

# “A Taste of the Scotland”

Thursday (April 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM) - Single Malt Tasting & Heavy Bites - \$45 Event Fee  
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Whisky #1 **GLEN GRANT** Single Malt / 12-year / 43% ABV / OB / Dist Owner: Gruppo Campari S.A. (Davide Campari-Milano S.p.A.) / Speyside (Rothes)



Glen Grant 12-Year-Old Official Bottling 43%

**Official Tasting Notes:** Glen Grant 12-Year-Old is a remarkable single malt with a bright, golden color and pleasant aromas of orchard fruit, almond and citrus, this exceptional whisky delights the palate with exquisite and delicate notes of apple pie crust and caramel and finishes with lingering fruit and subtle hints of spice.

**EYE:** Bright Gold

**NOSE:** Honey, pear and apple with hints of almond and citrus

**PALATE:** Apple pie crust, caramel and vanilla

**FINISH:** Lingering fruit with subtle hints of spice

**Join Movement:** *‘Make Glen Grant Great Again Movement’: Buy a bottle of Glen Grant! It’s such a cogent matter that I’m going to buy another bottle today!*

Glen Grant Distillery  
Rothes, Aberlour, Moray AB38 7BS  
SCOTLAND

**Pronunciation:** GLEN-grant - **SWA Whisky Map Location:** #69

**Slogan:** “A pale whisky with a colorful history”

**Region (District):** Speyside (Rothes)

**Status:** Active/Producing

**Neighbors:** Glenrothes, Caperdonich, Speyburn, Glen Spey

**Established:** 1840

**Founder:** Brothers John & James Grant (the owners of the nearby Dandelaithe Distillery).

**Location:** With the sea and the port of Garmouth nearby, the River Spey to the south and surrounded by barley-growing plains, all the basic ingredients for malt whisky are convenient for GG Distillery. It is tucked away at the end of the main street of Rothes where some of the original buildings remain and is set round a small courtyard with turreted and gabled offices in Scottish Baronial style of 1880s.

**House Style:** Herbal and nutty when young (apéritif style) but can be a huge after-dinner dram (digestif style) when matured at length in sherry casks. Young or old, it’s a great whisky!

**Water Source:** Caperdonich Well/Black Burn (production); River Spey (cooling)

**Barley:** Optic

**Malted Barley Spec (Phenols):** 0-ppm (Unpeated)

**Gristmill:** 1 Porteus Malt Mill (two pairs of rollers) rated at 2-tons per hour

**Mashing Equipment:** 1 s/s semi-Lauter tun (12.3-ton). After 4 courses of water, its contents are usually left to soak for several hours rather than draining off the ‘wort’ straight away.

**Washbacks:** 10 Oregon pine WBs @ 91,176L (charged @ 60,000L); fermented ‘wash’ @ circa 8% ABV

**Fermentation:** 48-hours

**8 Pot Stills:** 4 Wash @ 22,730L (charged @ 15,100L), 4 Spirit @ 11,547L (9,600L); stills equipped with a purifier positioned between the Lyne arm and the condenser.

**Condensers:** 8 shell and tube condensers (externally situated).

**Casks:** Bourbon (on-site for single malt) & Sherry (off-site); 1st fill & refill.

**Warehouse:** 7 3-story dunnage (11,500 casks) and 11 more in Rothes.

**Vatting & Bottling:** New on-site bottling hall (12,000 bottles per hour); bottled by its distillers

**Capacity:** 6.2-Mlpa - **Output:** 2.0-Mlpa (2019); under-utilized... producing whisky only 8 mos.

**Visitor Center/Tours:** Yes (we walked its 1-mile long garden to a hidden waterfall and had a dram there)

**OBs:** The Major’s Reserve (NAS), 5, 10, 12, 12CS and 16.

**Blending Role:** 50% Single Malt, 50% Blends

**Blend Partner:** Chivas Regal/Royal Salute

**Sister Distillery:** Caperdonich (closed in 2002 and then demolished in 2010)

**Parent-Owned Distilleries:** SCO: Glen Grant; USA: Wild Turkey; CAN: Forty Creek; MEX: Destiladora San Nicolas, S. A. de C. V. (Espolón, San Nicolas, Cabo Wabo & Don Celso tequila brands), & JAM: Appleton Estate Rum Distillery.

**Parent-Owned Brands:** American Honey, Aperol, Appleton Estate, Averna, Baron Samedi Spiced Rum, Braulio, BULLDOG London Dry Gin, Cabo Wabo Tequila, Campari, Cinzano 1757, Coruba Rum, Cynar, Espolón Tequila, Forty Creek Canadian Whisky, Frangelico, Glen Grant, Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Grand Marnier, J.Wray Jamaica Rum, Jean-Marc XO Vodka, Ouzo 12, Russell’s Reserve, Sagatiba Cachaça, SKYY Infusions, SKYY Vodka, Wild Turkey Straight Kentucky Bourbon, Wray & Nephew Rum, and X-Rated Fusion Liqueur.

