barley and copper stretches to the end.		£4.20
Penderyn	Wal	NA	46%	Fragrant, floral & sweet with figs, Christmas pudding, burnt sugar & newly baked bread.	Medium bodied, quite sweet & smooth, figs, cream toffees, stem ginger, cooked apples & cream.	Quite long & mellow, figs again, dried fruits & dark chocolate. Rich & decadent.	B	£4.50
Port Charlotte	I	NA	50%	Subtle smoke at first, then clean, crisp notes of pear and apples. Very elegant and fresh.	Very fruity on the palate, with fresh apple and melon.	Fresh and fruity, with a wisp of smoke and barley adding complexity.	B	£4.50
Port Charlotte 10 (peated 40 ppm)	L	10	50%	Salted caramel brownie, flamed orange peel, hearty whack of seaweed	Oaky smoke and salty sea air, paired with sweeter notes of custard cream biscuits and white grape.	Ginger snaps, rye toast, drying peat smokiness	E	£7.50
Royal Brackla	H	12	40%	Florentines, Coco Pop cakes, slightly leafy, more ginger. A drop of water brings out more green apple and toasted almond.	Pain au raisin. Pain au chocolat. Baking spices and gateau.	Milk chocolate dusting (not cocoa) and a hint of fizzy apple sweets.	F	£4.80
Royal Lochnagar	S	12	40%	Planed wood, light toffee, boat varnish. After a while, coffee with brown sugar.	Pleasant; an initial sweetness is quickly overtaken by acidity.	Dry; medium-length, with an attractive lingering sandalwood aftertaste.	C	£4.35
Scapa, The Orcadian	H/Is	NA	40%	Soft Caribbean fruits, loads of vanilla and some hints of honey, in the background is a wee heather fire.	Vanilla ice cream, singed honey, a little oak peeping in, sweet smoke from a beach bonfire, loads of well ripened tropical fruits	Quite long with salted caramel, delicious lingering sweet and calming smoke.		£4.95

Springbank	C	10	46%	Aromatic with pears, vanilla, coconut & a salty smoky note.	Medium bodied & medium sweet, creamy at first with fudge then salt, pepper & slightly peaty.	Delicate, sherry sweetness developing with background spice, salt & smoke.	I	£4.40
St. Georges Chapter 6	Eng	NA	46%	Fresh cut crops, clean, fresh, warming, cereally & sappy.	Young, clean & fresh with a nice balance between sweet & sour. Fresh barley & an influence of wood.	Short without great depth but pleasant.	I	£3.75
Strathisla	S	12	40%	Soft oak & hints of candied peel. A little floral with notes of spice and Danish pastries.	Malty core with notes of sultanas and cinnamon pastries. Allspice, cooked apple & mince pies.	Long finish, very fruity.	E	£4.40
Strathmill	S	12	43%	Closed at full strength, with a hint of 'Café Noir' biscuits.	Sweet start. Some acidit	A medium-length, dry finish. Chocolatey aftertaste.	G	£5.25
Stronachie	S	10	43%	Soft honey, earthy heather and malty sweetness	Smooth with luscious honey and biscuits, then lingering pepper and cereal notes.	A perfectly balanced and seductive dram.		£3.60
Sullivan's Cove Double Cask	Tas	NA	40%	Vanilla driven perfume, floral fruit, soft spice and cloves.	Soft, creamy, well structured and balanced. Herbal, then some spices and honey. English candy notes.	Well-rounded fruity finish of a medium length with hints of honey and milk chocolate.		£8.75
Talisker	H/Is	10	45.8%	Powerful peat-smoke with just a hint of the sea-water salt of fresh oysters, with a citrus sweetness.	A rich dried-fruit sweetness, clouds of smoke, strong barley-malt flavours, warming and intense. Peppery at the back of the mouth.	Huge, long, warming and peppery in the finish with an appetising sweetness.	I	£4.00
Talisker 57 North	H/Is	NA	57%	Clean and intense, with the light smoke of a struck match. Creamy toffee balanced by fruit. Hints of seaweed and heather blossom	Sweet, with smoke and tar exploding around the middle.	Oily, tingling with the signature pepperiness. Smoother with water.	I	£7.60
Talisker Storm	H/Is	NA	46%	Thick and mouth-coating with wood smoke, brine, some tin and chilli heat too	Red chilli peppers and oak dryness with a hint of embers.	A welcome addition to the Talisker range, and probably the smokiest whisky to be produced on the Isle of Skye	I	£4.50
Tamdhu	S	10	40%	Enjoy a softness of vanilla and sugared almonds, balanced by fresh oak and cinnamon.	The palate bursts with fruit and spice - gently revealing toffee and the richness of sherry oak.	The taste finishes with a touch of fresh fruit, becoming pleasantly drying - slowly unveiling the wisp of peat smoke.	H	£3.40
Teaninich	H	10	43%	Fresh and citric, with a background scent of violets, which rises then falls. It is replaced by concentrated orange juice and old oranges.	Light and sweetish, but over all dry with pleasant acidity and even a pinch of salt.	Long and dry. The beeswax returns in the aftertaste.	F	£5.35
Tomatin	H	12	40%	Aromatic & sweet, rich malt and light smoke note.	Medium bodied, quite sweet, with Bramley apples, honey & spice, almost nougat.	Quite long & satisfying finish with nutty, liquorice and sherry at the end.	E	£3.60

