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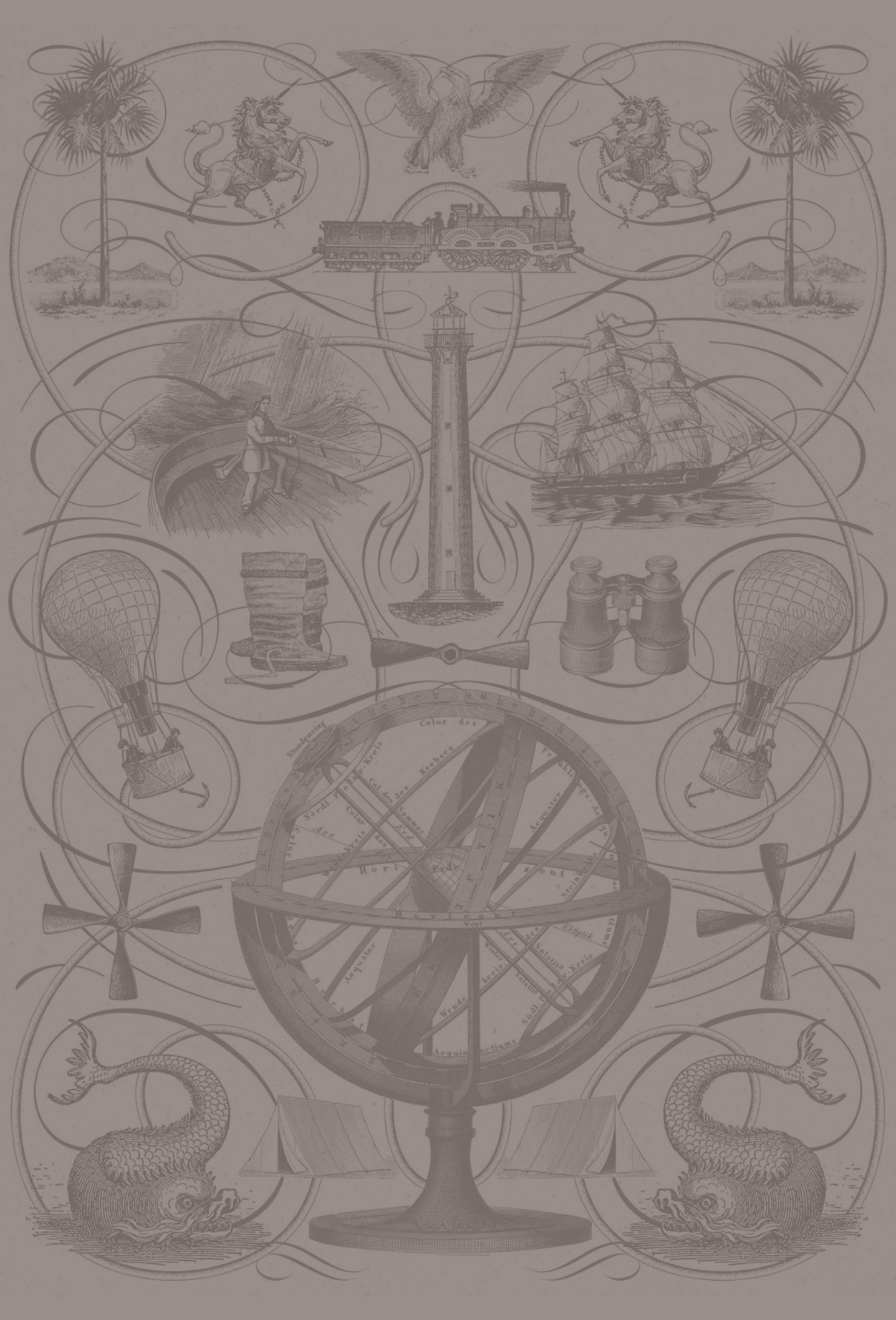
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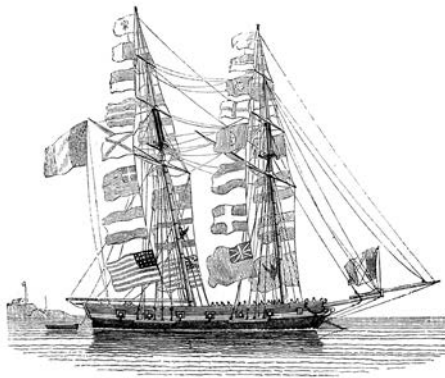
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NEAT, ON THE ROCKS OR A SPLASH OF WATER?

There is no right or wrong way to enjoy your whisky but most tend to prefer it 'neat', allowing the full intensity of flavour to shine. Adding a splash of water can unlock further complexities within the whisky.

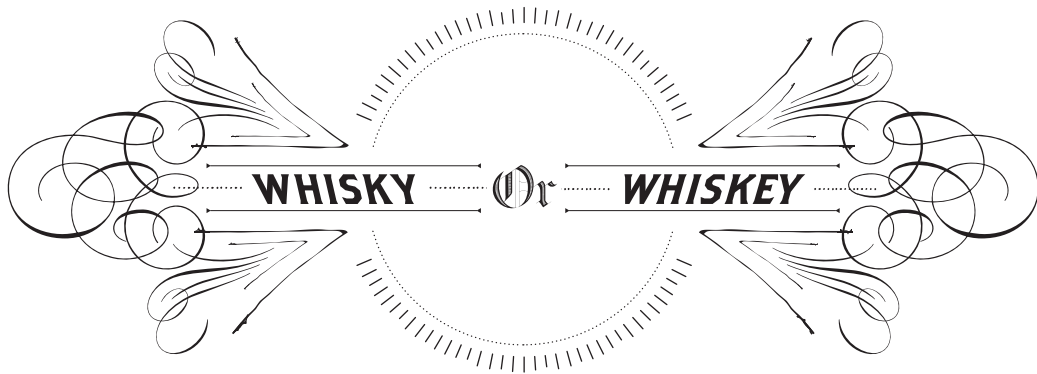
Some like to add ice, which will release a slow dilution to the whisky, but this will lower the temperature and can kill the flavour. And if the ice touches your lips as you drink from the glass, this will also impair your ability to discern flavour. Whisky loses some of the subtlety of its flavouring if it is chilled too much, so ice is best avoided. On the other hand, if whisky is drunk too warm, the volatile compounds which give the drink its special flavour can become excited, creating the burning sensation which is sometimes associated with whisky.

Whisky is best enjoyed at about 11-14 degrees Celsius – similar to the cellar temperature of a good wine

There is a perception that adding water to whisky is not something a true connoisseur would do. This is a mistaken impression. Adding a few drops of water to a glass of whisky can help release flavour and depth, and can also reduce the harsher notes in some whiskies. Another benefit is of course that it can also give you more in your glass to drink and enjoy! But if you add too much water you risk spoiling the drink.

ULTIMATELY THE DECISION IS UP TO YOU;
ADD WATER IF YOU LIKE; DON'T IF YOU DON'T.
YOU MAY EVEN FIND THAT YOU PREFER TO ADD WATER
TO SOME WHISKIES BUT NOT OTHERS.





The word itself comes from the old Gaelic for “water”, and has two spellings in modern English:

..... WHISKY & WHISKEY



The latter is more common in the United States, and prevails in Ireland too; the former is generally used in the rest of the world. Scotland therefore prefers “whisky”. In the US the convention is that “whisky” is used to refer to grain spirits distilled outside the country, and “whiskey” refers to those made within. But confusion reigns: the legal regulations for spirits in the US (known as the Standards of Identity for Distilled Spirits) use the spelling “whisky” throughout, and some US brands also use the “whisky” spelling on their labels.



THROUGHOUT THIS BOOK WE HAVE USED THE SPELLINGS
“WHISKY” AND “WHISKEY”
ACCORDING TO THE DISTILLERY’S PREFERENCE
AND THE CONVENTION IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.





WHISKY № 1/24

DON MICHAEL
DISTILLERY
Peru

12°17'37"S 76°49'40"W

Black Corn Whiskey
45% ABV



Don Michael Distillery was founded by husband and wife team Michael Kuryla and Daiana Milon Mayer. It produces the most awarded whiskey in South America, made from ancient grains, and carefully handcrafted at a state-of-the-art distillery in Lima, Peru. The distillery is at the forefront of Peruvian whiskey innovation with its award-winning Black Whiskey.

Michael's career started in construction, and he fabricated stills for himself and for others, including building a distillery for a client in the jungle of Peru. It was his wife Daiana who came up with the idea to use Andean corn to make a Bourbon-style whiskey.

Soon after, the couple shut down their construction company and dedicated all their time to working on the recipe.

Established in 2017, Don Michael sold its first bottles of Black Whiskey in November 2019. The whiskey is now sold all over the world and has received many industry awards.



ACCOLADES

Black Whiskey was awarded World's Best Whiskey in 2022 at the prestigious New York World Spirits Competition, and has been featured in Forbes Magazine multiple times. In 2023 it won the US Spirits Ratings Whiskey of the Year, and in 2024 was recognised as one of the 50 Best World Whiskies at #9.

ANDEAN BLACK CORN WHISKEY



BLACK WHISKEY

THE WHISKEY IS PRODUCED ON THREE PRODUCTION LINES AND FROM ONE OF FOUR STILLS. BLACK WHISKEY TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE ANDEAN BLACK CORN.

The corn used in the whiskey grows above 10,000 feet above sea level and is further refined by adding malted grains to smooth the flavour, and by state-of-the-art distillation techniques to create a unique Andean whiskey. The mash bill comprises 60% Andean black corn, 30% malted wheat, and 10% malted barley. Don Michael uses water from the underground aquifer of Lurin, sourced from the Andes Mountains, which runs directly below the distillery.

AWARDS

Double Gold & Best in Show - 2022 New York Spirits Competition
Gold, Best World Whisky - 2024 The Fifty Best Whisky of the Year - 2023 USA Spirits Ratings
Double Gold - 2023 Bartender Spirits Awards
Triple Gold - 2023 MLSA Competition



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Toasted corn, with hints of vanilla and smoke. Hints of dried fruits such as raisins and apricots.