**Distillery Manager:** Dennis Malcolm, OBE (was awarded OBE on the Queen’s birthday in 2016).

**Legal Name:** Glen Grant Ltd.

**Owner:** Gruppo Campari (Davide Campari-Milano S.p.A.) - **Licensee:** Campari Group Speyside Ltd.

**US Importer:** Campari America (Skyy Spirits, LLC)

**Elevation:** 78m MSL (256 feet above mean sea level)

Whisky #2 **SINGLETON OF GLENDULLAN (THE)** Single Malt / 12-Year / 40% ABV / OB: Glendullan Dist /  
Dist Owner: Diageo Scotland Ltd. (Diageo plc) / Speyside (Dufftown)



Glendullan Distillery  
Dufftown, Banffshire AB55 4DJ  
SCOTLAND

Pronunciation: 'glen DULL-an' - SWA Whisky Map Location: #65

Translation: 'Standing rock in the river valley'; Glendullan is the name of a river in Dufftown.

Slogan: "Distilled Slowly and Matured for 8 long years in Oak Casks for the Unique Flavor that is Glendullan"

Region (District): Speyside (Dufftown)

Neighbors: Balvenie, Glenfiddich, Mortlach & Dufftown

Established: 1897

Date of First Distillation: April 25, 1898

Founder: William Williams, a blender from Aberdeen, who did business as William Williams & Sons Ltd (with the ownership changing to Macdonald, Greenlees & Williams in 1919, D.C.L. in 1925 and then S.M.D. in 1930).

Status: Active/Producing

Location: A wooded glen beside the River Fiddich and the lower slopes of the Conval Hills, Glendullan was built to take advantage of that water source and the private railway siding at neighboring Mortlach distillery. The new distillery was purposely located near Glenfiddich and The Balvenie distilleries, in order to draw on the same high quality of source water and barley. Reportedly, Williams had contracted to buy all of Glenfiddich's output (500 gallon per week) for its initial 4 years of operations. As Glenfiddich needed whisky for its own blends, it refused to renew the contract with Williams. When Balvenie began production in 1893, Williams bids to purchase its new-make was also declined by the Grants. Having no other alternative to acquire whisky in the area, Williams built Glendullan distillery which began production in 1898. He was keen to use the same water source and local barley utilized by Glenfiddich and Balvenie to ensure that his whisky was of a similar style. By the time that DCL acquired the distillery in 1925, Glendullan already had an impressive reputation, as evidenced by a small amount of single malt having been supplied to King Edward VII since 1902. Glendullan was rebuilt in 1962, but the main changes occurred between 1971 and 1972 when an additional distillery unit (with six stills) was added. Both halves of the distillery were operated until the old side was closed in 1985.

House Style: Floral and grassy. Light/medium-body.

Water Source: Springs in the Conval Hills (for Production); River Fiddich (for Cooling).

Barley: Various (currently optic and chariot) varieties from Burghead Maltings.

Malt Spec (Phenols): 0-ppm (Unpeated)

Gristmill: 1 Porteus Malt Mill (4-roller)

Mashing Equipment: 1 s/s full-Lauter tun (12-ton)

10 Washbacks: 8 Larch + 2 external s/s WBs @ 65,000-L

Fermentation: 75-hrs (short fermentations of 65 hrs and longs of 100 ended in 2012)

6 Pot Stills: 3 Wash @ 33,700-L (charged @ 15,500-L); 3 Spirit @ 23,800-L (charged @ 16,000-L).

Casks: Ex-bourbon hogshead refills (American Oak); some ex-sherry butt refills (Euro. Oak) for The Singleton.

Warehouse: There is at least 1 on-site two-story dunnage WH.

Vatting & Bottling: At a centralized Diageo facility

Capacity: 5.0-Mlpa per year

Current Output: 5.0-Mlpa (2019); now working 24/7 at full production.

Visitor Center/Tours: No (Closed to public except during Spirit of Speyside Festival.)

OB's: The Singleton of Glendullan 12-yr is the sole core expression; a discontinued Flora and Fauna series; and currently a 13yo Liberty limited to Duty Free stores.

Blending Role: 5% Single Malt, 95% Blends - Blend Partner: Old Parr, Black & White, Dewar's & Johnnie Walker

Sister Distillery: Mortlach Distillery

Parent-Owned Distilleries (28): Auchroisk, Benrinnes, Blair Athol, Caol Ila, Cardhu, Clynelish, Cragganmore, Dailuaine, Dalwhinnie, Dufftown, Glen Elgin, Glen Ord, Glen Spey, Glendullan, Glenkinchie, Glenlossie, Inchgower, Knockando, Lagavulin, Linkwood, Mannochnore, Mortlach, Oban, Roseisle, Royal Lochnagar, Strathmill, Talisker & Teaninich. Parent-Owned Blends (Partial): Bell's, Black & White, Buchanan's, Bulloch Lade, Chequers, Crawford's, Dimple (Pinch), Haig, J&B, Johnnie Walker, McCallum's, Old Parr, Sanderson's, Spey Royal, VAT 69, White Horse & Windsor Premier.

