

BARBECOA

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WHISKEY COMPENDIUM

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

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

John Barleycorn was a hero bold,
Of noble enterprise;
For if you do but taste his blood,
'Twill make your courage rise.

- Robert Burns -

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SCOTCH WHISKY (WHERE IT ALL BEGAN)

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A SHORT HISTORY OF SCOTCH WHISKY

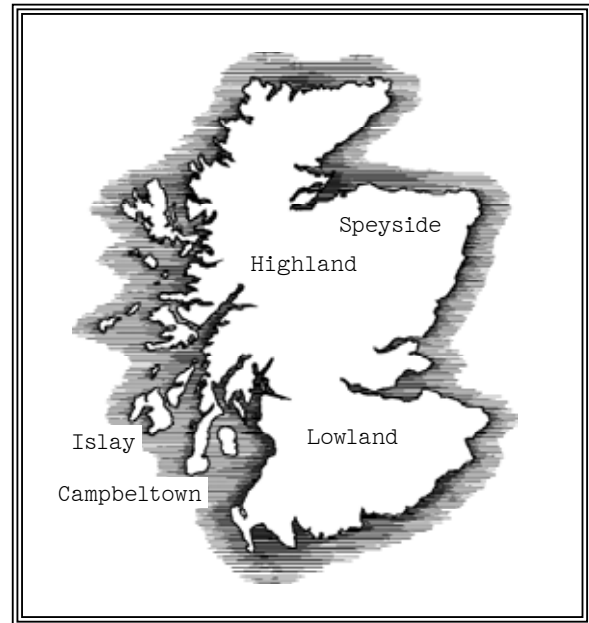
Whether the Scots learnt it from the Irish or not will always be a heated debate, but they surely know their stuff. The history of Scottish whisky can be traced back over almost 700 years, and is thought to have started with monks trying to distil beer in a search for the secret of eternal youth. In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

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

The history of whisky is coloured with years of harsh tax laws which turned distillers into smugglers and gave birth to the moonshiners. Distilleries were forced to move to different parts of Scotland and, over time, developed their own distinctive styles. Although not a hard and fast rule, a whisky from each region can often be associated with a certain style and flavour profile.

With the invention of the Patent Still in the early 1800s came the dawn of grain whisky. Clever merchants started to mix the lighter grain whisky with single malts, introducing the world to the more accessible blended whisky.

Along with the phylloxera epidemic in the late 19th century, which resulted in many of the vineyards of France being destroyed, Scotch whisky was able to seize the opportunity to replace brandy as the world's favourite spirit.



BROTHER JOHN COR

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

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

Interestingly, this amount of malt would result in roughly 1,500 bottles, suggesting that distillation was well established in the late 15th century.

THE FLYING SCOTSMAN £25

Not sure where to begin or what you might like? We've put together a flight of five whiskies to take you on a whirlwind tour of the SWA recognised regions.

Served at your table with a detailed explanation of the flavours, your five drams will be Auchentoshan 12yo, Blavenie 12yo, Dalwhinnie 15yo, Bunnahabhain 12yo & Springbank 10yo

INTRODUCTION OF TAX LAWS

As whisky became more and more a part of every day life for the Scots, Parliament introduced a tax, not only on the malts, but also on the finished product.

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

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

SCOTCH WHISKY (BLENDS)

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BLENDED SCOTCH

Blended Scotch is the staple of Scotland's whisky production and is simply a mix of malt and grain whisky. Grain whisky does not have to be made from malted barley and has a lighter flavour, giving great blenders a platform to truly showcase their talents. Blending is a fine art and the best early blenders made Scotch whisky world famous. Some of the names like Alexander Walker, Arthur Bell and James Chivas, are still well known today.

With typically lighter and more accessible flavour profiles, these whiskies offer a great starting point for anyone who's curious about Scotland's greatest export.