PALATE: The first contact is intense, then comes the wonderful tastes of cinnamon and cardamom.

FINISH: Coffee and caramel.



WHISKY № 2/24

NC'NEAN
DISTILLERY
Scotland

56°37'25"N 5°59'25"W

Single Malt Scotch Whisky
46% ABV



NC-NEE-AN

The name, pronounced "Nc-nee-an", is an abbreviation of Neachneohain, who was known as the Queen of Spirits in ancient Gaelic legend.

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Nc'nean is a young, independent, organic whisky distillery on the Morvern peninsula on the wild and beautiful west coast of Scotland. It looks over the Sound of Mull and is surrounded by some of Scotland's most diverse flora and fauna.

The distillery places sustainability at the heart of everything it does, and it measures and publishes its progress in its annual carbon footprint. It sources only 100% organic Scottish barley for its spirits, and uses 100% renewable energy to power its operations, and 100% post-consumer recycled glass to bottle its whisky. This has helped the distillery achieve verification for net zero carbon emissions for scopes 1 and 2.

Founded by ex-consultant Annabel Thomas, the distillery is ranked #21 in Drinks International's Top 50 Most

Admired Whisky brands in the world. Nc'nean is the only new Scotch whisky to make the top 25 in the most recent list, putting the distillery amongst some of the world's biggest heritage brands.

Things move deliberately slowly at Nc'nean. Maturation is of vital importance and takes place in a range of casks, but the distillery's real passion is for the spirit which comes straight from the still. The malted barley is mashed slowly, fermented slowly, and distilled slowly. The malted barley spends an hour resting for flavour development and another 20 minutes being filtered through the husks for purity. The distillery ferments for up to 114 hours with two yeasts, and collects only the purest, fruitiest part of the spirit distillation.



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WALK YOUR OWN PATH



ORGANIC SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

THIS IS THE DISTILLERY'S FLAGSHIP SINGLE MALT AND RECENTLY WON A DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL IN THE SAN FRANCISCO SPIRITS AWARDS 2023, AND A GOLD MEDAL IN THE US SPIRITS RATINGS 2023.

The whisky is made from organic Scottish barley, and the gentle fermentation and distillation methods accentuate the delicate, fruity flavours in the spirit. It's then matured in specially-treated red wine and American whisky barrels, plus a small amount of sherry casks to develop the spirit's signature body and sweetness.

Cask mix: 55% STR (shaved, toasted, re-charred) ex-red wine, 43% ex-American whisky, 2% Oloroso sherry butts.

AWARDS

Double Gold - 2023 San Francisco Spirits Competition
Gold - 2023 USA Spirits Ratings
Great Taste - 2023
Gold 95 points - 2023 IWSC
Craft Producer of the Year - 2023 Icons of Whisky
Sustainable Distillery of the Year - 2021 Icons of Whisky



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Citrus, vanilla, peaches.

PALATE: Lemon posset, stonefruit, caraway, rye bread.

FINISH: Medium long, creamy and fresh.

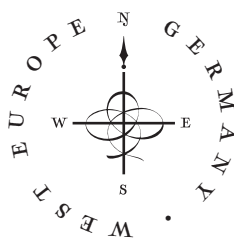


WHISKY № 3/24

HARDENBERG
DISTILLERY
Germany

51°39'45"N 9°56'46"E

Beverbach Single Malt
43% ABV



Beverbach whiskey is made by the Hardenberg Wilthen distillery in Germany which has a distilling history stretching back more than 300 years. The distillery has been owned and managed by the aristocratic Hardenberg family since 1700.

The ancestral home of the knights of Hardenberg is Hardenberg Castle at Nörten-Hardenberg, which the family acquired in 1287 and owns to this day.

Located in Nörten-Hardenberg and Wilthen, the company ranks as Germany's second largest liquor producer. Nestled in the Leine Valley, the country estate extends over a densely wooded, gentle hilly landscape – an idyllic setting for producing great whiskey.

Hardenberg's distilling masters combine traditional production methods and the most modern refinement techniques, create high-proof innovations, and bring the best tastes to life.





WHISKEY FROM HARDENBERG

BEVERBACH WHISKEY

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THE BEVERBACH TRI-CASK SINGLE MALT GERMAN WHISKEY WAS THE FIRST PREMIUM WHISKEY TO BE LAUNCHED UNDER THE NEW HARDENBERG DISTILLERY IN LOWER SAXONY, NORTHWEST GERMANY, AND IS NAMED AFTER THE RIVER THAT FLOWS NEXT TO THE HARDENBERG DISTILLERY.

This is a field-to-glass whisky from the Hardenberg estate farm. Beverbach is double-distilled in a pot-still from home-grown 100% malted barley. There is no chill filtering, and the colour is all natural from the casks.

The whisky is triple oak-casked and matured in Kentucky Bourbon, Virgin Oak and German Napolean Oak, to give it a unique rich and smooth flavour with dried fruit and honey notes on the palate, as well as nuts, vanilla baking spices and burnt toast.

TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Warm barrel notes, punchy cereal and malt aromas and a hint of smoke.

PALATE: The complex taste blends delicate fruity notes with a characteristic malt flavour.

FINISH: Warm wood and barrel ageing aromas reminiscent of vanilla and caramel.



WHISKY № 4/24

STAUNING
DISTILLERY
Denmark

55°57'09"N 8°24'12"E

Rye Whisky
48% ABV

Stauning Distillery is on the West Coast of Denmark, just outside the remote coastal village of Stauning. Many Danes go to this flat and serene landscape to unwind and get back to nature. The brand was founded there in 2005 by nine friends who set out to bring whisky distilling to Denmark.

The founders of Stauning Whisky didn't have any knowledge of whisky-making when they started, but they shared passion, curiosity, and the will to experiment and create. They were inspired by the land around them: the wind, the sea, the fields, the heather, the peat, and some of Denmark's finest water.

From the outset the friends shared a vision to create a 100% Danish whisky which reflected the traditional aspects

of Denmark and could stand comparison with the finest whiskies from around the world. They focused on traditional production methods, such as floor-malting of local rye and barley grains, and using direct-fire to heat the small stills, to create whisky in a Danish style.

The initial ambition was modest – to produce just 100 litres of whisky a year. But then Stauning began to be recognised in the market, and received additional investment which supported a significant increase in its distillation capacity. Today, Stauning is crafted in a modern purpose-built distillery, designed to emulate the surrounding landscape, and is a major contributor to the local economy and has helped revive the region.

FLOOR MALTING

Floor-malting is a rare traditional method of malting grains in small batches that allows for greater control of the grain, delivering authentic character and depth of flavour, and transferring the elegance and beauty of the Danish West Coast to the whisky. This is a lost practice in most places, and very few distilleries floor-malt 100% of their grains.





TASTE AND CHARACTER DESIGNED IN DENMARK

STAUNING RYE WHISKY

STAUNING RYE WHISKY ELEVATES RYE GRAINS WHICH HAVE BEEN CULTIVATED IN DENMARK FOR MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS TO A REFINED AND ELEGANT WHISKY. MADE WITH DANISH RYE AND BARLEY SOURCED FROM TWO LOCAL FARMS, THIS RYE WHISKY IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE LAND AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF DENMARK.

Designed with simplicity and a respect for nature at its core, the whisky is made using traditional craftsmanship: 100% floor-malted in the distillery, mash-filtered to create a cloudy wort, long and slow fermentation, double-distilled in 24 small direct-fired copper pot stills, and matured on-site in heavy-charred virgin American White Oak barrels. The whisky is bottled on-site in Stauning's distillery without chill-filtering and with no colour added.

AWARDS

Gold - 2024 San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Double Platinum - 2023 American Spirits Council of Tasters
Double Gold & Denmark Distillery of the Year
- 2023 New York International Spirits Competition
#40 in the Top 50 Most Admired Whiskies - 2023 Drinks International
Winner Sustainable Distillery - 2023 Icons of Whisky



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Freshly baked rye bread and warm spices.

PALATE: Ripe cherries, smoked tea, and citrus fruits.

FINISH: vanilla and a peppery finish.



WHISKY № 5/24

BALLYKEEFE
DISTILLERY
Ireland

52°36'06"N 7°22'54"W

Single Malt
46% ABV



Ballykeefe is an entirely independent, artisan, family-owned single estate whiskey distillery, which was built in 2016 to diversify a working family farm for successive generations. The distillery is in the picturesque Kilkenny countryside, about two hours south of Dublin.

All of the whiskey is triple-distilled from barley which has been sown, grown and harvested on the family farm. This makes it a 100% field-to-glass single-estate whiskey distillery. Whiskey production began in 2017.

Ballykeefe is the first distillery to revive Ireland's 17th century on-farm distilling customs, when subsistence farmers harvested grain, distilled and sold uisce beatha ("whiskey" in Irish, literally "water of life") and fed their cattle on the draff. It is the first Irish farm distillery in modern times where every step - from crop management to whiskey production - is handcrafted on site.

The Ging family has an unbroken lineage of farming for centuries as far back as written records exist. Today at Ballykeefe, Morgan and Anne Ging and their family keep the legacy alive by managing both the farm and the distillery. Alongside their traditional farming and distillation practices a major investment in sophisticated technology and eco-friendly practices have ensured zero off-farm waste and secured Ballykeefe multiple awards for sustainability.



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FROM OUR FIELDS TO YOUR GLASS



BALLYKEEFE SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY

HANDCRAFTED AT EVERY STEP, BALLYKEEFE SINGLE MALT HAS A UNIQUE FLAVOUR, BURSTING WITH SWEET SPICE AND FRUIT, OFFERING THE ADVENTUROUS WHISKEY DEVOTEE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. THE UNIQUE BARLEY, SOWN AND HARVESTED AT BALLYKEEFE FARM, PROVIDES A CONSISTENCY THAT FEW OTHER DISTILLERIES CAN MATCH.