Management Team: Operations Manager: Sean Phillips - Master Blender: Matthew Crow, Ph.D.

Director-Whisky Outreach: Nicholas Morgan, Ph.D. - Director- Malt Distilling: Brian Higgs

President - Global Supply Division: David Cutter - Chairman: Peter Lederer (Diageo Scotland Ltd.)

Non-executive Director: Franz Humer, Ph.D. - CEO: Ivan Menezes (Diageo plc)

Legal Name of Distillery: Glendullan Distillers Ltd.

Owner (Parent): United Distillers & Vintners Ltd. aka UDV, since 1926 (Diageo plc, since 1997)

Distiller Licensee: MacDonald Greenlees Ltd.

U.S. Importer: Diageo North America, Inc.

Elevation: 170m MSL (558 feet above mean sea level)

**OFFICIAL TASTING NOTES:** Casks: Combo of sherry (European oak) & bourbon (American white oak) casks. EYE: Old gold; light-to-medium bodied. NOSE: Toffee, roasted nut and spice aromas. Soft fragrant notes of scented leather, sandalwood and vanilla. PALATE: Fresh, spicy then soft and pleasantly sweet throughout. Fruity with citrus and raisins, then vanilla and a hint of honey with just a trace of wood. FINISH: Creamy smooth and slightly drying with a long peppery fade. Comments: GD has a rich, smooth character that is derived from the combination of spirit matured in European Sherry Oak casks and American Bourbon Oak casks. Awards: Score of 92 & rating of 'Exceptional' @ Beverage Testing Institute (BTI). The highest ranking of three leading single malts (Glenfiddich-12, Glenlivet-12 and Macallan-12). JWS: The first 2 are of the aperitif style; GD is an all-rounder. (They're comparing apples and oranges). Mac-12 is not among my favorites; GD-12 is quite a pleasant 'sipper' and makes a great gift for new or veteran whisky drinkers.

Whisky #3 **ARMORIK** French Single Malt / 'Sherry Finish' / NAS / 46% ABV / NCF / IB:  
Distillerie Warenghem / Dist Owner: Gilles Leizour (the Leizour family) / France  
(Brittany)



Once upon a time, a French whisky would have raised eyebrows, but now we are used to whiskies from all over the planet. Armorik is from Brittany (situated on the English Channel coast of northwestern France), which is cultural and linguistically close to Scotland, Ireland and, especially, Wales. (There are ca. 80,000 people of Gaelic descent in Brittany; its street signs are written in both French and Gaelic.) The name *Armorik* refers to the old Roman province of Armorica which included the peninsula of Brittany. Enough ancient history, what about its whisky? It's a single malt distilled at the Warenghem Distillery (established in 1900, but began producing world class single malt whisky in 1990). Brittany is south of the Normandy region and near the Port of Roscoff, France.

**Malt Spec (Phenolics):** 0-ppm (Unpeated)

**Casks:** Initially matured in ex-Bourbon barrels and then finished for up to 12-mo in Oloroso sherry casks of toasted Spanish red oak.

**Alcoholic Strength:** 46% ABV

**TASTING NOTES by Masters of Malt:**

**EYE:** Bright copper

**NOSE:** Red wine booziness, balanced by black pepper and fresh orange.

**PALATE:** Chocolatey and rich, with notes of red apple and blackcurrant building slowly in the background.

**FINISH:** There's a slight minerality to the finish, though sweetness of sherry remains.

**Comment:** Highly recommended; See Chuck

Distillerie Warenghem  
Route de Guingamp, Boutill  
22300 Lannion (Côtes-d'Armor), Brittany  
FRANCE

**Established:** 1900. Heir to a century-old craft, the character of the distillery Warenghem has been forged through the mastery and passion of men and women who have, year after year, passed on their know-how.

**Region (District):** France (Brittany)

**Neighbors:** Glann Ar Mor Distillery (Brittany; 45km or 28 miles)

**Date of First Single Malt Distillation:** 1994 (First single malt bottling was released in 1998, under the name ARMORIK); "WB" Breton Blended Whisky had been released in 1987.

**Founder:** Léon Warenghem. In 1967, his grandson Paul-Henri Warenghem and partner Yves Leizour relocated the distillery from the center of Lannion to its present location on the outskirts. Today, the distillery is owned by the Leizour family and has been run by Gilles Leizour for more than 30 years. David Roussier, Gilles' son-in-law, took over the direction in 2014. **Distinction:** The distillery is fully independent and family-owned.