BLENDED SCOTCH

PIG'S NOSE 40%
£6.50

JOHNNIE WALKER 12YO
BLACK LABEL 40%
£7

COMPASS BOX ASYLA 40%
£11

BALLANTINE'S 17YO 43%
£13

DEWAR'S 12YO
THE ANCESTOR DOUBLE AGED 40%
£8.50

ANTIQUARY 12YO 40%
£8.50

JOHNNIE WALKER BLUE LABEL 40%
£40

JOHNNIE WALKER BLUE LABEL
KING GEORGE THE V 43%
£80

BLENDED MALTS

MONKEY SHOULDER 40%
£8

TIMOROUS BEASTIE 46.8%
£10

ROCK OYSTER 46.8%
£12

SCALLYWAG CASK STRENGTH 53.6%
£14

BERRYS' ISLAY RESERVE 46%
£26

BLUE HANGAR 45.6%
£20

MACKINLAY'S RARE
OLD HIGHLAND MALT 47.3%
£25

GHOSTED RESERVE 26YO 42%
£75

BLENDED MALTS

Blended malts are, as the name suggests, a marriage of two or more single malt whiskies and until 2009 were usually called 'vatted' or 'pure' malts.

A truly innovative category within the conservative world of Scotch whisky, distillers will often let their imaginations run wild in an effort to combine the diverse characters of individual distilleries.

The resulting whiskies are uniquely complex and cover the entire flavour spectrum of Scotland's distillery map.

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (SPEYSIDE)

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GLENLIVET

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

It was said that for a time after, he was forced to carry a pair of pistols to protect himself and his family from his former colleagues, the moonshiners. His whisky soon became synonymous with quality and set the benchmark that others would strive to achieve.

SPEYSIDE

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

GLENFIDDICH

In the summer of 1886 William Grant set out to realise a lifelong dream - to make the 'best dram in the valley'. Along with his nine children and one stone mason, they began to build the distillery.

Today the ever-innovative Glenfiddich are leading the Scotch whisky world in creativity and have even released single malt whisky rested in a cask that previously held IPA beer.

Now one of the most awarded Scotch whiskies in the world, we reckon William succeeded with his dream!

SPEYSIDE MALTS

GLENROTHES SELECT RESERVE 43%
£9

OLD BALLANTRUAN 50%
£9

BALVENIE 12YO DOUBLE WOOD 40%
£10

GLENLIVET 15YO
FRENCH OAK RESERVE 40%
£11

GLENFIDDICH 15YO SOLERA 40%
£12

ABERLOUR A'BUNADH BATCH 50
SHERRY OAK 59.6%
£12

GLENFIDDICH IPA CASK 43%
£12

BALVENIE 12YO SINGLE BARREL 47.8%
£13

GLENFIDDICH PROJECT XX 47%
£13.50

GLENFIDDICH 18YO 40%
£17

LONGMORN 16YO 48%
£20

GLENFARCLAS 25YO 43%
£30

BALVENIE 21YO PORT WOOD 40%
£35

GLENLIVET 21YO ARCHIVE 43%
£35

BENRIACH 25YO PEATED MALT 46%
£35

KININVIE 23YO 1991
BATCH 3 42.6%
£60

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (HIGHLAND & LOWLAND)

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THE HIGHLANDS

The Highlands can be one of the trickiest styles to pin down as it's such a big region. Taking in most of the mainland and all the islands, you draw an imaginary line between Dundee and Greenock, dividing the High and Lowlands. Ages ago this was for tax reasons that allowed the north to have smaller stills than the south, which resulted in a more charismatic spirit.

Expect anything from mild peat and heather notes (Highland Park) to the more smooth and fruity (Glenmorangie).

GLENGOYNE 21YO 43%

£28

Glenjoyne is known for distilling slower than anyone else in Scotland. They also air dry their barley - never using peat. After 21 years in the finest hand selected sherry casks this is the perfect after dinner dram.

Toffee and red apples give way to warm oak and cinnamon with a long spiced finish. We're sure you'll agree this whisky is a joy to drink.

HIGHLAND MALTS

DALWHINNIE 15YO 43%

£9

GLEN GARIOCH 12YO 48%

£10

GLENDRONACH 12YO
SAUTERNES CASK FINISH 46%

£11

DALMORE 15YO 40%

£13

GLENDRONACH CASK
STRENGTH BATCH 5 55.3%

£14

DALMORE 18YO 43%

£26

OLD PULTENEY 21YO 46%

£23

GLENGOYNE 21YO 43%

£28

GLENUGIE 1980 30YO
DEOCH AN DORAS 52.13%

£90

LOWLAND MALTS

AUCHENTOSHAN 12YO 40%

£9

AUCHENTOSHAN
THREE WOOD 43%

£12

AILSA BAY 48.9%

£13

AUCHENTOSHAN 18YO 43%

£20

ROSEBANK 12YO 43%

£35

GLENKINCHIE 20YO
1990 55.1%

£40

THE LOWLANDS

The Lowlands are in the south of Scotland. The whiskies are soft and malty with a dry finish, and make excellent aperitifs.