The whiskey is distilled and aged using traditional handcrafted methods producing a lively, spicy, yet smooth liquid that is reminiscent of the earliest descriptions of Irish whiskey. Triple-distillation ensures exceptional smoothness. Any distilled spirit is discarded if it is not 'hearts-only' distiller's cut. This means that only remarkably pure spirits are used. The whiskey has a high 'angels share' due to the warmth in the warehouse, where the Bourbon oak barrels are stored. This environment ensures that the whiskey matures and develops flavour quickly. Every bottle of whiskey originates from a single cask; hence the whiskey's original identity is maintained and protected.

AWARDS

Gold - 2023 USA Spirits Rating
Master - 2023 Spirits Business Global Whiskey Masters
Master Award - 2018 Global Spirits Masters
Gold Award - 2018 Irish Whiskey Awards
92 points - The Tasting Panel Magazine (July/Aug 2023)



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Gentle notes of toasted oak, citrus and coconut resolving to apple sponge.

PALATE: At first malt and fruit dominate with mango and a hint of ripe banana. Then toffee apple fades to crème brûlée.

FINISH: Long finish with notes of apple custard and a hint of cloves.



WHISKY № 6/24

ARCHIE ROSE
DISTILLERY
Australia

33°55'01"S 151°12'09"E

Single Malt
46% ABV



Australian whisky producer Archie Rose was founded in 2014 in Rosebery, Sydney, and was one of Sydney's first distilleries in 160 years, driven by a vision of showing globally Australia's incredible ingredients and distilling prowess.

In 2020 the distillery took a significant step towards achieving this vision with the completion of a new distillery at Botany in Sydney. This allowed the business to commit to techniques and processes that had been refined over six years at the original Rosebery distillery.

These include use of specially-roasted local malts, historic non-commercial Australian barley/rye varieties, cold-distilled botanical distillates, and individually-distilled malt whisky streams. The distillery places innovation at the heart of everything it does.

Master Distiller Dave Withers says: "This distillery is so brimming with flexibility and ground-breaking innovation that it's as if we've combined a dozen craft distilleries into one."



ACCOLADES

Archie Rose Single Malt Whisky has been named Australia's Best Single Malt Whisky eight times in global awards including the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, World Whisky Masters and the World Whiskies Awards.

ENDLESSLY INNOVATING



SINGLE MALT WHISKY

ARCHIE ROSE SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS DISTINCTLY CRAFTED TO HIGHLIGHT SIX AUSTRALIAN MALTS, EACH WITH A UNIQUE PROFILE AND CHARACTER, REFLECTING A BELIEF THAT WHISKY STARTS ITS LIFE IN THE FIELD.

This six-malt mash bill, although very low yielding, provides a significantly richer and more expressive flavour, full of distinct Australian regional character. This method enables the Archie Rose production team to tailor every step of the production process, from brewing temperatures and yeast selection to cask type, distillation rates, and maturation conditions.

The distillery's Single Malt Whisky has been matured predominantly in 100, 200 and 300 litre Australian apera casks (apera being similar to sherry in style), complemented by a selection of ex-Bourbon and Archie Rose's own 36-month air-dried ex-rye casks. Each is coopered with a careful balance of both char and toast.

AWARDS

Gold - 2021 San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Gold - 2022 Global World Whisky Masters
Best Australian Single Malt Whisky - 2021 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Fresh herbs, shortbread biscuits, raisins, toffee and dark chocolate.

PALATE: Luscious with well-integrated flavours of sticky date pudding and amaretto.

FINISH: Espresso.



WHISKY № 7/24

MACALONEY'S
DISTILLERY
Canada

48°29'04"N 123°23'15"W

Single Malt Peated
46% ABV



Macaloney's Island Distillery, on pristine Vancouver Island, Canada, is one of a rare breed of 'island' distilleries.

The distillery's whiskies were designed by three Scots - Dr. Graeme Macaloney (Master Whisky maker), Mr. Mike Nicolson (Master Distiller, previously with Lagavulin & Caol Isla), and Dr. Jim Swan (maturation expert, called 'the Einstein of Whisky') - using traditional Scottish single malt and Irish pot-still methods.

The distillery uses rich, full flavoured, local Canadian barley for its classic single malt, peated single malt and pot-still styles of whiskies.

Macaloney's peated whiskies use barley that is peat-smoked in-house at the distillery using locally-sourced peat from Washington State. The smoking method follows a traditional Islay smoking process to a specification of 54 ppm. With this in-house capability, Macaloney's is able to explore a range of peat terroirs using peat sources from around the world. The whisky presented here is the first release of this 'Peat Project' exploration of terroir.

Macaloney's washes are fermented using two yeasts over three days in order to 'condition' the wort, allowing for the fuller development of fruity esters.

Double or triple-distillations are performed in 5,500L (1,450 USGal) & 3,650L (960 USGal) Forsyth's pot stills which were copper-smithed by hand in Speyside, Scotland, and shipped to the distillery.

As a result of its pursuit of excellence using traditional methods, Macaloney's has won several 'World Best' and many 'Canadian Best' gold medals in blind tastings at the industry's most competitive 'World Whiskies Awards'.





TRADITIONALLY MADE SINGLE MALTS FROM CANADA

PEAT PROJECT 54PPM RED WINE S.T.R. BARRIQUE

THIS GOLD MEDAL PEATED SINGLE MALT WHISKY WAS PEAT-SMOKED TO 54 PPM AT THE DISTILLERY, THE WORT WAS DOUBLE DISTILLED USING "TRICKLE DISTILLATION" THAT IS 50% SLOWER THAN A TRADITIONAL PROCESS TO ENSURE MAXIMAL COPPER CONTACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SMOOTHER, FRUITIER NEW-MAKE SPIRIT.

The cut in the spirit still is designed to select the lightest, fruitiest, most floral notes with an emphasis on quality over quantity. The resulting spirit yields are just 350 litres of pure alcohol per tonne of barley, compared to the Scottish standard of 425 litres per tonne. As a result, the new-make underpinning this whisky won 'Worlds Best' at the World Whiskies Awards.

Matured in S.T.R. Portuguese red wine barriques, this fully matured whisky won a gold medal and 'Canadian Best' at the World Whisky Awards.

AWARDS

- Best Canadian Single Cask Malt - 2022 / 2023 World Whiskies Awards
- Pot Still World's Best - 2023 World Whiskies Awards
- World's Best New Make - 2020 World Whiskies Awards
- World's Best New Make & Young Spirit - 2022 World Whiskies Awards
- Canada Single Cask Single Malt Winner - 2024 / 2023 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Medium peat smoke with wood ash, leather, tobacco, and candied orange. Floral and fruit notes.

PALATE: Creamy, very smooth and pleasantly warming, with sweet red wine, Demerara, blackcurrant, prune, date, sultana, and honeydew melon.

FINISH: Toffee fudge, perfume, floral nectar, a dry malt sweetness, with a hint of salt and lingering smoke befitting an 'island' dram.



WHISKY № 8/24

COTSWOLDS
DISTILLERY
England

52°01'32"N 1°33'58"W

Single Malt
46% ABV



Nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Cotswolds countryside, the Cotswolds Distillery was born from a dream to produce outstanding whisky in one of the most beautiful regions in the world.

It all started back in 2014, when founder Dan Szor, a native New Yorker, moved to the Cotswolds after working in finance in London for many years. Seeking to leave behind the world of finance, and to spend more time in the picturesque countryside of the Cotswolds with his family, it dawned on him that he could combine his love of whisky with his desire to start a new business.

Having found a derelict site near his house, just outside the beautiful village of Stourton, he set about building a distillery and a team to run it. The distillery was set up with guidance from renowned industry legends Harry Cockburn, former Distillery Manager

at Bowmore, and Dr Jim Swan, fondly known as 'the Einstein of whisky' for his formidable knowledge of the science of distillation and maturation.

In October 2017 the Cotswolds Signature Single Malt Whisky was released, the first whisky ever to be distilled in the Cotswolds. In 2022, the build of the brand-new whisky distillery was completed with a 2-tonne mash tun, and the capacity to produce 500,000 LPA per year.

The distillery has big ambitions when it comes to sustainability, with its wetlands project officially opening in 2024 which will allow the distillery to dispose of its effluent and water waste on site, without the need for transport, minimising its carbon footprint and creating a bio-diverse environment in which nature can thrive.





ENGLISH FOR WHISKY

COTSWOLDS SINGLE MALT

DEVELOPED SPECIALLY FOR THE WHISKY TOUR OF THE WORLD, COTSWOLDS NEW CHAR VIRGIN OAK SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS A WONDERFUL MARRIAGE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY FRESHLY CHARRED AMERICAN OAK CASKS WITH THE DISTILLERY'S VERY OWN SWEET AND FRUITY NEW-MAKE SPIRIT.

The production protocols follow a 92-hour fermentation, with high cut-points on the spirit still to get a lighter, fruity spirit.

This whisky has been aged full-term at the distillery in the Cotswolds and is bottled at 46% ABV. It is made with 100% locally-grown barley from the Cotswolds, and is non-chill filtered and of natural colour.

AWARDS

Gold - 2019 IWSC
Gold & Best Of Category - 2021 Judging Of Craft Spirits
Gold - 2021 London Spirits Competition
Gold & England Single Malt Winner - 2023 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Inviting aromas of nutty marzipan, creamy chocolate, and tropical banana.

PALATE: Beautiful texture, creamy and round, with sweet citrus fruit and black pepper

FINISH: Lengthy and satisfying finish, oak spices with pepper which sticks around.



WHISKY № 9/24

MACKMYRA
DISTILLERY
Sweden

60°39'52"N 17°06'01"E

Svensk Ek Single Malt
46.1% ABV

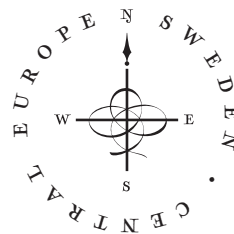


The idea to produce a Swedish whisky was conceived by eight friends in a mountain cabin on an annual trip in 1998. They were enjoying drinking whisky, when one of them wondered why there was no Swedish malt whisky. The question remained unanswered, but soon the friends' vision to become pioneers and produce the first Swedish malt whisky took shape. One year later, in 1999, Mackmyra Svensk Whisky was established.