**Status:** Active/Producing

**Slogan:** *Gwelloc'h bepred* (meaning "always better" in Breton)

**Demonym:** A resident of Brittany, France is known as a *Breton*. The Bretons are an ethnic group located in the region of Brittany, France that traces much of their heritage to groups of Brittonic speakers who immigrated from Gaelic area of southwestern UK (Cornwall and Devon) and Ireland, to expand their territory onto the continent.

**Location:** Situated in a rugged land and wild coastline on the outskirts of Lannion in Brittany (Bretagne) on the Pink Granite Coast. Brittany, France's northwesternmost region, is a hilly peninsula extending out toward the Atlantic Ocean. Its lengthy, rugged coastline is dotted with beach resorts along the English Channel. Lannion is a commune in the Côtes-d'Armor department of Brittany. It is the capital of Trégor and the center of an urban area of 60,000 people.

**House Style:** Spicy and floral, an oily texture and flavors of apple blossoms, cream. I find it to be similar to Kilkerran (Glengyle) and Teaninich single malt.

**Water Source:** *Rest Avel* spring (which means "home of the wind") provides pure, clear water.

**Barley:** Its barley is grown in the Champagne area and is then malted in Belgium.

**Malt Spec (Phenols):** 0-ppm (Unpeated)

**Gristmill:** 1.2-tons mill (4-hour cycle)

**Target Grind:** 20% flour, 70% grits, 10% hulls

**Mashing Equipment:** 1 semi-Lauter mashtun @ 6,000L (1.5-ton capacity)

**Strike Temperature (1<sup>st</sup> waters):** 63°C (important to hit as it's the catalyst to awaken amylase enzyme in milled barley)

**Washbacks:** 4 stainless-steel washbacks @ 6,000L - **Yeast:** 10kg of cream yeast + 2.5kg dry yeast per washback (it suggests that Warenghem is using a combination of brewer's and distiller's yeast, a retro practice that I think good).

**Fermentation:** 72 hours - **Wort Strike Temperature (Yeast Pitch):** Likely ~ 16-18°C (important to hit as yeast catalyst)

**Pot Stills:** 1 Wash @ 6,000L (charged @ 6,000L); 1 Spirit @ 3,500L (charged @ 3,500L)

**Column Still:** 1 column aka continuous still for the production of grain spirits (wheat, corn/maize, rye and/or barley)

**Condensers:** Conventional copper shell-and-tube

**Middle Cut:** 78% to 69% ABV - **Average New Make:** 74% ABV (high; Scotland distillers often 72-62% & 69-70% ABV)

**Casks:** Bourbon barrels, sherry casks (mainly Oloroso), 400L (106-USG) Breton oak cask (local oak made in Brittany)

**Warehouse:** 2 WHs including its double warehouse (6,460-s.f. warehouse) which was completed in 2018.

**Matting & Bottling:** On-site blending, bottling and labeling plant

**Capacity:** 250,000-Lpa per year (litres of pure alcohol; for reporting purposes, not technically possible)

**Current Output:** 150,000-Lpa (including 30,000-Lpa of grain whisky)

**Tours/Visitor Center:** Yes. The distillery welcomed ca. 10,000 visitors in 2017; visitor center will be built in 2019.

**OBs:** Armorik single malt (Armorik Edition Originale, Armorik Sherry Finish), Armorik Classic, Armorik Double Maturation and Armorik Millesime), Roof Rye (the first ever French rye), WB blended whisky (WB Whisky Breton and Galleg Whisky Breton), Breizh Blended Malt Breton Whisky), eaux-de-vie, liqueur (Elixir d'Armorique), & Breton Beer.

**Blending Role:** 65% Single Malt, 35% Blends (for its own in-house blend)

**Blend Partner:** It has no external blend partners.

**Tours/Visitor Center:** Yes; 11:00AM tour in English. Circa 10,000 visitors in 2017; its VC was rebuilt in 2018.

**Blending Role:** 65% Single Malt, 35% Blends

**Blend Partner:** WB blended whisky (self)

**Notations:** Its initial bottling was Elixir d'Armorique, a mix of 35 botanicals, awarded in 1901 and 1902 at the international exhibitions of Brest and Bordeaux. The Elixir is still sold and celebrated its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.

**Awards:** Gold Medal (Armorik Classic SM) @ San Francisco World Spirits Competition (2014). Armorik Single Master Arms of Chi and Armorik 6 years (2011 vintage), respectively, were awarded the titles of 'Best French Single Malt' and 'Best French Single Cask' @ WWA (2018). In 1901 and ensuing decade, Elixir d'Armorique was crowned with success upon winning distinctions at the world trade fairs of Brest and Bordeaux, before going on to international fame in USA.