Tomatin Legacy	H	NA	43%	Vanilla pods, marshmallow, sponge cake, fresh pineapple, mixed with citrus lemon & boiled sweets.	Light & delicate with a candy sweetness which is peppered with hints of pine. Lemon sherbet, pineapple & crunchy green apples.	Clean, light and refreshing.		£3.25
Tomatin Cu Bocan	H	NA	46%	Coconuts & cream, slight smoke, citrus with almond & aniseed.	Light, honeyed smoke, clove, cinnamon & star anise.	Light with a hint of sweet smoke.		£4.75
Tomintoul	S	14	46%	Delicate honeyed-cream with light floral malt, hints of wild fennel and a complex of sweetness.	Elegant, round, soft & gentle. Dry oak vanillas and a clean malt with some creamy sweetness.	Long and creamy with proclivity to dryness and a slight peppery tone. Tomintoul without its clothes on.		£4.90
Tullibardine 228 Burgundy Finish	H	NA	43%	Spiced, with notes of red berry fruit, vanilla & toasted oak.	Creamy, nutty palate entry with notes of sweet custard, apple peel, red berries & orange blossom honey.	Long finish with plum jam & allspice.		£4.10
Wolfburn	H	NA	46%	Initially sweet with notes of fruit and fresh sea air. In the background you'll find citrus freshness and hints of cereal, and just a trace of peat smoke.	Sweet, nutty tones, with hints of grapes and honey in the background. Floral flavours abound, with a hint of coffee and dark chocolate.	It is a lovely rounded whisky, which coats the palate to leave just a trace of peat.		£4.50
Yamazaki	Jap	12	43%	Good body with plenty of nut oils & zest, a pleasant floral character with a little tropical fruit and a rooty note.	Smooth & soft with good sweetness & winter spice. A lovely citrus note develops with more tropical fruit and a little rum.	The finish is medium with fruit and zest	F	£7.50