Mackmyra Svensk Ek wanted to create an entirely Swedish whisky, made in a Swedish way with Swedish ingredients. It was important to find a distinctive taste instead of just making a Swedish copy of a Scotch whisky. "Svensk Ek" means Swedish Oak.

Much of the world's whisky is aged in American Bourbon casks. However, to create a whisky that was 100% Swedish, casks made from Swedish oak were required. The very first Swedish cask was delivered in 2000. This oak is spicier than US oak, producing notes reminiscent of black pepper and more intense distinctive flavour.

Before the wood is turned into casks, it is dried and then coopered by hand. The inside of each cask is charred to open the woodgrain, which helps the flavour of the whisky develop. Svensk Ek remains one of the distillery's most popular whiskies, and the flagship Swedish whisky.





WITH ATTITUDE FROM SWEDEN

SVENSK EK WHISKY

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SVENSK EK IS MADE WITH LOCAL BARLEY, SPRING WATER AND SWEDISH OAK. MACKMYRA DEVELOPED THE 30-LITRE CASK WHICH, IN ITS SMALLER FORMAT, ALLOWS THE WHISKY TO MATURE MORE INTENSELY. THE WHISKY IS AGED IN A UNIQUE LOCATION NEAR THE DISTILLERY: THE OLD BODAS MINE, 50 METRES UNDERGROUND.

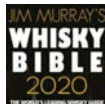
Mackmyra uses a ground-breaking Gravity Distillery, which harnesses the force of gravity to aid production, and is designed to reduce substantially the carbon footprint.

At the back of the distillery are two large silos each filled with 40 tonnes of malt – one holding Mackmyra's smoked malt, and the other containing unsmoked malt. The first phase of production sees the malt raised to the top of the 35-metre-tall distillery. Gravity allows the ingredients to fall downwards, and they undergo a new phase at each level. Through five stages, malted barley, yeast and water are processed into a finished new-make spirit.

AWARDS

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92 Points - 2022 IWSC
95/100 - 2020 Jim Murray's Whisky Bible
Bronze - 2022 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Spicy, with notes of sandalwood, dried ginger, black pepper, roasted oak and herbs.

PALATE: Fruity undertones.

FINISH: Vanilla and toffee.



WHISKY № 10/24

PICCADILY
DISTILLERY
India

28°27'52"N 77°02'56"E

Indri Single Malt
46% ABV



Piccadily is the largest independent manufacturer and seller of malt spirits in India and the foremost seller of malt spirits in the country. The distillery is set in a quaint village named Indri, nestled near the Himalayan foothills in the catchment area of the river Yamuna. Settled along the historic Grand Trunk Road, a pathway steeped in history, the distillery's strategic location reflects a connection to the centuries-old trade routes that linked Central Asia to the Indian subcontinent.

At the heart of its operations are six traditional Scottish-style copper pot stills, a nod both to tradition and innovation: these stills are a vital part of the distillation process and are also

locally crafted. Three are wash stills (25,000 litres) and three are spirit stills (15,000 litres). This indigenous craftsmanship adds a unique touch to the production of spirits.

The distillery has an impressive production capacity of 12,000 litres of spirits daily, and up to 4 million litres annually. Beyond its production capabilities, Piccadily Distilleries is making strides in expanding its warehousing capacity, with plans to accommodate up to 70,000 barrels. The barrels are American-imported oak barrels which are assembled, toasted, charred and repaired by an expert team of in-house coopers.



SUSTAINABLE
THINKING

Piccadily Distilleries is committed to sustainable practices, operating on 100% renewable energy and aligning its practices with eco-conscious principles.

THE SPIRIT OF FIVE SENSES



INDRI - TRIPLE CASK

AT THE HELM OF PICCADILY DISTILLERIES IS INDRI, A ONE-OF-ITS-KIND SINGLE MALT MADE IN INDIA. LAUNCHED IN 2021, INDRI - TRIPLE CASK IS INDIA'S FIRST TRIPLE-CASK SINGLE MALT BOTTLED AT 46% ABV. INDRI, OR INDRIYA IN SANSKRIT, REFERS TO THE 5 SENSES. THE SINGLE MALT IS MATURED IN THREE CASKS - EX-BOURBON, EX-FRENCH RED WINE, AND PX SHERRY.

Having won more than 14 global awards so far, Indri has put India on the world map of premium Single Malts. The whisky is meticulously handcrafted from the classic 6-row Indian barley, paying tribute to centuries of barley growing tradition in Rajasthan. This smooth Single Malt carries a deep amber colour, and notes of caramelised pineapple, vanilla, black tea, raisin, honey - and a long aftertaste of sweet fruity flavours.

AWARDS

Platinum - 2022 Las Vegas Global Spirits Awards
91 Points - 2022 IWSC
Gold - 2022 International Spirits Challenge
Gold - 2022 International Whisky Competition - Gold
94 points - 2022 Whisky Advocate
Category Winner - 2022 World Whisky Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Light in style with a rich backbone of malt whisky. Cereal notes and a soft sweetness.

PALATE: Caramelised pineapple, vanilla, black tea, raisins and honey.

FINISH: Long aftertaste of sweet fruity flavours and a hint of spice.



WHISKY № 11/24

DISTILLERY
KRAUSS
Austria

46°45'40"N 15°17'08"E

Sulm Valley Whiskey
46% ABV

Distillery Krauss burst onto the world whisky scene in 2022 when the distillery won “Best World Whisky” at the Las Vegas Global Spirit awards.

Since then, the company has won around one hundred gold, double gold and platinum medals at international tastings.

Its success to date is down to the founders Carmen and Werner Krauss who both have a PhD in Chemistry, and have always shared a passion for producing high-quality whisky.

The distillery is in Styria in the south of Austria, a region known for its fruity white wines, cultivated on the gentle hills, as well as numerous fruit varieties. The valleys provide the perfect conditions for growing corn.

The first international spirit to be produced was whisky. The company’s whisky is a homage to fruit brandy production, where the primary aim is to identify clearly the original product in the finished spirit, both in aroma and in flavour.

Like many others, Distillery Krauss started in a garage with a small 100-litre still, with which Master Distiller Werner spent thousands of hours and which he still uses for new developments. Over time, the range and the distillery grew until in 2018 the distillery left the garage and moved to a new location.

A recent distillation was awarded 98 out of 100 points as "Best World Whisky" at the Las Vegas Global Spirit Awards





THAT'S THE SPIRIT

SULM VALLEY

SULM VALLEY WHISKY USES CORN FROM THE SULM VALLEY - ONE OF THE BEST CORN-GROWING REGIONS IN THE WORLD - AND THIS IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT OF THE MASH BILL, ACCOUNTING FOR 70%. THE MAIZE IS A VERY OLD VARIETY THAT HAS NOT BEEN HYBRIDISED OR GENETICALLY MODIFIED. THE REMAINDER IS DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN RYE AND WHEAT MALT. THE VERY SOFT SPRING WATER OF THE KORALPE IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR THE PERFECT TASTE.

The raw materials are recognisable both on the nose and on the palate. The wood of the new American white oak barrique barrels supports the flavour, but does not dominate the whisky, even after three years of storage and the heavy charring of the barrels. Both the corn and the barrels give the whisky a pleasantly sweet impression, and the whisky is very smooth with an ABV of 46% and a long-lasting finish.

AWARDS

Double Gold - 2020 CWSA
Distillery of the Year - 2020, 2021, 2022 World Spirits Award
Double Gold / Spirit of the Year - 2022 World Spirits Award
Double Gold - 2021 San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Platinum - 2020, 2022 Las Vegas Global Spirit Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Waxy, leather, and fruit notes

PALATE: Similar palate with warm waxy notes, stone fruits a subtle sweetness and gentle oak.

FINISH: A long and sweet finish featuring stone and tropical fruits, drying and peppery.



WHISKY № 12/24

POKENO

New Zealand

37°14'55"S 175°01'06"E

Single Malt Whisky

43% ABV



The Pokeno Whisky Company was founded in 2017 and began distillation in early 2019. It is New Zealand's largest and only specialised single malt distillery. It has a purpose-built state-of-the-art distillery, with all operations conducted on site including New Zealand's only cooperage.

The distillery sources premium New Zealand malted barley from three family-owned farms, and its New Zealand spring water trickles down from the volcanic hills surrounding the distillery to the distillery's own aquifer.

Nothing is rushed at Pokeno, from the long recirculation of the wort and the slow transfers, to the long fermentations and slow distillations to encourage

maximum reflux. Filled into only the finest casks, New Zealand's sub-tropical climate takes care of the rest. The high evaporation rates of 9% per year help produce an incredibly sweet and fruity single malt.

The majority of the single malt is filled into first-fill Bourbon casks, and these are used only once for the maturation of single malt. With the rapid ageing due to the climate, most of the goodness is taken from the wood after this first maturation. Sherry casks are sourced from a renowned bodega in Spain; wine casks come from some of New Zealand's top wineries; and other special casks come from around the world. In the cooperage the Master Cooper also crafts casks from New Zealand native wood.



ACCOLADES

Pokeno Origin was awarded a gold medal at the Las Vegas Global Spirits awards, as well as being awarded the Best World Single Malt. Jim Murray gave Origin 92 points in the 2024 Whisky Bible.

DARE TO DISCOVER DIFFERENT



POKENO ORIGIN

POKENO ORIGIN IS THE DISTILLERY'S SIGNATURE MALT, MADE WITH LAUREATE MALTED BARLEY, GROWN IN THE NORTH OF THE SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND, AND MALTED TO A PRECISE SPECIFICATION.

After a long fermentation of 80 hours, a slow double-distillation takes place to maximise reflux and copper contact in the still. The spirit distillation is run at around 3 litres per minute, which pushes the ABV up to around 75%, almost unheard of for a double-distillation. A very small heart of around 20% of the run is used to fill only the sweetest spirit into cask.

Pokeno Origin is aged in first-fill Bourbon casks. After maturation it is bottled on site at the distillery at 43% ABV. All the single malts are of natural colour.