In days gone by, the lighter-tasting whisky was appreciated more by their southern neighbours which, along with the high demand for grain whisky, led to industrialisation of most whisky makers in the region. Sadly we are left with only a handful of lowland malt distilleries that stick to their roots.

AILSA BAY 43%

£28

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (ISLAY & CAMPBELTOWN)

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ISLAY

ISLAY MALTS

LAPHROAIG 10YO 40%
£9

BUNNAHABHAIN 12YO 40%
£9.50

BRUICHLADDICH CLASSIC 50%
£10

LAGAVULIN 16YO 43%
£12

PORT CHARLOTTE
SCOTTISH BARLEY 50%
£12

BUNNAHABHAIN TOITEACH 46%
£15

BOWMORE 15YO
SHERRY FINISH 48%
£15

LAPHROAIG 18YO xx%
£20

OCHDAMH-MOR 5YO
EDITION 07.1 63%
£35

BRUICHLADDICH BLACK ART 49%
£60

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£60

Working secretly with the finest selection of oak casks that the Master Distiller handpicks, this unusually unpeated Islay single malt delivers on all fronts. Expect honey on the nose, coconut and tangerine on the palate and grilled peach and apricot on the finish.

CAMPBELTOWN

With 34 distilleries, Campbeltown was once the whisky centre of Scotland, known for its distinctive peaty and oily whisky.

However, during prohibition, overproduction for US export ruined the reputation of this fine region, and sadly today only three of its distilleries remain in operation.

CAMPBELTOWN MALTS

SPRINGBANK 10YO 46%
£10

LONGROW PEATED 46%
£12

SPRINGBANK GAJA BAROLO
9YO 54.7%
£13

SPRINGBANK 15YO 46%
£15

GLEN SCOTIA 15YO 46%
£15

SPRINGBANK 18YO 46%
£18

HAZELBURN 8YO 46%
£20

PEAT

Peat is an important source of fuel to the Scots. Simply put, it's compressed vegetation that's harvested from just beneath the ground's surface. Burned in kilns and fireplaces, in whisky it's used to dry the barley after the malting process, giving scotch its distinct smoky flavour.

SINGLE MALTS OF SCOTLAND (THE ISLANDS)

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THE ISLANDS

Although not a region that is officially recognised by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), the islands surrounding Scotland are duly recognised as producing some of the most unique and interesting malts in the UK. Often mistakenly compared to peaty Islay whiskies, the few distilleries on the more northern islands produce an astonishing range of flavours, from fresh, peppery peat (Talisker) to creamy, with citrusy spice (Isle of Jura). Expect few similarities here.

ARRAN 14YO 46% £14

The Isle of Arran has a long standing history with illicit distilling and there are many tales of bravely fought battles against the excise officers. Known throughout the years for its pure water, the distilleries here were held in the same regard as the esteemed Glenlivet.

These days there is only one distillery on the island which was founded in 1993 by Harold Curri. Their first release came in 1998, and they have since grown from strength to strength with a core range consisting of six expressions.

The 14-year-old is one of the most rounded we have ever tried. Lots of spicy summer fruits and a smooth creamy body are apparent before a lingering nutty finish slowly dries.

THE ISLANDS

TALISKER 10YO 45.8%
£9

HIGHLAND PARK 12YO 40%
£9

ARRAN 14YO 46%
£11

ISLE OF JURA 16YO 40%
£12

TALISKER 18YO 45.8%
£19

ISLE OF JURA 21YO 44%
£26

HIGHLAND PARK 18YO 43%
£30

TALISKER 25YO 2011 45.8%
£60

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£60

Known to be a favourite of writers Robert Louis Stevenson and HV Morton, Talisker dates all the way back to 1830 when it was founded by Kenneth MacAskil.

The Isle of Skye is the home of this peaty, yet tantalisingly spicy, single malt. Complexity is the word here. Fresh and fragrant on the nose, look for notes of pepper and salty seaweed, with an added kick of smoke on the tastebuds.