**Management Team:**

Master Distiller & Blender: Erwan Lefèbvre - General Manager: David Roussier

Export & Caves: Clémence Vedrenne - CEO: Gilles Leizour

**Legal Name:** Distillerie Warenghem

**Owner (Parent):** Gilles Leizour (privately-owned by the Leizour family)

**US Importer:** Heavenly Spirits LLC; Lakeville, MA (Daniel & Christine Cooney)

**GA Distributor:** Atlanta Beverage Co., Atlanta, GA (Chuck Crouse, Craft Spirits & Sales Team Manager)

Crowse as to stocking retailers.

Elevation: 66.5m MSL (218 feet above mean sea level)

Whisky #4 **BRAEVAL** Single Malt / 2011 Vintage (7-Yr) / "Attack of the Killer Florists" / SC #113.24 Bourbon HH (1st fill) / CS 63.4% ABV / NCF / IB: SMWS / Dist Owner: Pernod-Ricard S.A. / Speyside (Livet)



Braeval Distillery  
Chapelton, Banffshire AB5 9JS  
SCOTLAND

Pronunciation: BRAY-val - Map Location: #56

Translation: 'Hillside'

Region (District): Speyside (Livet); some list it as part of the Lossie district

Neighbors: Glenlivet, Tamnavulin, Tomintoul

Established: 1973 - Founder: Seagram Co. Ltd. (Seagrams International Co. Ltd.), Canadian distillery group

Date of first Distillation: September 29, 1973

Status: Active/Producing

Location: Braeval is situated on a mountain ridge near Tomintoul, Banffshire and 10-miles southwest of Dufftown, in the Grampian Mountain region. It is situated above the remote hamlet of Chapelton off B9008. Its remote, sheltered, high pasture land terrain was a major location for illicit stills in the 18th and 19th centuries and, if local rumors are true, the practice continued until relatively recently.

House Style: A light, sweet, honey-ish apéritif style whisky with a zesty finish.

Water Source: Preenie Well and Kate's Well, 2 springs that form a small lake from which water is piped to the distillery (Process); Pitilie Burn (Cooling).

Heat Source: Steam heat from its central oil-fired boiler

Barley: Optic from Crisp Maltsters

Malt Spec (Phenols): 0-ppm (Unpeated)

Gristmill: 1 Porteus Malt Mill (4-roller)

Mashing Equipment: 1 s/s traditional mashtun w/ 6 arms (8.4-ton)

Washbacks: 13 s/s washbacks @ 44,000L (charged @ 42,000L)

Fermentation: 74-hours

6 Pot Stills: 2 Wash @ 22,000L (charged @ 21,000L), 4 Spirit @ 10,000L (charged @ 7,500L) w/ boil balls. Balanced production in that 1 Wash still serves 2 Spirit stills.

Condensers: Wash stills have internal condensers

Casks: ex-Bourbon & ex-Sherry; refill (filled and matured in Keith)

Warehouses: None on-site; new make is tankered to Keith filling and maturation.

Vatting & Bottling: CB's centralized facility in Keith. Prestige Hall bottling facility in Paisley, Renfrewshire (opened in 2012) & Kilwinning bottling facility in North Ayrshire.

Capacity: 4.2-Mlpa per year - Output: 4.2-Mlpa (2019)

Tours & Visitor Center: No (Generally not open to the public)

OBs: There were no official bottlings until 2017 (16yo single cask) and 2019 (3 releases in the new 'Secret Speyside Collection'. Previously, it was available from Aberko Ltd. (Glasgow-based IB) as 'Deerstalker' 10 & 15.

Blending Role: 1% Single Malt; 99% Blends - Blend Partner: Chivas Regal, Passport and 100 Pipers.

Sister Distillery: Allt-a-Bhainne Distillery (Chivas Brothers/Pernod Ricard)

Parent-Owned Distillers (13): Aberlour, Allt-á-Bhainne, Braeval, Dalmunach, Glenburgie, Glen Keith, Glenlivet, Glentauchers, Longmorn, Milntonduff, Scapa, Strathisla, and Tormore.

Parent-Owned Blends (9): Ballantine's, Chivas Regal, Clan Campbell, Passport, Royal Salute, Something Special, 100 Pipers, Ballantine's, Imperial & Long John. Queen Anne, White Heather.

Former Names: Braeval was founded as 'Braes of Glenlivet' as it was one of 4 (Braeval, Glenlivet, Tamnavulin & Tomintoul) distilleries actually situated in the glen of the Livet. Its name was changed in 1994 to avoid confusion with The Glenlivet. It's interesting to note that (1) Braeval shares its water source, Pitilie Burn, with another distillery, Aberfeldy; and (2) Braeval is a Speyside distillery whereas Aberfeldy is a Highland distillery.