AWARDS

92 Points - 2024 Jim Murray's Whisky Bible
Gold & Best World Single Malt Whiskey
- 2023 Las Vegas Global Spirit Awards
Gold - 2024 San Francisco World Spirits Competition



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Smooth, fruity and sweet.

PALATE: Citrus notes shine through, with creamy vanilla and honey.

FINISH: The citrus continues with rich butterscotch, vanilla and notes of milk chocolate.



WHISKY № 13/24

FIELDEN
WHISKY
England

51°45'08"N 1°13'25"W

Rye Whisky
48% ABV



Fielden is a whisky that puts farming at the heart of everything it does. It prides itself as the English whisky that's changing farming, field by field, harvest by harvest.

Most modern grain is grown industrially, and many rely on a range of treatments such as pesticides, herbicides and insecticides to keep the grain healthy. However this is not the case on Fielden's farms. Fielden plants only heritage grains that thrived in this soil centuries ago. Its farmers work with nature and never use chemicals.

To achieve this, Fielden's heritage grain grows in white clover - a natural fertiliser that helps the soil stay healthy. Over time, these grains adapt to the soil

and the weather resulting in fields that look very different to their industrially-farmed cousins. They have more birds and insects, and a greater mix of plants and wildflowers. The grain grows tall and strong and it makes a whisky full of flavour: think warm flaky pastry, butter and caramel.

From soil to still, everything Fielden does is about bringing out the depth of flavours in their heritage grains. These grains grow deeper roots, taking on more nutrients from the soil so they're naturally full of flavour. To get the most out of these grains, Fielden uses multiple mashbills and bespoke processes for mashing, fermenting, distilling and maturation.





WHAT'S WHISKY GOT TO DO WITH FARMING? EVERYTHING.

FIELDEN RYE WHISKY

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THIS WHISKY IS THE BEST OF FIELDEN'S FIELDS, BOTTLED. THE RECIPE USED TO MAKE FIELDEN RYE WHISKY IS COMPOSED OF MALTED RYE, MALTED BARLEY AND UNMALTED RYE AND WHEAT. THIS WHISKY IS DOUBLE-DISTILLED IN BOTH POT AND COLUMN STILLS AND LAID DOWN IN AMERICAN OAK CASKS AND A SELECTION OF EX-WINE CASKS.

Fielden mashes, ferments and distils on grain - like a majority of US distilleries - so the grain gives more character during distillation, contributing to a heavier and oilier spirit. The diversity of Fielden's grain requires a dynamic maturation programme. Fielden uses new oak, refilled rye casks, repurposed casks and ex wine casks in its warehouses, as well as racking and transferring between casks. The result is a whisky that is easy to drink, yet packed full of flavour.

AWARDS

#34 - 2023 Drinks International World's Most Admired Whiskies
Winner - 2024 Walpole Brands Of Tomorrow



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Apples and wild berries with butter and caramel.

PALATE: Flaky pastry with hazelnuts and freshly baked bread.

FINISH: Winter spices and herbs, savoury chocolate and toast.



WHISKY № 14/24

DESTILERÍA Y BODEGA
ABASOLO
Mexico

19°56'30"N 99°31'40"W

Corn Whisky
43% ABV



Abasolo Whisky is the first dedicated whisky distillery in Mexico with a farm-to-bottle approach. Founded in 2017, Destileria y Bodega Abasolo is also one of the highest whisky distilleries in the world at 7800ft.

At the centre of everything the distillery does is a reverence for corn, which is the central ingredient in its whisky. Abasolo Ancestral Corn Whisky is crafted and distilled from 100% Mexican Cacahuazintle corn, which has been cultivated and passed down for more than 200 generations by local farmers for its rich and distinct flavour. This corn only grows above 7000 feet

above sea level, and is found exclusively in elevated valleys throughout the Mexican states of Estado de México, Tlaxcala and Puebla. The distillery works directly with corn farmers in the mountainous areas of Mexico, paying without intermediaries, and supporting farmers with direct financing.

Built on a property that was originally used for planting and drying corn, the distillery consists of a stable, an original cellar, and a farmer's house, along with a modern architectural structure inspired by traditional corn storage systems called "sincolotes".



METHOD

*Harvest
Trimming
Nixtamalisation
Roasting
Milling
Malting
Mashing
Slow Fermentation
Double Distillation
Barrel Ageing*

FROM THE BIRTHPLACE OF CORN



ABASOLO WHISKY

MEXICAN CACAHUAZINTLE CORN IS PREPARED USING A 4,000-YEAR-OLD COOKING METHOD CALLED "NIXTAMALISATION", A PROCESS THAT INCLUDES SOAKING THE CORN IN A LIMEWATER ALKALINE SOLUTION. AFTER NIXTAMALISATION THE CORN IS ROASTED AND THEN MILLED IN A STONE TORTILLA MILL UNTIL IT BECOMES A FINE FLOUR THAT SERVES AS THE BASE FOR THE WHISKY.

The roasted, nixtamalised corn flour is then dissolved in stainless steel tanks with hot water to transform the starch into wort which can be fermented by yeast. Abasolo's wort is slowly fermented with a selected yeast for more than 120 hours until all sugars are converted into alcohol. Abasolo uses traditional copper stills to make a first distillation, achieving a spirit that emerges at 40% ABV. A second and slow distillation concentrates the alcohol at 62.5% ABV making it ready for ageing. The whisky is matured in new toasted and used oak casks in an open warehouse with a light roof and no walls, allowing the natural environment and high altitude of Jilotepec to interact with the whisky.

AWARDS

Gold - 2023 Ascot Awards
95 Points - 2021 IWSC
Triple Gold & 94 Points - 2023 MLSA Competition
Double Gold - 2021 SIP Awards
Gold - 2021 World Whisky Masters Of The Spirits Business

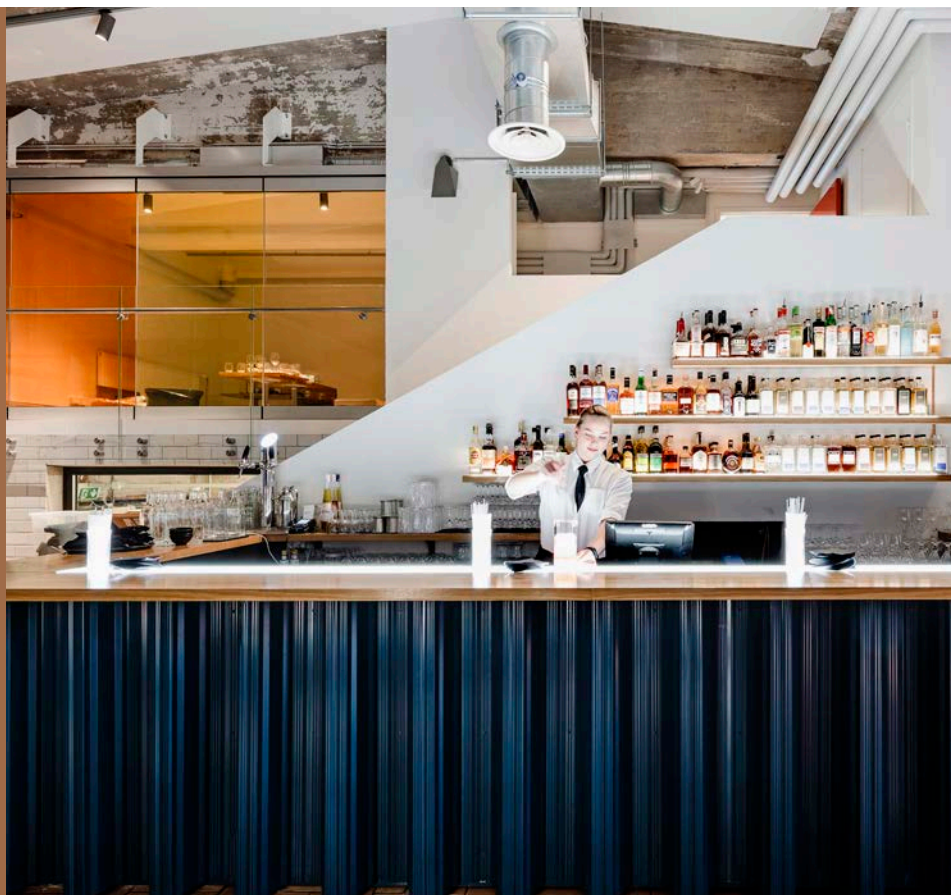


TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Corn, toffee, tart apple, chamomile tea

PALATE: Deep, nuanced notes of roasted corn, honey and vanilla complemented by black tea and leather notes.

FINISH: White pepper, dab of oak, corn and light spices linger.



WHISKY № 15/24

THE HELSINKI
DISTILLING Co.

Finland

60°11'24"N 24°58'11"E

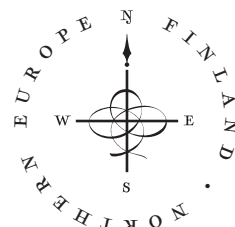
Rye Malt Whiskey
47.5% ABV

The Helsinki Distilling Company is in the heart of Helsinki's gastro-culture, Teurastamo. This means abattoir in Finnish, and true to its name, the area served as the city's slaughterhouse from the 1930s to the 1990s. The distillery building was used as a power plant for 30 years, and afterwards as a soap factory, a meatball factory, a car wash and a wine cellar.

Today it is the home of the first new distillery in Helsinki for more than 100 years. Run by two friends, Kai Kilpinen and Mikko Mykkanen, this little corner in the abattoir district produces award-winning Rye Malt and Single Malt whisky.

The Helsinki Distilling Company has been distilling since 2014. Even though Rye Malt Whiskey is the main product, four types of whisky are produced: two rye whiskies, a single malt, and the only corn whisky from Finland. All whisky is made from local Finnish grains and pure Finnish water.

Sustainability is at the core of The Helsinki Distilling Company, supporting circular economy projects, such as delivering the used mash to be converted into bio-gas. The manufacturing process uses bio-gas as the source of energy, and uses energy recovery effectively: the cooling water used in distillation is used in the mashing process without the need to heat the water separately.