RARE & PRESTIGIOUS

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ST MAGDALENE 24YO 1978 64%

Lowland, Scotland

Like many others, this distillery was lost to the world in the 1980s. Linthigow, as it's also known, has become one of the most sought after single malts out there. Supplies are fast becoming scarce and this particular expression was bottled in October 2002

Nose: *Herbal, Aromatic, Grassy* | Palate: *Liquorice, Vanilla, Nuttiness* | Finish: *Robust, Peaty*

25ml - £45 / 50ml - £90

PORT ELLEN 17YO - 1ST EDITION 2001 57.3%

Islay, Scotland

A single malt so famous that it almost needs no explanation. This legendary distillery was mothballed in 1983 and now operates as a malt house - supplying all the Islay distilleries

Nose: *He* | Palate: *Li Nuttiness* | Finish: *R*

25ml - £150 / 50ml - £300

SPRINGBANK 21YO - 2005 BOTTLING 46%

Campbeltown, Scotland

If you love Springbank then chances are you know the significance of this bottling. Reserves were running low by 2005 and the 21-year-old took a seven year break before reappearing again in 2012. Many have proclaimed this expression as the greatest of all Springbanks and believe the 21-year-old is yet to return to its former glory

Nose: *He* | Palate: *Li Nuttiness* | Finish: *R*

25ml - £60 / 50ml - £120

GLENFIDDICH 40YO - 2015 BOTTLING 48%

Speyside, Scotland

With only 600 released every year, collectors and connoisseurs alike wait with great excitement for a chance to get their hands on this one. An exceptionally unique dram from one of the most awarded and recognisable distilleries in the world, we're sure you will love it just as much as we do

Nose: *Dried Fruit, Dark Chocolate, Coffee* | Palate: *Rich Fruitcake, Stewed Apples, Dry Oak, Subtle Peat* | Finish: *Long, Complex*

25ml - £50 / 50ml - £100

THE DALMORE CONSTELLATION 1989 22YO 52%

Highlands, Scotland

One of the finest whiskies to come from the legendary Dalmore distillery. Matured for 17 years in a bourbon cask before resting for a further five years in a Matusalem Oloroso sherry butt, this cask strength whisky is full of character

Nose: *Marzipan, Vanilla, Cinnamon* | Palate: *Fruity, Hint of Coffee, Treacle* | Finish: *Big, Warm*

25ml - £200 / 50ml - £400

AMERICAN WHISKEY

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A SHORT HISTORY OF AMERICAN WHISKEY

American whiskey is regulated by some of the strictest laws of any spirit in the world. It's heritage began when early American settlers preserved their extra rye crops by distilling them. Although different to the barley they were used to in Europe, rye still made damn good whiskey. It was in the 18th Century, when a quarter of a million Scottish and Irish immigrants arrived, that whiskey became serious business and the tax collectors were, of course, quick to notice.

If new settlers planted corn and built a cabin in the new state of Kentucky, they would be entitled to 400 acres of land, so tax-evading "whiskey rebels" jumped at the opportunity and moved to the bluegrass state. Rich soil, pure water and huge forests for making barrels, made Kentucky any whiskey man's dream, and the legend of their corn-based whiskey travelled fast.

The Mississippi river offered an easy way to transport whiskey barrels to New Orleans. These were marked "From Bourbon County" and since the whiskey spent a year ageing on its journey, the result was a rich, smooth drink, further increasing the fame of bourbon.

In 1919, prohibition was enforced across the U.S. which meant it was illegal to produce, sell or drink alcohol in the whole country. Many distilleries were forced to shut down, but a few were still licensed to produce whiskey for medicinal use. It's no big surprise that more than six million prescriptions for pints of whiskey were written by the time prohibition ended in 1933.

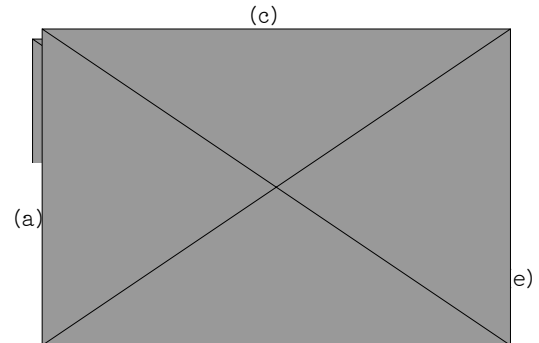
Bourbon, rye and Tennessee whiskey are as popular today as ever, and we are proud to showcase some of the finest and rarest American whiskies on the market.

WHISKY OR WHISKEY?

The Irish and Americans typically spell whiskey with an "e". The Scots, Japanese and Canadians spell whisky without.

