

The World of Scotch Whisky

Many countries produce whisky, but Scotch can only be made in Scotland and by definition must be distilled and matured - in Scotland - for a minimum of 3 years. Scotch Whisky has been made for more than 500 years and uses just a few natural raw materials - water, cereals, and yeast.

Scotland is home to over 100 malt and grain distilleries, making it the greatest concentration in the world. Many of the Scotch Whisky distilleries featured on this map bottle some of their production for sale as Single Malt (ie, the product of one distillery) or Single Grain Whisky.

However, the majority of all Scotch Whisky is consumed as Blended Scotch Whisky. This means as many as 50 of the different Single Malt and Single Grain Whiskies are blended together, ensuring that the individual Scotch Whiskies harmonise with one another and the quality and flavour of each individual blend remains consistent down the years.

Malt whisky is usually classified in one of five main categories - Highland, Lowland, Speyside, Islay, and Campbeltown - according to the geographical location of the distillery in which it is made. In many ways, the geography and climate of each region influences the character of the whisky produced there.



Islay Malt

Islay, a small island off the west coast of Scotland, may be only 25 miles long but is home to 8 distilleries.

Islay is frequently lashed by Atlantic storms. Sea spray blows across the island, impregnating the peat used in the malting of the barley and blows into the warehouses where casks of Scotch Whisky lie maturing, thus affecting the taste and aroma.

Some of the Islay whiskies are pungent and powerful, with a distinctive whiff of sea air in them. Other distilleries that are in a more sheltered location, and use less peat during malting have a gentler but still clearly identifiable character.

1. ARDBEG
Glenmorangie Co Ltd
2. BOWMORE
Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd
3. BRUICHLADDICH
Bruichladdich Distillery Company
4. BUNNAHBHAIN
Burn Stewart Distillers plc
5. CAOL ILA
Diageo
6. KILCHOMAN
Kilchoman Distillery Co Ltd
7. LAGAVULIN
Diageo
8. LAPHROAIG
Beam Global Spirits & Wine

Campbeltown Malt

Campbeltown is a remote town at the southern end of the Mull of Kintyre on the west fringe of Scotland. At its peak, Campbeltown was home to more than 30 distilleries.

Campbeltown whiskies are robust in character and carry the salty tang of the sea.

9. GLENGYLE
J & A Mitchell & Co Ltd
10. GLEN SCOTIA
Loch Lomond Distillery Co Ltd
11. SPRINGBANK
J & A Mitchell & Co Ltd

Grain Whisky

Grain whiskies form the heart of Blended Scotch Whiskies. They are located primarily in the Lowlands, with the exception of one in the Northern Highlands. Grain whisky distilleries operate a continuous distillation process, always including malted barley, but unlike malt whiskies, also using other unmalted cereals, as well as yeast and water.

The main purpose of grain whisky is as the base to which the malts are added creating Blended Scotch Whisky, but a small proportion is bottled as a Single Grain and enjoyed for their subtle character.

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| 103. CAMERONBRIDGE
Diageo | 107. NORTH BRITISH
The North British Distillery Co Ltd |
| 104. GIRVAN
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 108. STARLAW
Glen Turner Distillery Ltd |
| 105. INVERGORDON
Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 109. STRATHCLYDE
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 106. LOCH LOMOND
Loch Lomond Distillery Co Ltd | |

Lowland Malt

The Lowland whiskies are produced in the south of Scotland, identified on the map as the area south of a line between Dundee and Greenock.

Lowland whiskies reflect the calm, lush countryside of the region and tend to be light, soft and mellow and gentle on the palate.

97. AILSA BAY
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd
98. ANNANDALE
Annandale Distillery Company Limited
99. AUCHENTOSHAN
Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd
100. BLADNOCH
Co-ordinated Development Services
101. DAFTMILL
The Cuthbert Family
102. GLENKINCHIE
Diageo

Highland Malt

The Highland region is geographically the largest Scotch Whisky producing region. The rugged landscape and changeable climate, and in some cases, coastal locations, are reflected in the character of its whiskies, which embrace wide variations.

As a group, Highland whiskies are rounded, robust and dry in character, with a hint of smokiness/peatiness. Those near the sea carry a salty tang; in the far north the whiskies are more notably heathery and slightly spicy in character; while in the more sheltered east and middle of the region, the whiskies have a more fruity character.