Notations: (1) Braeval, despite its fairly anonymous existence, prides itself with a record: it's Scotland's highest distillery at 355m/1,165-feet above mean sea level which is 92-feet higher than Dalwhinnie (327m/1,073-feet), as per HRM Royal Survey data. (2) BD was mothballed 2002-08. (3) BD is unusual in that it does not have on-site warehouses or cask filling facilities. Its new make spirit is tankered to Chivas Brothers' centralized facility in Keith Bond for filling and then to another site for maturation.

Management Team: Distillery Manager: Trevor Buckley (Glenlivet, Allt a' Bhainne & Braeval)

Master Blender: Colin Scott (Chivas Brothers) & Sandy Hyslop (Ballantine's)

Master Distiller: Hamish Proctor - Mgr of Distillery Operations: Alan Winchester (2018 Lifetime Achievement Award)

Visitor Centre Manager: Caroline Mitchell - International Brand Ambassador: Alex Robertson

Managing Director: Laurent Pillet (UK) - Chairman & CEO: Christian Porta (Parent)

Legal Name of Distillery: Braeval Distillers Ltd.

Owner (Parent): Chivas Brothers Ltd (Pernod-Ricard S.A., since 2000)

US Importer: Pernod Ricard USA, Inc.

Elevation: 355m MSL (1,164 feet above mean sea level)

AGE	7 years
DATE DISTILLED	October 2011
ABV	63.4%
REGION	Speyside Spey
BARREL	First-fill barrel
OUTTURN	239 bottles
US ALLOCATION	60 bottles

**Maturation:** 7-years in ex-bourbon barrel (1<sup>st</sup> fill) of charred American white oak.

**Tasting Notes by SMWS:**

Candyfloss at first, a light and fluffy sweetness that evolves towards geraniums in warm greenhouses and yellow wildflowers. The sweeter aspects continue with hints of pink nougat, American hotdog mustard, cornbread, toasted seeds and mirabelle eau de vie. Water brings softer notes of clove, lemon water, flower vases, cough drops, hessian and roasted potatoes. The palate begins with cookie dough stodge before unveiling notes of pear drops, lime oil, rosewater, cherry lip sweets, fruit loops, juicy fruit chewing gum, dried lavender and Turkish delight. A little water gives earthy turmeric, lemon thyme, oregano, sourdough starter, potpourri and long aged yellow wine.

Whisky #5 LINKWOOD Single Malt / 2006 Vintage (12-Yr) / "Splinter-studded Spanking" / SC #39.185 Bourbon HH (1st fill) & Virgin HH / CS 59.5% ABV / NCF / IB: SMWS / Dist Owner: Diageo plc / Speyside (Lossie)



Linkwood Distillery  
Linkwood Road, Elgin, Morayshire IV30 8RD  
SCOTLAND

Pronunciation: LINK-wood - SWA Whisky Map Location: #82  
Translation: Named after the farm estate and house it was built beside.  
Region (District): Speyside (Lossie)  
Neighbors: Milntonduff, Glen Moray, Benriach, Longmorn  
Established: 1821

Founder: According to old excise document, Peter Brown (factor or estate manager of the Seafeld estates) and employee James Walker began distilling in 1824. Linkwood was designed for volume with its large capacity stills. Brown ran Linkwood for 44-years until his death in 1868. Promptly after inheriting the distillery, son William demolished the buildings and rebuilt in-place and completed in 1874. During William Brown's 25-years tenure, Linkwood earned a solid reputation.

Status: Active/Producing  
Water Source: Springs by Millbuiies Loch (process); Burn of Linkwood & Burn of Bogs (cooling).  
Malt Spec (Phenols): 0-ppm (unpeated); Burghead Maltings in Elgin, Morayshire.

Mash Tun: 1 s/s full-Lauter mashtun (12.5-ton)  
Washbacks: 11 larch WBs @ 80,000-L (charged @ 57,000-L)  
Yeast: Mauri Distillers Yeast (cream)

Fermentation: 75-hours  
6 Pot Stills: 3 Wash @ 45,000L capacity (charged @ 14,500L), 3 Spirit @ 51,000L (charged @ 16,000L). Among largest stills in Scotland. Low charge to maximize copper contact/low temp runs to minimize water content.

Casks: Majority refilled Bourbon barrels, some refilled Sherry casks.  
Warehouse: Few on-site dunnage warehouses; most of the production is matured in Diageo centralized bonds including its extensive warehouse complex at Glenlossie.

Vatting & Bottling: Glenlossie Bottling Hall

Capacity: 5.6-Mlpa per year  
Current Output: 4.6-Mlpa (2019)

OBs: The core expression is 'Flora & Fauna 12-year' is produced periodically and often not available. LE 26-year was released in 3 wood finishes in 2008.

Blending Role: Single Malt: 2%, Blends: 98%

Blend Partner: Johnnie Walker, White Horse, Abbots Choice, and Chequers.