EASY DISTILLATION

Distillation is a way to separate alcohol from water, by boiling fermented grains (called mash) and condensing its vapour. Alcohol has a lower boiling point (78°C) than water (100°C), so if the temperature is controlled smartly, you can vaporize most of the alcohol before the water and then simply cool down the steam to catch the good stuff when it condensates.



- (a) Mash is inserted here
- (b) Pot is heated to 78°C
- (c) Alcohol vapour passes into water tank
- (d) The vapour condenses as it cools
- (e) The liquid whiskey is removed here

RYE WHISKEY

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AMERICA'S ORIGINAL WHISKEY

Straight rye is predominantly made in the north-eastern states. It follows the same strict laws as bourbon but is distilled from at least 51% rye, giving it a drier and spicier flavour. After prohibition and two world wars halted production, straight rye whiskey almost disappeared completely, but it has experienced a return to popularity recently. Try it in a lovely Manhattan or Sazerac cocktail as it was originally served back in the day.

Don't mistake straight rye with the Canadian blended whisky, which they confusingly call rye too!

RYE WHISKEY

RITTENHOUSE 40%
£6.50

OLD OVERHOLT 40%
£7.50

SAZERAC 45%
£9.50

RITTENHOUSE 100 PROOF 50%
£9

KNOB CREEK RYE 50%
£10

FEW RYE 46.5%
£11

RUSSEL'S RESERVE 6YO 45%
£19

VAN WINKLE FAMILY
RESERVE 13YO 47.8%
£25

MICHTER'S US*1 42.4%
£14.50

MICHTER'S BARREL
STRENGTH RYE 56%
£18

HUDSON BAY MANHATTAN 46%
£22.50

THOMAS H. HANDY
SAZERAC (2017) 63.75%
£25

SAZERAC 18YO 45%
£25

BOURBON (TRADITIONAL & WHEATED)

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AMERICA'S FAVOURITE WHISKEY

Bourbon is a whiskey distilled from at least 51% corn and needs to spend more than two years in charred new oak barrels. Most people believe it can only be made in Kentucky, but it can actually come from anywhere in the U.S.

TRADITIONAL (RYE) BOURBON

BUFFALO TRACE 40%
£6

EVAN WILLIAMS EXTRA AGED 43%
£6

HEAVEN HILL 4YO 40%
£6.50

BULLEIT 40%
£6.50

JIM BEAM BLACK LABEL 43%
£6.50

OLD GRANDDAD 43%
£7.50

WILD TURKEY 101 8YO 50%
£8.50

WOODFORD RESERVE 45.2%
£8.50

'THE MASH BILL'

Four types of grain can be used to make Bourbon, this is known as 'the mash bill'. 51% of the mash has to be corn; the other 49% will be mostly rye or wheat and a little malted barley.

The use of rye is more traditional and gives us spicy, floral and citrusy bourbons, while using wheat tends to make softer, honeyed and nutty flavoured whiskey.

'EASY SIPPIN' WHISKEY'

When wheat is used in the mash bill instead of rye, you get a softer and sweeter bourbon. If you like honey, nutty and rich full-bodied whiskies then "wheated bourbon" is definitely for you.

WHEATED BOURBON

MAKER'S MARK 45%
£7.50

OLD FITZGERALD 1849 8YO 45%
£8

REBEL YELL BOURBON 40%
£8.50

MAKER'S 46 47%
£10.50

OLD RIP VAN WINKLE 10YO 53.5%
£17

WILLIAM LARUE WELLER
UNCUT/UNFILTERED 70.1%
£30

BOURBON (SMALL BATCH & SINGLE BARREL)

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A LITTLE BIT OF T.L.C.

Small batch & craft whiskies show off some of America's best micro-distilleries and the finer products from the larger whiskey makers. These whiskies are a blend of just a few special barrels that were handpicked by the master blender. No law places an exact limit on how many barrels can be used, but it's common practice to use 10-20.

AN ACT OF MOTHER NATURE

Single barrel whiskies are created when the blender finds a barrel that he deems too good to mix in a blend. The barrel is put aside and bottled under a single barrel label. These whiskies truly showcase how good American whiskey can be.

