

MALT WHISKY MENU

The Highlands

Dalwhinnie £4.60

The "Classic Malt" from the small Highland village which in Gaelic means "meeting place." Dalwhinnie is also Scotland's highest distillery at 326m above sea level. A balanced sherry character and silky honey note.

Glenmorangie £3.85

The new version of what has been Scotland's best-selling single malt. Velvet textured with delicate, honeyed overtones and a burst of citrus softening into vanilla and almonds.

Oban £5.00

A classic West Highland malt distilled in Oban's town centre distillery. Mouth-filling late autumn fruits - dried figs and honey-sweet spices; followed by a smoky malty dryness.

Fettercairn Fior £4.25

Distilled in Laurencekirk, Grampian, this is a mix of heavily peated Fettercairn spirit mixed with traditional Fettercairn whisky. Dark chocolate, coffee beans and peat smoke, with nutmeg, mint, citrus fruits and truffle. A finish of sherry trifle, marzipan and pineapple.

Royal Lochnagar £4.25

A fairly big malt with a light smokiness, from Queen Victoria's favourite distillery. A big, spicy buzz followed by an impressive build-up of very clear, well defined malt. After a quick burst of sweetness, a rich, grape effect moves in towards the middle.

Old Pulteney £4.00

The Distillery was built in 1826 in the town of Wick (or Pulteneytown), close to John o' Groats in the far North of Scotland. A gorgeously soft, fruity, easy-drinking whisky, with a possible salty tang.

The Islays

Ardbeg £4.95

Intensely smoky yet elegant, it has exceptional balance of power and grace. An initial moderate and clean sweetness of deep peat notes, with tobacco smoke and strong espresso coffee, which then gives way to treacle sweetness and liquorice. The mouthfeel is firstly lightly spiced, then chewing, and mouth-watering and full, finally drying.

Lagavulin £6.60

A typical Southern Islay malt. The dryness is at first offset by the sweetness of the sherry character. As the palate develops, oily, grassy, and, in particular, salty notes emerge in a long, sustained, aggressive, attack.

Laphroaig £4.00

This full bodied whisky is initially sweet up front matching the nose, then the classic dry, peaty, ashy flavours come bounding in followed by a lovely rich finish arising from the rich fruits of the European casks.

Caol Ila £4.95

Drinks well at natural strength; sweet start; pleasant, light fragrant smokiness and a lengthy finish. Smooth, pleasant mouth-feel; with water light acidity, some salt and still the sweeter notes. A complex balance of primary tastes.

The Speysides

Balvenie Doublewood £4.35

A smooth and mellow single malt of beautifully combined flavours. Nutty sweetness, cinnamon spiciness and a delicately proportioned layer of sherry, with a long and warming finish.

Glenfiddich £4.00

Founded in 1887, with machinery bought from the Cardhu Distillery, William Grant created Glenfiddich. Fresh and fruity with a touch of pear, subtle pine and a hint of peatiness.

Macallan - Gold £3.85

A real heavyweight of a malt - in all its forms. Citrus and boiled sweets rule the palate, along with hints of ginger and cinnamon, while soft oak tones reveal toasted apples.

Knockando £4.00

Built in 1898 between the villages of Archiestown and Knockando, a lesser known Speyside whisky, this Knockando is a great light pre-dinner malt with sweet, creamy fruit flavours.

Aberlour £3.85

The Aberlour distillery lies on the edge of Aberlour village, which has preserved much of its historical character. Exceptionally smooth and creamy, with spicy-sweet nutmeg and honey combining with the freshness of autumn fruits.

Cragganmore £3.85

Situated at Ballindalloch on the road from Aberlour to Grantown, Cragganmore Distillery was built in 1869 and is said to have been the first distillery to be built to take advantage of the Strathspey railway line. A strong malty taste with hints of sweet wood smoke and sandalwood.

The Lowlands

Auchentoshan £4.60

With the distinction of taking its water from Cochno Loch, a loch in the Highland region, this Lowland is produced in the suburban setting of Western Glasgow. Smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime.

Glenkinchie £3.85

A sweet, soft start, like crème anglaise, soon becoming flowery again. A really smooth delivery, especially after adding a drop of water. The mid-palate is crisp and then the flavour settles into a tightly focused bundle of butter-icing, lemon cheesecake and freesias.

Springbank £4.00

Scotland's most traditional distillery. It is run by a descendant of the family that founded the company in the early 1800's. Malt, oak, spice, nutmeg and cinnamon, vanilla essence.

Glengoyne £3.85

Clean. Green apples and grass with a hint of sweet liquorice. With water: Sweeter. Linseed oil and almonds.

SCOTTISH GIN LIST

A small selection of Gin distilled here in Scotland from Hendricks in South Ayrshire to Blackwoods in Shetland. Each gin is served in 25ml measures and prices include a 125ml bottle of Fentiman's Tonic Water.

Blackwoods Vintage Dry, Gin, Shetland Isles £4.50

The main botanicals used are juniper berries, coriander, angelica, citrus peels, ginger, cardamom, cassia, cinnamon, orris root, liquorice, carraway, calamus, cubeb and grains of paradise.

Boë Gin, Doune, Stirlingshire £4.50

Distilled using a unique blend of 13 hand-picked botanicals that include Wild Cassia Bark from the Isle of Skye. Boë is produced using one of the world's very rare Carterhead Stills in an intricate process called vapour-infusion.

Edinburgh Gin, Inverkeithing, Fife £4.50

Distilled in a copper pot still with eight traditional botanicals, then infused with Scottish juniper, heather and milk thistle. A balanced premium gin with a crispness and a spicy fruit edge.

Caorunn Gin, Grantown-on-Spey, Speyside £4.50

A truly Scottish Gin made at a working malt whisky distillery. From the Balmenach distillery, this is a handcrafted, small batch distilled Gin, infused with six traditional and five Celtic botanicals.

Eden Mill Buckthorn Gin, St. Andrews, Fife £4.50

A classic gin with a unique Scottish twist. Eden use ripe, local sea buckthorn; which is said to have notes of honey and citrus, to plump out the flavours of the more traditional botanicals.

Hendricks Gin, Turnberry, South Ayrshire £5.00

The one that kicked off the Scottish Gin revolution and made in our home county. Handcrafted Gin infused with Cucumber and Rose petals.

Strathearn Classic Gin, Methven, Perthshire £5.00

From the newly created Strathearn distillery and with a noticeable current of aniseed mixed in with a more typical citrus style this is an excellent start for them.

The Botanist, Bruichladdich, Islay £5.00

The first and only Islay gin! It perhaps seemed odd that a whisky distiller was making gin but the quality and success of this deliciously floral and flavourful spirit justifies the risk and experiment. Highly recommended.

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