Scottish Gin

Gin	ABV	Description	Price
Blackwoods Shetland Isles	40%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, wild water mint, sea pink flowers, violet flowers and turmeric. What makes it interesting? The story goes that Blackwood's Gin is made using home-grown resources from Shetland. There's one snag: as small islands are vulnerable to changes in vegetation they can't guarantee a consistent taste year-on-year, so each year is a 'vintage gin'. The people behind the gin say that local crofters harvest the botanicals each summer - they are laid out on perforated trays while the gin is triple distilled through vapour infusion in a small copper still. The gin is not distilled on Shetland.	£3.05
Boe Deanston Distillery, Doune	41.5%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, angelica, ginger, orris root, cassia bark, grains of paradise, orange and lemon peel, cardamom seeds, liquorice, almonds and cubeb berry. What makes it interesting? The distiller claims that in the year 1658, world-renowned Professor Franz de la Boë invented the world's first gin while searching for a medicinal tonic. It contains 13 rare hand-picked botanicals and spices. Boë is created using the old-fashioned Carterhead still system – which means the botanical vapours go through the liquid instead of being boiled in it.	£3.00
The Botanist Bruichladdich Distillery, Islay	46%	What's in it? Juniper, apple mint birch leaves, bog myrtle leaves, chamomile, thistle flowers elderflowers, gorse flowers, heather, hawthorn flowers and mugwort leaves. What makes it interesting? With an eye-opening 31 botanicals, the flavour is complex. 21 out of the 31 botanicals grow on Islay, including the juniper. It is distilled in a low pressure Lomond pot still as Bruichladdich Distillery claims this process helps to release the aromatics from the botanicals.	£3.50
Caorunn Balmenach Distillery, Cromdale, Moray	41.8%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, rowanberries, apple, heather, bog myrtle and dandelion. What makes it interesting? Caorunn is Gaelic for rowanberry. It includes 11 botanicals – as well as some traditional gin botanicals, there are five more unusual ones: rowanberries, apple, heather, bog myrtle and dandelion. The five-sided bottle represents the five Celtic botanicals and the perfect serve recommended is a thin wedge of red apple (to match the coul blush apple used to make the gin). Balmenach Distillery uses an unusual vapour infusion method where a pure grain neutral spirit is heated to vapour in a special still called a Copper Berry Chamber.	£4.25
Daffy's Premium, Strathmashie Perth	43.4%	What's in it? Juniper, Lebanese mint, coriander, angelica, cassia and orris. What makes it interesting? Daffy's Small Batch Premium Gin is made with grain spirit from northern France, which is then distilled using a copper pot still. It has been bottled at a very specific 43.4% ABV, as the distillers believe this to be the perfect strength for their expression	£4.25
Eden Mill Sea Buckthorn St. Andrews	42%	What's in it? Juniper, angelica root, coriander seed, lemon balm, sea buckthorn berries. What makes it interesting? From Eden Mill, Scotland's first single-site brewery and distillery. The team of distillers set out to create a classic clean and refreshing gin. Local botanicals, such as sea buckthorn berries, were added to a traditional recipe of juniper berries, angelica root, coriander seed and lemon balm.	£3.75
Edinburgh Edinburgh	43%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, citrus peel, angelica and orris root. What makes it interesting? Until recently, Spencerfield Spirit Company had Edinburgh Gin distilled with classic gin botanicals south of the border in the Black Country. It was then shipped to Fife where Scottish juniper, heather and milk were added. In June 2014, Edinburgh gin production moved to the west end of Edinburgh in the basement of the Huxley Bar.	£3.95
GlenWyvis Dingwall, Ross-shire	40%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, angelica root, cinnamon stick, orange and lemon peel, almond powder, orris root and hawthorn. What makes it interesting? The brainchild of the local Flying Farmer, this limited edition gin launched in summer 2015 and is the first from the new Dingwall distillery now under construction. The distillery name is an amalgam of former distilleries in the area - Glenskiach and Ben Wyvis. As 'skiach' means 'hawthorn' in Gaelic, this is the key botanical. The team aims to have the strongest green credentials for a distillery in Scotland; they currently deliver their gin by electric car.	£4.00
Gordon Castle Fochabers, Moray	43%	What's in it? Juniper, mint, lavender and gooseberry What makes it interesting? This small-batch, hand-crafted gin is from the Gordon Castle sporting estate on the River Spey, which is home to luxury holiday accommodation and function suites, plus a shop, cafe, walled garden and salmon fishing. It features botanicals grown in the estate's walled garden and has a fresh, floral palate.	£3.65
Isle of Harris Tarbert, Isle of Harris	45%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, angelica root, orris root, cubeb, bitter orange peel, liquorice, cassia bark and sugar kelp. What makes it interesting? The nine specially chosen botanicals seek to capture the elemental nature of the island, particularly the maritime influences of the seas which surround on all sides. Sugar kelp is key to the subtle coastal notes that mark out the spirit. Hand-harvested by a local diver from the deep underwater forests of the Outer Hebrides, this natural and sustainable ingredient completes the wider aspects of the gin's flavour profile.	£3.35
Pickering's, Edinburgh	42%	What's in it? Juniper, cardamom, coriander, fennel, anise, lemon, lime, cloves and cinnamon. What makes it interesting? Made to the original Pickering's Gin recipe recorded in India in 1947.	£3.75
Rock Rose Dunnet Bay, Caithness	41.5%	What's in it? Juniper, rhodiola rosea, sea buckthorn, rowan berries. What makes it interesting? Rock Rose Gin will herald a new vintage each year as local botanicals are dependent on the climate and will subtly change year on year. Dunnet Bay Distillers named the gin after their first botanical forage along the Caithness cliffs, where they discovered a rose in the rocks.	£3.75
Shetland Reel Ocean Sent Shetland Islands	49%	What's in it? Juniper, coriander, orris root, cassia bark, citrus peel, seaweed. What makes it interesting? Ocean Sent Gin uses locally harvested seaweed - washed and dried before distilling in the distillery's small copper pot still with other carefully selected botanicals. The result is a London Dry gin with a depth of flavour. It also makes a good base for cocktails.	£3.50
Strathearn Heather Rose Perth and Kinross	40%	What's in it? Juniper, rose and heather. What makes it interesting? Created by Strathearn Distillery, at present Scotland's smallest whisky distillery. The combination of rose and heather give very light fruity notes of honey combined with slight notes of lavender. The colour reflects the fields of heather on Scottish hillsides. The addition of tonic changes the colour to a light pink and a waft of rose scent is released.	£4.25
Fever Tree Tonic		Colour: Pure and crystal clear. Aroma: Clean and fresh with citrus and aromatic hint. Flavour: Very soft. Subtle and supportive citrus and fruit notes balanced by bitterness of natural quinine. Finish: Clean with none of the usual cloying mouth feel of other tonics. Texture: High carbonation delivers the aromas and taste in a classic refreshing style.	£1.50



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