

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 ingredients - water, cereals, and yeast.

Scotland is home to around 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.



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 | 30. GLEN ORD Diageo |
| 13. ARDMORE Beam Global Spirits & Wine | 31. GLENTURRET The Edrington Group Ltd |
| 14. ISLE OF ARRAN Isle of Arran Distillers Ltd | 32. HIGHLAND PARK The Edrington Group Ltd |
| 15. BALBLAIR Inver House Distillers Ltd | 33. ISLE OF JURA Whyte & Mackay Ltd |
| 16. BEN NEVIS Ben Nevis Distillery (Fort William) Ltd | 34. LOCH LOMOND Lach Lamond Distillery Co Ltd |
| 17. BLAIR ATHOL Diageo | 35. MACDUFF John Dewar & Sons Ltd |
| 18. CLYNELISH Diageo | 36. OBAN Diageo |
| 19. DALMORE Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 37. PULTENEY Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 20. DALWHINNIE Diageo | 38. ROYAL BRACKLA John Dewar & Sons Ltd |
| 21. DEANSTON Burn Stewart Distillers plc | 39. ROYAL LOCHNAGAR Diageo |
| 22. EDRADOUR Signatory Vintage Scotch Whisky Co Ltd | 40. SCAPA Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 23. FETTERCAIRN Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 41. TALISKER Diageo |
| 24. GLENCADAM Angus Dundee Distillers plc | 42. TEANINICH Diageo |
| 25. GLENDRONACH, THE Benriach Distillery Co | 43. TOBERMORY Burn Stewart Distillers plc |
| 26. GLEN GARIOCH Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd | 44. TOMATIN The Tomatin Distillery Co Ltd |
| 27. GLENGLOSSAUGH Glenglossaugh Distillery Co | 45. TULLIBARDINE Tullibardine Ltd |
| 28. GLENGOYNE Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd | |
| 29. 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 which are drawn together around a system of rivers.

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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| 46. ABERLOUR Chivas Brothers Ltd | 71. GLENLOSSIE Diageo |
| 47. ALLT A'BHAINNE Chivas Brothers Ltd | 72. GLEN MORAY La Martiniquaise |
| 48. AUCHROISK Diageo | 73. GLENROTHES The Edrington Group Ltd |
| 49. AULTMORE John Dewar & Sons Ltd | 74. GLEN SPEY Diageo |
| 50. BALMENACH Inver House Distillers Ltd | 75. GLENTAUCHERS Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 51. BALVENIE, THE Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 76. IMPERIAL Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 52. BENRIACH Benriach Distillery Co | 77. INCHGOWER Diageo |
| 53. BENRINNES Diageo | 78. KININVIE Wm Grant & Sons Ltd |
| 54. BENROMACH Gordon & MacPhail | 79. KNOCKANDO Diageo |
| 55. BRAEVAL Chivas Brothers Ltd | 80. KNOCKDHU Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 56. CAPERDONICH Chivas Brothers Ltd | 81. LINKWOOD Diageo |
| 57. CARDHU Diageo | 82. LONGMORN Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 58. CRAGGANMORE Diageo | 83. MACALLAN, THE The Edrington Group Ltd |
| 59. CRAIGELLACHIE John Dewar & Sons Ltd | 84. MANNOCHMORE Diageo |
| 60. DAILUAINE Diageo | 85. MILTONDUFF Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 61. DUFFTOWN Diageo | 86. MORTLACH Diageo |
| 62. GLENALLACHIE Chivas Brothers Ltd | 87. SPEYBURN Inver House Distillers Ltd |
| 63. GLENBURGIE Chivas Brothers Ltd | 88. SPEYSIDE Speyside Distillers Co Ltd |
| 64. GLENDULLAN Diageo | 89. STRATHISLA Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 65. GLEN ELGIN Diageo | 90. STRATHMILL Diageo |
| 66. GLENFARCLAS J & G Grant | 91. TAMDHU The Edrington Group Ltd |
| 67. GLENFIDDICH Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 92. TAMNAVULIN-GLENLIVET Whyte & Mackay Ltd |
| 68. GLEN GRANT Glen Grant Distillery Co Ltd | 93. TOMINTOUL Angus Dundee Distillers plc |
| 69. GLEN KEITH Chivas Brothers Ltd | 94. TORMORE Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 70. GLENLIVET, THE Chivas Brothers Ltd | |

Islay Malt

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

The whiskies from this area have more than a hint of saltiness due to the fact that Islay is frequently lashed by Atlantic storms. Sea spray blows across the island, impregnating the peat used in the maturing of the whisky, thus affecting the taste and aroma.

The result is that 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 maturing 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. BUNNAHABHAIN
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. Located primarily in the Lowlands of Scotland, with the exception of one in the Northern Highlands, grain whisky distilleries operate a continuous distillation process from a mash of cereals, 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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| 100. CAMERONBRIDGE Diageo | 104. NORTH BRITISH The North British Distillery Co Ltd |
| 101. GIRVAN Wm Grant & Sons Ltd | 105. PORT DUNDAS Diageo |
| 102. INVERGORDON Whyte & Mackay Ltd | 106. STRATHCLYDE Chivas Brothers Ltd |
| 103. 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.

95. AILSA BAY
Wm Grant & Sons Ltd
96. AUCHENTOSHAN
Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd
97. BLADNOCH
Co-ordinated Development Services
98. DAFTMILL
The Cuthbert Family
99. GLENKINCHIE
Diageo

Around 40 of the distilleries featured on this map open their doors to the public and unveil some of the secrets of making Scotch Whisky to over one million visitors a year. A copy of a booklet showing the location of these distilleries, along with contact information and opening times, can be obtained from:



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