Parent-Owned Distilleries (28): Auchroisk, Benrinnes, Blair Athol, Caol Ila, Cardhu, Clynelish, Cragganmore, Dailuaine, Dalwhinnie, Dufftown, Glen Elgin, Glen Ord, Glen Spey, Glendullan, Glenkinchie, Glenlossie, Inchgower, Knockando, Lagavulin, Linkwood, Mannochemore, Mortlach, Oban, Roseisle, Royal Lochnagar, Strathmill, Talisker & Teaninich.

Parent-Owned Blends: Bell's, Black & White, Buchanan's, Bulloch Lade, Chequers, Dimple (Pinch), Haig, J&B, Johnnie Walker, McCallum's, Old Parr, Sanderson's, Spey Royal, VAT 69, White Horse & Windsor Premier.

Notations: In 1945, when it re-opened that the WWII shut-down, Roderick Mackenzie managed LW for 18 years. Mackenzie was so concerned that the quality of the whisky could be altered by any changes whatsoever, he decreed that nothing should be altered at LW to the point that even the spider webs were preserved for fear that the whisky would lose some of its character were they to be removed. He would have been dismayed first in 1962 when the internal layout was radically changed, then in 1971 when a second distilling unit with 2 pairs of stills was built alongside the original pair, and yet again in 2012 when LW was modernized and its capacity expanded to 5.6-Mlpa/year.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Distillery Manager: Kirsty Dagnan

CEO: Ivan Menezes

Legal Name: Linkwood Distillers Ltd.

Owner (Parent): Diageo Scotland Ltd. (Diageo plc)

Distiller Licensee: John McEwan & Co., Ltd. (Abbot's & Chequers)

US Importer: Diageo North America Inc.

Elevation: 25m MSL (82 feet above mean sea level)

AGE	12 years
DATE DISTILLED	July 2006
ABV	59.5%
REGION	Speyside Lossie
BARREL	New oak hogshead, heavy char #4+
OUTTURN	258 bottles
US ALLOCATION	84 bottles

Maturation: 10-yrs in bourbon HH; 2-yrs in a #4 charred new oak HH.  
**SMWS Tasting Notes:** Unexpected softness. Leather polish, cherry syrup, new shoes, face cream, red fruit sweeties, strawberry jam, clove rock, Brylcreem, ointments, oil, minerals and mint chocolate. Water: cream of mushroom soup, vegetable stock, lime leaf, strawberry laces, raspberry jam, warm scones, cookie dough and a big, cream-filled chocolate éclair. The mouth is sweetness and butterscotch texture, spiced breads, cured meats, honey, menthol mouthwash, wood spices, cinnamon dusted hot buns, ink, carbon paper, rancio, tariness and herbal resins. Water offers up pine needles, syrupy old ointment, banana liqueur, varnish, essence wood oils, hardwoods, the inside of a new guitar, mustard seeds, mixed herbs and old chartreuse.

Whisky #6 **PORT ASKAIG** Islay Single Malt / '10th Anniversary' / 10-Year / CS 55.85% ABV / NCF / IB / Brand Owner: Elixir Distillers (Whisky Exchange) / Dist Owner: Diageo plc (Caol Ila Dist) / Islay (Scotland)



Port Askaig 10-YO was bottled by Elixir Distillers (Whisky Exchange) in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of its Port Askaig series. A smoky, salty single malt with a streak of sweet vanilla, it has aromas of woodsmoke and burning embers, pancakes-and-bacon and ripe bananas, while the palate has notes of butternut squash, warm spices, green olives and fresh samphire, with a strong undercurrent of rich peat smoke.

**NOSE:** Smoke is immediately apparent; burnt matchsticks and the embers from a coal fire. Dry sawdust on a carpenter's floor. Then the sweetness: streaky bacon stacked high on pancakes drizzled with heather honey, alongside banana bread, ginger ale/under-age apricots.

**PALATE:** Bold maritime peat rolls, coming and going like waves on the shore. Salt-crusted rye bread drizzled with extra virgin olive oil, roasted butternut squash, Chinese five-spice, and a salad of apples and fresh samphire. Smoldering juniper branches and white pepper follow, with a glass of crisp aperitif wine. **FINISH:** Lingering wet ashes, bags of dried orchard fruit, thyme and grilled lemons. Finally, some of the five-spice comes back; anise and fennel.