The whiskies are matured in a 160-year-old cellar in the heart of Helsinki. In addition to maturing the whisky, the cellar hosts tours, tastings, and small events.





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HELSINKI WHISKEY RYE MALT

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HELSINKI WHISKEY RYE MALT IS A MELLOW FINNISH RYE MALT WHISKY. IT IS MADE USING ONLY THE BEST FINNISH MALTED RYE AND BARLEY. IT IS SMALL-BATCH DISTILLED BY HAND, AND MATURED IN CAREFULLY SELECTED OAK CASKS. BARLEY GIVES THE WHISKY ITS VELVETY SMOOTHNESS, AND RYE ITS SPICY SWEETNESS.

The whisky is a vatting of American Virgin Oak and specially selected ex-Bourbon barrels. All the casks are 200-litre with char levels ranging from 1 to 4. The whisky has been matured for at least five years at the distillery's whisky cellar.

AWARDS

Category Winner - 2024 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Vanilla and fudge from the virgin oak cask, malted rye and freshly baked rye loaf from the distillate. Malts and dark chocolate.

PALATE: Notes of vanilla, dried pears and figs, caramel, liquorice, herbs, coffee and dark chocolate.

FINISH: Long, it lingers on the insides of the cheeks. Spiciness of rye whisky is evident.



WHISKY № 16/24

BRECKENRIDGE
DISTILLERY
U.S.A

39°30'34"N 106°03'08"W

Bourbon Whiskey
43% ABV



Breckenridge Distillery, based in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, sits at an altitude of 9,600 feet (2930 metres), and is one of the world's highest distilleries. It is also home to one of the most highly awarded craft Bourbons in the US.

The distillery was founded by Bryan Nolt, a doctor turned distiller with a love of fine Scotch whisky. The idea for Breckenridge came when he was fly fishing in the Mohawk lakes, having just returned from Scotland on a search for rare spirits. "Hiking down from the lake, the light went off", he says.

The beautiful setting provided the impetus to create great whisky inspired by the traditions of Scotland.

Since starting operations in 2008 and releasing its first Bourbon three years later, Breckenridge Distillery has become one of the most highly awarded producers of fine spirits in the USA. It has been named a 3-time Icon of Whisky, and is a 10-time winner of Best American Blended whiskey at the World Whiskies Awards. Breckenridge spirits have been awarded 6 Double Golds at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.



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THE WORLD'S HIGHEST DISTILLERY



BRECKENRIDGE BOURBON WHISKEY

BRECKENRIDGE DISTILLERY IS MOST WIDELY KNOWN FOR ITS BLENDED BOURBON WHISKEY, A HIGH-RYE MASH AMERICAN-STYLE WHISKEY.

Breckenridge Bourbon Whiskey is produced in 10,000 gallon fermentation tanks, then sent to a 42-foot continuous column still. Aged in brand-new Bourbon barrels, the whiskies are crafted with no chill-filtration to retain their full flavour and robust mouthfeel, and blended with 15-20 barrels that are aged for a minimum of 4 years.

The highest quality Rocky Mountains water is used, and the mountains feature prominently in every product the distillery makes. The high-rye mash bill makes this formula a Scotch lover's Bourbon, as well as appealing to traditional Bourbon enthusiasts.

AWARDS

96pts, Extraordinary Ultimate Recommendation - 2012 Ultimate Spirits Challenge
Best American Blended - 2016 World Whiskies Awards
Icons of Whisky Brand Innovator of the Year - 2018 World Whiskies Awards
Icons of Whisky Campaign Innovator of the Year - 2020 World Whiskies Awards
Double Gold, 96 pts - 2023 New York International Spirits Competition
Double Gold - 2023 San Francisco World Spirits Competition



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Matured oak complimented by honey and nectarine with a subtle, earthy undertone of mild cacao.

PALATE: Cacao presents itself throughout the palate, balanced with an oak and vanilla spice. Medium dark chocolate comes through on the end.

FINISH: Gentle finish, light wood, peppermint and corn mash that quickly fades.



WHISKY № 17/24

M&H
DISTILLERY
Israel

32°05'00"N 34°45'47"E

Classic Single Malt
46% ABV

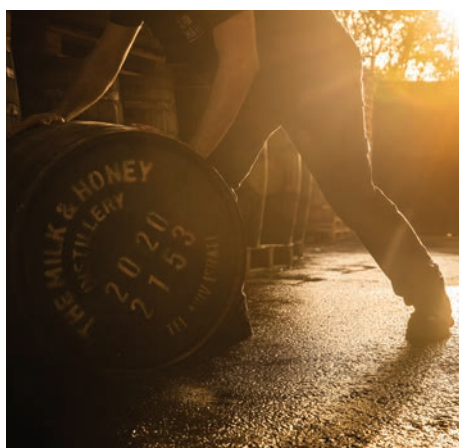


M&H Distillery is Israel's first single malt distillery. Located in Tel Aviv, the distillery crafts single malt whiskies that embody innovation and creativity but which also follow the regulations in place in Scotland. In 2023, the distillery received the World's Best Single Malt Whisky award for its Elements Sherry Cask at the World Whiskies Awards.

The hot climate of Israel is one of the major advantages of the distillery, making Israeli whisky production unique, and accelerating the maturation process, allowing the whiskies to develop complex flavours and aromas much faster than in cold countries.

The M&H casks are selected after a lengthy screening process and are planned years ahead. The core range casks are ex-Bourbon, ex-red wine, and STR (Shaved, Toasted, Recharred).

The M&H Distillery was founded with a commitment to the highest international standards of quality and respect for the centuries-old traditions of whisky making. For that reason, the world-renowned Dr. Jim Swan, a leading expert in hot-climate maturation and new world whisky, was brought on-board as the main consultant and first master distiller and he advised the distillery until he passed away in 2017.



UNIQUE CLIMATE

Israel's five climate regions allow the distillery to craft and age unique whiskies. Each region has a different impact on whisky maturation. In sunny Tel Aviv, the Angel's Share is around 10% per year. By contrast, in the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea, where temperatures reach up to 50 degrees Celsius, the Angel's Share is 25% per year, giving the whisky strong and intense flavours.

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BOLD IDEAS. BOLD WHISKY.

M&H CLASSIC SINGLE MALT WHISKY

M&H CLASSIC SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS MADE USING THE FINEST EX-BOURBON CASKS AND SPECIAL RED WINE STR (SHAVED-TOASTED-RECHARRED) CASKS, GIVING IT A LIGHT AND BALANCED CHARACTER. THIS SMOOTH, EASY-DRINKING CLASSIC SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS MATURED UNDER THE TEL AVIV SUN.

The whisky is matured for at least 3 years, in order to ensure that it has observed the same ageing requirements as required by law in Scotland for all whisky distilled there.

The distillery experiments with diverse casks from around the world – and also from Israeli wineries, such as pomegranate wine casks – to impart distinct characteristics to its whisky.

AWARDS

94 Points - 2023 Ultimate Spirits Challenge
World's Best Single Malt - 2023 World Whiskies Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Gentle vanilla sweetness followed by light oak and floral notes

PALATE: Light body, vanilla, caramel, and honey sweetness, balanced by oaky notes and light black pepper spiciness.

FINISH: Short but delicate. The oak notes linger on the palate for a while with a nice light spiciness.



WHISKY № 18/24

WARENGHEM
DISTILLERY
France

48°43'28"N 5°25'59"W

Armorik Single Malt
46% ABV

The Warenghem distillery in Brittany is a family-run distillery, founded in 1900 in Lannion, and carries a legacy of making eaux-de-vie fruit brandies. The distillery has been run by just two families for more than a century.

The distillery is based in Trégor, on the Pink Granite Coast in the Armorique area of Brittany, a few miles from the sea. Exposed to all the elements of the Northern Atlantic, storms and waves have carved the region into a beautiful and dramatic landscape.

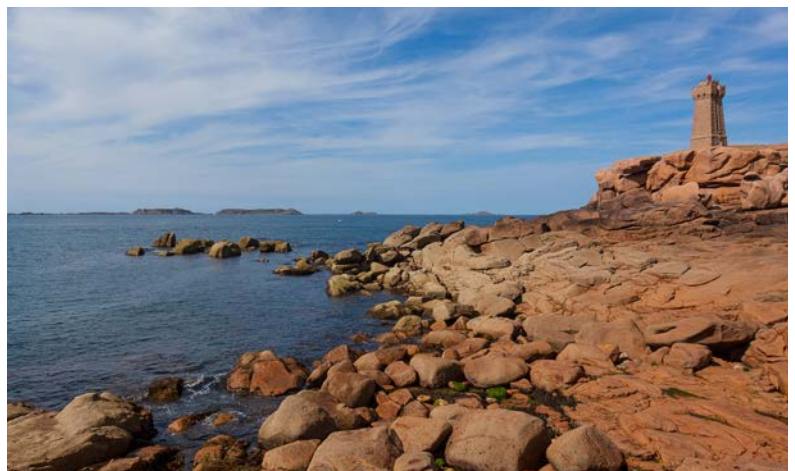
The distillery produced its first whisky in 1987. This was the first Breton and French whisky ever produced. In 1993

the distillery constructed the first French distillery which was solely dedicated to the production of whisky, and in 1998 the first French single malt whisky was launched under the Armorik name.

The distillery sources everything locally; the barley is French and organic, and a third of the required Barley is harvested in Brittany from small local growers. The pure crystal-clear water is drawn from the spring 100 metres below the distillery, while some of the casks are cut from Breton oak in the Cranou forest and assembled in the distillery's cooperage in Lannion.

GEOGRAPHICAL GUARANTEE

In 2015 the distillery initiated a process to have Brittany whisky recognised as a Geographical Indication (GI) to ensure the quality and consistency of the whiskies produced in the region. This GI guarantees that Breton whiskies are made with water sourced locally, the barley and grain are local and French, and the whiskies are fermented, distilled and aged in Brittany. This provides whisky lovers with a guarantee that these whiskies are truly Breton whiskies.