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| 12. ABERFELDY
John Dewar & Sons Ltd | 31. GLEN ORD
Diageo |
| 13. ABHAINN DEARG
Abhainn Dearg Distillery | 32. GLENTURRET
Edrington |
| 14. ARDMORE
Beam Global Spirits & Wine | 33. HIGHLAND PARK
Edrington |
| 15. ISLE OF ARRAN
Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd | 34. ISLE OF JURA
Whyte & Mackay Ltd |
| 16. BALBLAIR
Inver House Distillers Ltd | 35. LOCH LOMOND
Loch Lomond Distillery Co Ltd |
| 17. BEN NEVIS
Ben Nevis Distillery (Fort William) Ltd | 36. MACDUFF
John Dewar & Sons Ltd |
| 18. BLAIR ATHOL
Diageo | 37. OBAN
Diageo |
| 19. CLYNELISH
Diageo | 38. PULTENEY
Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 20. DALMORE
Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 39. ROYAL BRACKLA
John Dewar & Sons Ltd |
| 21. DALWHINNIE
Diageo | 40. ROYAL LOCHNAGAR
Diageo |
| 22. DEANSTON
Burn Stewart Distillers plc | 41. SCAPA
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 23. EDRAOUR
Signatory Vintage | 42. STRATHEARN
Strathearn Distillery Ltd |
| 24. FETTERCAIRN
Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 43. TALISKER
Diageo |
| 25. GLENCADAM
Angus Dundee Distillers plc | 44. TEANINICH
Diageo |
| 26. GLENDRONACH, THE
BenRiach Distillery Co | 45. TOBERMORY
Burn Stewart Distillers Ltd |
| 27. GLEN GARIOCH
Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd | 46. TOMATIN
The Tomatin Distillery Co Ltd |
| 28. GLENGLOSSAUGH
The BenRiach Distillery Company | 47. TULLIBARDINE
Tullibardine Ltd |
| 29. GLENGOYNE
Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd | 48. WOLFBURN
Aurora Brewing Ltd |
| 30. GLENMORANGIE
Glenmorangie Co Ltd | |

Speyside Malt

Speyside, a region that borders much of the length of the River Spey on the eastern side of the Highlands, is home to half of Scotland's Scotch Whisky distilleries.

The whiskies of this region are noted for their elegance and complexity. The flow of water over hills of granite and through moors of peat, add a refined smokiness to many of the malt whiskies and the slightly more sheltered nature of the terrain imparts a specific gentleness and delicacy to their character.

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| 49. ABERLOUR
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 73. GLENLOSSIE
Diageo |
| 50. ALLT A'BHAINNE
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 74. GLEN MORAY
Glen Turner Distillery Ltd |
| 51. AUCHROISK
Diageo | 75. GLENROTHES
Edrington |
| 52. AULTMORE
John Dewar & Sons Ltd | 76. GLEN SPEY
Diageo |
| 53. BALMENACH
Inver House Distillers Ltd | 77. GLENTAUCHERS
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 54. BALVENIE, THE
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 78. INCHGOWER
Diageo |
| 55. BENRIACH
BenRiach Distillery Co | 79. KININVIE
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd |
| 56. BENRINNES
Diageo | 80. KNOCKANDO
Diageo |
| 57. BENROMACH
Gordon & MacPhail | 81. KNOCKDHU
Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 58. BRAEVAL
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 82. LINKWOOD
Diageo |
| 59. CARDHU
Diageo | 83. LONGMORN
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 60. CRAGGANMORE
Diageo | 84. MACALLAN, THE
Edrington |
| 61. CRAIGELLACHIE
John Dewar & Sons Ltd | 85. MANNOCHMORE
Diageo |
| 62. DAILUAINNE
Diageo | 86. MILTONDUFF
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 63. DUFFTOWN
Diageo | 87. MORTLACH
Diageo |
| 64. GLENALLACHIE
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 88. ROSEISLE
Diageo |
| 65. GLENBURGIE
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 89. SPEYBURN
Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 66. GLENDULLAN
Diageo | 90. SPEYSIDE
Speyside Distillers Co Ltd |
| 67. GLEN ELGIN
Diageo | 91. STRATHISLA
Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 68. GLENFARCLAS
J & G Grant | 92. STRATHMILL
Diageo |
| 69. GLENFIDDICH
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 93. TAMDHU
Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd |
| 70. GLEN GRANT
Glen Grant Distillery Co Ltd | 94. TAMNAVULIN-GLENLIVET
Whyte & Mackay Ltd |
| 71. GLEN KEITH
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 95. TOMINTOUL
Angus Dundee Distillers plc |
| 72. GLENLIVET, THE
Chivas Brothers Ltd | 96. TORMORE
Chivas Brothers Ltd |



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