DISCOVER THE WORLD OF SCOTCH WHISKY

Many countries produce whisky, but Scotch Whisky 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 120 malt and grain distilleries, making it the greatest concentration of whisky producers in the world. Many of the Scotch Whisky distilleries featured on this map bottle some of their production for sale as Single Malt (i.e. the product of one distillery) or Grain Whisky.

The majority of Scotch is consumed as Blended Scotch Whisky, this means as many as 60 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 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.