BRITTANY IS OUR TERROIR

ARMORIK CLASSIC

ARMORIK CLASSIC IS AN IDEAL INITIATION TO DISCOVER THE AROMATIC STYLE OF BRETON WHISKIES. IT IS AN ENJOYABLE WHISKY FOR AMATEURS AND AFFICIONADOS ALIKE, AND THE PERFECT RESULT OF AGEING IN BOURBON CASKS.

The whisky goes through a double-distillation in copper pot stills, is non-chill filtered, has natural colour from the cask, and is certified organic.

AWARDS

Silver Medal - 2021 / 2017 International Spirits Challenge
88/100 - 2018 Whisky Advocate
Silver Medal 91/100 - 2021 IWSC
Silver Medal - 2022 New Wizards of Whisky
Silver Medal - 2023 International Spirits Challenge



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Intense and complex | lightly spiced grains, a hint of exotic fruits (mango, passion fruit).

PALATE: Fresh and smooth | fresh fruits (peach, apricot), a touch of vanilla, hints of roasting.

FINISH: Long, hint of iodine.



WHISKY № 19/24

GREEN RIVER
DISTILLING Co.
U.S.A

37°48'41"N 85°24'35"W

Bourbon Whiskey
45% ABV



Green River distilling Company has a long and winding history. Started in 1885, Owensboro-based Green River is the 10th oldest distillery licensed in Kentucky. The brand quickly became synonymous with quality and was regarded as producing some of the finest Bourbon from Kentucky. Known as "the Whiskey Without Regrets" the brand has a long, rich history.

Prior to Prohibition, it served as the official medicinal whiskey of the US Marine Hospital. On one occasion 20 barrels were traded for an interest in a Colorado gold mine that paid out - which led to Green River being called the most expensive whiskey ever sold. Green River Bourbon enjoyed years of success before a catastrophic distillery fire in 1918. Two years later the adoption of

Prohibition added to the distillery's difficulties. The distillery was rebuilt after Prohibition ended (1933), but distribution eventually stopped in 1955.

The distillery has recently been reborn and today Green River is part of Bardstown Bourbon Company, a top 10 whiskey distiller in the US. Reconstruction on the distillery began in 2014, and by 2016 Green River whiskey was once again being distilled on its original site. Reintroduced to the world in 2022, Green River Distilling Co. serves as the westernmost outpost of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail.

With classic recipes and a growing portfolio of whiskeys, Green River offers a signature high-rye Bourbon, a wheated Bourbon, and a Kentucky straight rye whiskey.



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WHISKEY WITHOUT REGRETS

GREEN RIVER KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY

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GREEN RIVER KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY IS DISTILLED AND AGED ONSITE AT SOME OF THE OLDEST WAREHOUSES IN THE STATE

Rich in colour with a golden amber hue, Green River is made with locally-sourced corn featuring a mashbill of 70% corn, 21% winter rye, and 9% malted barley. A blend of 4- to 6-year-old first-use barrels, it is bottled at 45% ABV with rich depth and character. The higher rye content contributes to the warming spice notes on the nose and palate.

TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Brown sugar and caramel, underlay of crème brûlée and butterscotch.

PALATE: Caramel, cream candy and dark brown sugar, turns to mixed nuts and dark fruit before herbal and floral notes. Very light oak base.

FINISH: Herbal and dark fruits with a layer of thick leather and mellow oak, before rye spice and pepper.

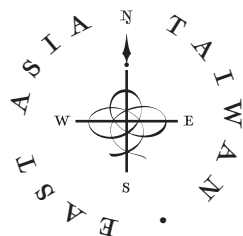


WHISKY № 20/24

KAVALAN
DISTILLERY
Taiwan

24°42'50"N 121°41'18"E

Triple Sherry Cask
Single Malt
40% ABV



Established in 2005, Kavalan Single Malt Whisky was Taiwan's first whisky distillery and can lay claim to creating a new category and putting Taiwan on the whisky map.

Located in Yilan, a northeastern county in Taiwan, Kavalan takes the historical name of the county. Surrounded by mountains and sea, the distillery sources the headwaters of Snow Mountain, and is matured in the region's subtropical heat; near perfect conditions for whisky production.

The Distillery was completed in 2005 and brought together a highly skilled R&D team of whisky experts.

The distillery is privately owned by the Lee family and is part of its "KingCar Group" with more than 40 years of beverage experience.

The distillery carries out every step of whisky production, from milling, mashing and fermentation to distillation, maturation and bottling.

Kavalan released its first whisky in 2008 and since then has amassed some of the spirits industry's highest honours, winning "World Whisky Producer of the Year" for four consecutive years at the International Spirits Challenge (ISC), and "Distiller of the Year" at the International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC).



PIONEERS

The founders of Kavalan, group Chairman Mr Tien Tsai Lee and CEO Mr Yu-Ting Lee, are a Chinese first and first father-and-son duo to be inducted into the World Whiskies Awards (WWA) "Hall of Fame."

PIONEERING THE ART OF SINGLE MALT WHISKY IN TAIWAN



KAVALAN TRIPLE SHERRY CASK

KAVALAN TRIPLE SHERRY CASK SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS A COMBINATION OF THREE EXQUISITE SHERRY-AGED CASKS - OLOROSO, PEDRO XIMENEZ, AND MOSCATEL - WITH THE DRIED FRUITS OF OLOROSO AS ITS MAIN CHARACTER.

Rich caramel and the sweetness of maltose are layered on the distillery's unique tropical fruitiness to create a delicate but distinct sherried whisky. At 40% ABV, the Triple Sherry Cask is a great introduction to Kavalan's signature flavours.

AWARDS

Distiller of the Year - 2023 Icons of Whisky
Tourism Trophy - 2023 International Spirits Challenge
Double Gold - 2023 San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Gold - 2023 Tokyo Whisky & Spirits Competition
Gold - 2023 World Whisky Master
91 Points - International Drinks Specialists



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Ripe, mature berries and dried fruits, fresh scents of grapes and citrus interlaced with chocolate brownie and toffee sweetness.

PALATE: Hints of cinnamon, clover and spiciness, blending into pleasant oakiness and fragrant rosemary.

FINISH: Lingering flavours of sherry dried fruits. Warm and smooth with a mellow texture. Candied fruit, caramel, and honey sweetness on the finish.



WHISKY № 21/24

ARBIKIE
DISTILLERY
Scotland

56°39'49"N 2°31'40"W

Single Grain
Scotch Whisky
48% ABV



Arbikie Distillery is based on the Arbikie Estate, a family-owned working farm in Angus on the rugged east coast of Scotland. The distillery was founded by the Stirling brothers - John, Iain, and David - who come from a long lineage of farmers which can be traced back to 1660. It remains a family-owned venture driven by a passion for authenticity and a deep connection to the land.

The farm estate, where the distillery stands, spans more than 2,000 acres of fertile soil, providing the perfect backdrop for the cultivation of the ingredients that go into Arbikie whiskies.

The distillery has a field-to-bottle philosophy, with the team at Arbikie overseeing every aspect of production, from planting and harvesting the grains to distillation and bottling, ensuring that the whisky is made with only the finest locally-sourced ingredients.

The Stirling family has always farmed with a respect for the land and sustainability, and this also is a core value at the distillery. The distillery has taken steps to become the World's First Hydrogen Powered Distillery by installing a 1 MW wind turbine, electrolyser, hydrogen storage and hydrogen boiler system. The packaging is also produced with the same dedication to sustainability.

MASTER
DISTILLER

Whisky production at Arbikie is overseen by Master Distiller Kirsty Black and Production Manager Christian Perez Solar





FIELD TO BOTTLE

ARBIKIE 1794

ARBIKIE 1794 HIGHLAND RYE SINGLE GRAIN SCOTCH WHISKY TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE FIRST RECORDED YEAR OF A DISTILLERY BEING PRESENT ON THIS LAND IN ANGUS, 230 YEARS AGO.

The whisky is distilled from carefully selected grains grown on the farm - Magnifico rye, Concerto malted barley, and Zulu wheat - and is matured in new, charred American oak barrels.

On the palate, the whisky unveils a well-balanced fusion of black tea, forest berries, caramel and a gentle warmth that lingers. The finish is chocolatey smooth and enduring.

AWARDS

Sustainable Distillery Of The Year - 2023 Scottish Whisky Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Caraway seeds, blackberries, citrus, cocoa and vanilla pods.

PALATE: Cloves, forest berries, orange zest, black tea and caramel wafer.

FINISH: Ripe stone fruit, dark chocolate and black tea.



WHISKY № 22/24

PUNI
DISTILLERY
Italy

46°40'11"N 10°33'42"E

Malt Whisky
43% ABV



PUNI Distillery was the first whisky distillery in Italy and remains Italy's premier whisky distillery to this day. The distillery is nestled in the idyllic Venosta Valley near the small medieval town of Glorenza in northwest Italy, only 6 miles from the Swiss border. Rooted in tradition, PUNI Distillery was founded by the Ebersperger family in January 2010.

The contemporary aesthetics of the awe-inspiring distillery, envisioned by local architect

Werner Tscholl, epitomises the relationship between classical design and modern innovation.

The outer hull of the building is made with offset red bricks and was inspired by the traditional building style of barn windows, typical in the region. The whisky is produced inside this 13 by 13 metre cube, below ground level.

At its foundation, the distillery's terroir highlights South Tyrol's climate, marked by warm summers and cold winters, hastening the maturation process in a natural way.

Pristine Alpine water sourced from the nearby Stelvio National Park, combined with a diverse array of cask selections, lays the groundwork for a superb Italian Malt Whisky.

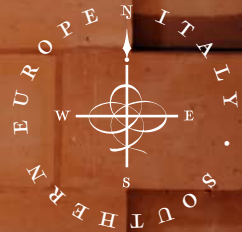
As stunning as the architecture of the distillery are the elegant and understated bottle designs. Crafted by Italian designer Christian Zanzotti, the modern interpretation of the classic whisky bottle highlights Italy's affinity for graceful aesthetics.