**Comment:** Smoke mingles perfectly with fresh fruit, salt and aromatic spice notes.

Caol Ila Distillery  
Port Askaig, Isle of Islay, Argyll PA46 7RL  
SCOTLAND

**Pronunciation:** 'cull EE-la' - **SWA Whisky Map Location:** #5  
**Translation:** 'Sound of Islay', the straight between Islay and Jura. - **Slogan:** "The hidden malt"  
**Region (District):** Islay (North Shore District)  
**Neighbors:** Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Bunnahabhain, and Kilchoman  
**Established:** 1846. Caol Ila was built on the site of the Freeport lead smelter air furnace.  
**Founder:** Hector Henderson  
**Status:** Active/Producing

**Location:** The stills at Caol Ila look out over a spectacular view across the Sound of Islay to the Paps of Jura, undoubtedly one of the finest views in all of Scotland. On a small bay just north of the Port Askaig ferry terminal. It's a 25-minute drive from Port Askaig to Port Ellen. **House Style:** Oily and smoky, with a seaside tang. The style of the whisky produced was modernized in the 1970's. It lost a little of the pepperiness, but retains its oily body intensity, highly prized by blenders.

**Water Source:** Loch nam Ban (Sea water, through a heat exchanger, is used to cool CI's process water and, in a shortage, can be used in its shell-and-tube condensers) - **Barley:** Optic barley

**Malt Source:** Diageo's Port Ellen Maltings (25-minutes down the road)

**Malt Spec (Phenols):** 34-38 ppm (the same malt and malt spec as Lagavulin)

**Gristmill:** Porteus Mill, installed in the late 1950s

**Mash Tun:** 1 full-Lauter mash tun (13.5-ton). 1st water 46,000-L @ 64C; 2nd 17,500-L @ 77C; and 3rd (sparge) 46,000-L @ 80C. Yielding 54,000-L of wort (sugary water). Lauter tun wort is more fermentable as its carbonhydrases (any of a group of enzymes (e.g., amylase) that promote hydrolysis (the chemical breakdown of a compound due to reaction with water) or synthesis of a carbohydrate, as a disaccharide) survive better than a traditional mash tun.

**10 Washbacks:** 8 larch & 2 stainless steel washbacks @ 65,000-L each (charged @ 54,000-L).

**Yeast:** A combo of Mauri Pinnacle and Kerry MX and X (172.5-kg per washback); pitched at 17C.

**Fermentation:** 60 hours (peated version); 80 hours (unpeated version aka Caol Ila Highland).

**6 Pot Stills:** 3 Wash @ 35,345-L capacity (charged @ 18,000-L), 3 Spirit @ 29,549-L (12,000-L); WS heated by steam pans; SS heated by steam coils.

**Entry Strength:** 63.5% ABV (reduced from 70.5% ABV with deionized water for cask entry).

**Middle Cut:** 75-72% ABV to 61% ABV; a wide-cut mitigated by its stills being charged at circa 50%.

**Casks:** Vast majority is ex-bourbon hogsheads (refill); cask usage is limit is 3 maturation cycles.

**Warehouse:** One dunnage WH on Islay; Vast majority is matured at Blackgrange (Stirling), Cambus (Clackmannanshire), Carsebridge (Alloa), Cameronbridge (Cluny near Kirkcaldy, Fife) and Menst (Stirling) in modern ('palletized') WH's. Apparently, it doesn't matter; CI is great!

**Vatting & Bottling:** Mainland blending and bottling at one of Diageo's centralized facilities

**Capacity:** 6.5-Mlpa per year - **Current Output:** 6.5-Mlpa (2017); working five 24-hour days a week now. Unpeated 'Caol Ila Highland' production peaked @ 2-Mlpa in 2012; available as 12CS & 18CS.

**Visitor Center/Tours:** Yes - **Lorry (Tanker Truck) Loads:** 37,500-L of British New Make Spirit

**OB's:** 12, 18, Moch (Unpeated), Natural CS & Moscatel finished and Special Releases.

**Owner Distilleries & Owner Blends:** 28 malt distilleries; 20+ blended scotch whiskies.

**Blending Role:** 5% Single Malt; 95% Blends

**Blend Partner:** Johnnie Walker blends (key malt), Bulloch Lade, Black Bottle, and White Horse.

**Sister Distillery:** Lagavulin (Port Ellen Maltings is convenient to both CI and Lagavulin).

**Notations:** (1) It's interesting to note that Caol Ila, the largest distillery on Islay, produces nearly as much (6.5-Mlpa) as Ardbeg, Lagavulin and Laphroaig *combined* (7.2-Mlpa). (2) First CI single malt was released in 1988; the next in 2005 for the Classic Malts series. (3) Its shell-and-tube condensers were replaced in September-October 2016; MASC was there on October 18, 2016, the day that production resumed. (4) It's not hard to treasure most Caol Ila and Bowmore among the peated Islay whisky range.

**Management Team:** Distillery Manager: Kevin Sutherland - Site Ops Manager: Heather Wall  
Director-Whisky Outreach: Nicholas Morgan, Ph.D. - Diageo Master Blender: Matthew Crow, Ph.D.  
Director - Malt Distilling: Brian Higgs - Diageo Scotland Ltd. (Subs.): Peter Lederer, CEO  
Diageo plc (Parent): Ivan Menezes, CEO

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