SMALL BATCH

FOUR ROSES SMALL BATCH 45%
£7

CORNER CREEK 44%
£8.50

ELIJAH CRAIG 12YO 47%
£9

KNOB CREEK 9YO 50%
£9

ROWAN'S CREEK 50.05%
£10.50

BAKER'S 7YO 53.5%
£11

BASIL HAYDEN'S 40%
£12

NOAH'S MILL 57.15%
£13

RIDGEMONT RESERVE 1792 46.85%
£13

MICHTER'S US*1 45.7%
£14.50

BOOKER'S 63.5%
£18

EAGLE RARE 17YO 45%
£30

GEORGE T. STAGG 70.7%
£25

SINGLE BARREL

EAGLE RARE 10YO 45%
£9.50

EVAN WILLIAMS
SINGLE BARREL 43.3%
£9.50

WILLET'S SINGLE BARREL 47%
£10.50

WATHEN'S SINGLE BARREL 47%
£11

BLANTON'S FROM THE BARREL
65%
£15

KNOB CREEK SINGLE BARREL 9YO
60%
£15.50

BLANTON'S 112 PROOF 56%
£17

BLANTON'S GOLD RESERVE 51.5%
£18

BLANTON'S SILVER EDITION 49%
£20

FOUR ROSES SINGLE BARREL
50%
£20

EVAN WILLIAMS SINGLE
BARREL 23YO 53.5%
£25

TENNESSEE WHISKEY

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THERE'S MORE TO AMERICA THAN BOURBON

It certainly is their flagship spirit,
but there are many other fine whiskies
made across the pond.

Tennessee Whiskey is arguably the most
famous with American heavy-weight Jack
Daniel's leading the category.

TENNESSEE WHISKEY

GEORGE DICKEL NO.12 45%
£9.50

GEORGE DICKEL
BARREL SELECT 43%
£17

JACK DANIEL'S OLD NO.7 40%
£6

GENTLEMAN JACK 40%
£9.50

JACK DANIEL'S
SINGLE BARREL 45%
£12

JACK DANIEL'S
SILVER SELECT 50%
£13

THE THING ABOUT JACK DANIEL'S...

As many of his loyal fans
may well know, JD is not
bourbon, it's a Tennessee
whiskey. So what's the
difference? Bourbon laws
don't allow any flavour to be
added to the whiskey, while
Old Jack and his lesser known
Tennessee neighbour, George
Dickel, are both mellowed in
maple wood charcoal for 10
days before ageing. This is
known as the 'Lincoln County
process' and gives Tennessee
whiskey its famous sweet,
smoky flavour.

SO WHAT'S 'SOUR MASH' WHISKEY THEN?

While they don't always
put it on the label, all
bourbons are sour mash. This
simply means that a little
bit of the 'sour' mash left
over in the still after the
distillation will be added to
the new 'sweet' batch before
fermentation. It ensures a
consistent product and also
controls the acidity of the
mash, creating the ideal
environment for the yeast
to ferment.

INTERNATIONAL WHISKIES (IRELAND & JAPAN)

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IRISH WHISKEY

Irish whiskey is typically triple distilled, giving it a smoother flavour for those looking for a lighter alternative to Scotch. There are currently twelve distilleries in Ireland that produce a wide range of blended, single malt & pure pot still whiskey.

IRISH WHISKEY

BUSHMILLS ORIGINAL 40%
£6.50

BUSHMILLS
SINGLE MALT 10YO 40%
£8.50

RED BREAST 12YO 40%
Pure Pot Still
£10

MIDDLETON VERY RARE 40%
£30

PURE POT STILL

Pure Pot Still whiskey is a purely Irish product. Its secret lies not in the fact that it's made in a pot still but rather in the grains used. Instead of using 100% malted barley like single malts, it uses a mix of malted and unmalted barley, giving it a spicy and fruity character.

JAPANESE WHISKY

Japanese Whisky started with a young man called Masataka Taketsuru who studied chemistry at Glasgow University hoping to learn the secrets behind Scotland's whisky.

After doing an apprenticeship at Springbank distillery, he returned to Japan and joined Shinjiro Torii in 1923 to build a distillery at Yamazaki, on the outskirts of Kyoto.

Torii later opened the Hakushu distillery, where they produce the famous Hibiki blend.

The Japanese have created their own unique style and in the past few years have gained great respect around the world (even from the Scots), taking almost every award in the industry with their innovative single malt and blended whiskies.

JAPANESE WHISKY

SUNTORY HIBIKI 12YO 43%
£11

NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN 45%
£12

THE YAMAZAKI
SINGLE MALT 12YO 43%
£15

THE HAKUSHU
SINGLE MALT 12YO 43.5%
£16

SUNTORY HIBIKI 17YO 43%
£18

NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN 45%
£12

SUNTORY HIBIKI 17YO 43%
£18