The distillery uses traditional Scottish pot-still methods with innovative technological advancements, employing two original copper stills crafted by Forsyths of Scotland, and an ingenious superheated water system that allows for a gentle and precise distillation.



VOL IV · TRIUMPH

THE ITALIAN MALT WHISKY



PUNI GOLD

THIS WHISKY IS BASED ON A RECIPE USING MALTED BARLEY AND A SMALL PROPORTION OF MALTED RYE AND MALTED WHEAT. THE WHISKY IS MATURED EXCLUSIVELY IN EX-BOURBON CASKS AND BOTTLED AT 43% ABV. IT IS NEITHER COLOURED NOR CHILL FILTERED.

PUNI GOLD has a fusion of aromatic summer fruits, creamy vanilla, and a lingering hint of spicy oak.

AWARDS

92.5 Points - 2020 Jim Murray's World Whisky Bible
92 Points Silver - 2019 IWSC
Silver Outstanding - 2018 IWSC
Double Gold - 2018 CWSA
World's Best Design - 2016 World Whisky Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Hints of delicate candyfloss sweetness intertwine with lush vanilla nuances and fragrant, ripe peaches.

PALATE: White roses and subtle spicy oak wood notes with citrus, apple and pear.

FINISH: banana, ripe mango, and caramel, invigorated by traces of white pepper.



WHISKY № 23/24

LARK
DISTILLERY
Australia

42°39'51"S 147°16'08"E

Single Malt
43% ABV



Founded by Bill and Lyn Lark in 1992, Lark Distilling Company has been crafting award-winning Tasmanian whisky for more than 30 years. From humble beginnings on a kitchen table, Lark became Tasmania's first licensed distillery in 154 years and a leading single malt whisky, headlined by its Classic Cask Single Malt.

The distillery fully integrates the natural landscapes and biodiversity of the island, from local barley to fresh water sources and Lark's own central highlands peat bog.

Today, Lark is locally and internationally recognised for its whiskies and approach to distilling. At the World Whiskies Awards in 2024, Lark was crowned best Single Malt Whisky in the region, as well as being awarded a number of gold medals. Bill Lark was recognised and honoured for his life-long dedication to the advancement of Tasmanian whisky with the prestigious 'lifetime achievement award' at the 2022 Spirits Business Awards in London.



TASMANIA

Tasmania is a remote island located 1,300 nautical miles north of Antarctica with a climate and topography that present cold winters with snowfall, and long, mild summer days, in contrast to Australia's more tropical climate. This climate intensifies wood-spirit interaction, accelerates maturation and creates a higher angel's share; perfect conditions for whisky maturation.

MADE OF TASMANIA



LARK CLASSIC CASK SINGLE MALT

LARK CLASSIC CASK SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS DOUBLE-DISTILLED AND AGED IN SPECIALLY SELECTED SMALL CASKS. THE WHISKY IS HANDCRAFTED AT THE COAL VALLEY DISTILLERY AND IS A LABOUR OF LOVE FROM THE MOMENT IT LEAVES THE STILL TO WHEN THE CORK IS POPPED. IT FEATURES THE CITRUS AND RICH PLUM PUDDING OF THE LARK HOUSE STYLE WITH A HINT OF TASMANIAN PEAT.

Brewed by hand and distilled with the intention of producing a heavy and viscous palate, this is the original Single Malt of founder Bill Lark.

LARK Classic Cask has a balance of sweet, spicy and smooth elements which are perfect for all whisky lovers, whether the connoisseur, the collector or merely the curious.

AWARDS

Distillery Of The Year - 2022 Australian Whisky Awards
Personality Of The Year - 2022 Australian Whisky Awards
Gold - 2023 Spirit Business Whisky Masters
Gold - 2022 China Wine And Spirits Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Toffee apple with crisp citrus and custard. Subtle floral oak.

PALATE: Fruity malt and rich plum pudding, with developing apple crumble and red berries.

FINISH: Viscous and dessert driven, with a crescendo of old tawny oak.



WHISKY № 24/24

KAIKYŌ
DISTILLERY
Japan

34°38'41"N 135°00'43"E

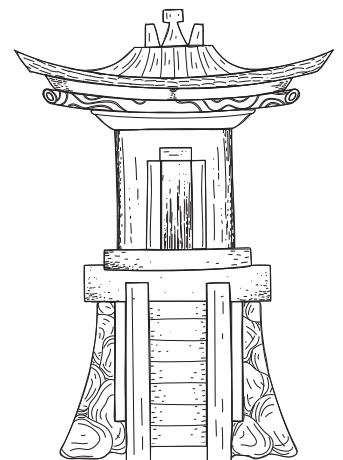
Hatozaki Finest Blend
40% ABV

Hatozaki whisky is produced at the Kaikyō Distillery in southwest Japan, on the coast of the Seto inland sea, south of Kobe. Refreshed by the maritime winds of the straits, it benefits from a climate of dry temperate winters and hot humid summers which offer excellent properties for the ageing of whisky.

The distillery is owned and run by the Yonezawa family whose distilling legacy goes back to 1917. Master Distiller and Blender Kimio Yonezawa is the fourth generation of this legacy. He selects a small number of pure whisky distillates, and matches them with the flavours and aromas he wants to create. He has the utmost respect for Scottish practices, but also honours his family craftsmanship by bringing something truly Japanese to the process.

HATOZAKI
HERITAGE

Hatozaki was named after the oldest stone lighthouse in Japan, only a mile from the distillery, and a relic of the Edo period (1603-1868) at the height of its power. This striking and beautiful building was accorded the status of a national monument in 2014.





HOME TO EXCEPTIONAL SPIRITS

HATOSAKI FINEST BLENDED

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HATOSAKI FINEST BLENDED IS A PREMIUM BLEND OF WHISKIES, AGED UP TO 12 YEARS IN BARRELS WITH A MINIMUM MALT WHISKY CONTENT OF 40%. THE WHISKY OFFERS A BALANCED FEEL IN THE MOUTH, WITH AN AROMATIC PALATE AND FLORAL NOTES.

The style is unpeated, elegant and light, and carries significant depth from the malted barley.

AWARDS

- Silver - 2024 International Spirits Challenge
- Silver - 2023 Global Asian Masters
- Gold - 2024 Global Asian Masters
- Silver - 2023 Bartender Spirits Awards
- Gold - 2023 Bartender Spirits Awards



TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Floral notes.

PALATE: Light in style with a rich backbone of malt whisky character. Cereal notes and a light sweetness.

FINISH: Medium length finish, peppery notes and gentle heat.



Distillery Locations

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Sustainable AND REUSABLE

WE HAVE DESIGNED THE *WHISKY TOUR OF THE WORLD* TO HAVE AN ONWARD AND SUSTAINABLE LIFE LONG AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED THE WHISKIES.

Although the contents are made from wood, glass and cardboard throughout the product to ensure that it is recyclable, we hope you might consider how you can continue to enjoy your pack when the adventure has been completed.

The cardboard recesses inside the books that hold the 6 whiskies have deliberately not been glued in so they are removable. Remove these and you will have ample room to store things.

A WOODEN PLANTER

The outer wooden bookcase will make an attractive planter. If it doesn't drain naturally, drill a small hole in the bottom.

MAGAZINE RACK

The outer wooden bookcase is well sized to make a magazine holder for your favourite journals. Ideal for storing Condé Nast Traveller and National Geographic to inspire your next adventure.

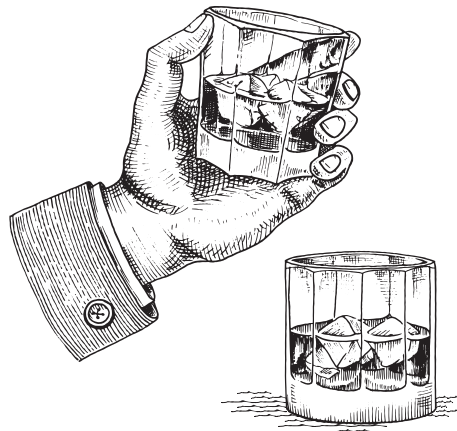
STORAGE TIDY

The individual books also make good storage tudies for keeping things organised. Remote controls on your coffee table, jewellery, cufflinks or keys.

SECRET HIDEAWAY

When inserted onto your bookshelf the volumes in the *Whisky Tour of the World* look like any regular books. This makes them a perfect place to hideaway important or coveted items such as passports, keys, birth certificates or even your favourite cigars!





A WORLD OF FLAVOUR

Below are some terms to help you describe the tasting experience.

Descriptions:

- Light, medium, heavy bodied
- Sweet, dry, fresh, robust
- Neutral, soft, rich, sharp
- Flat, round, hard, coarse
- Long, short, lasting

Flavours:

- Bitter - dry, tart, acidic
- Earthy - peat, earth, heather, musty
- Flowery - floral, light, rosewater, fragrant
- Fruity - dark cherry, citrus, dried fruits, melon
- Herbal - vegetal, grassy, peat, earth
- Honey - syrup, maple, molasses
- Liquor - Sherry, wine, rum, port
- Malty - grain, cereal, toast, shortbread, biscuits, oatmeal
- Nutty - almond, walnut, coconut
- Smoke - charred tobacco, peat, cigar box, campfire, fireplace
- Spices - cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, vanilla, anise
- Sweet - cake, fruit cake, caramel, toffee, butterscotch, marshmallow
- Woody - oak, cedar, tannic

ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY

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YOUR WHISKY GLASSES ARE VESSELS TO ANOTHER WORLD, SMELL, SIP AND SAVOUR EACH DROP - THEN NOTE YOUR EXPERIENCES IN YOUR TASTING NOTES SECTION.

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VOL I · ANTICIPATION

WHISKY № 1/24

DON MICHAEL
Peru

Black Corn Whiskey
45% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 2/24

NC'NEAN
Scotland

Single Malt
Scotch Whisky
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 3/24

HARDENBERG
Germany

Beverbach Single Malt
43% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

TASTING NOTES

WHISKY № 4/24

STAUNING
Denmark

Rye Whisky
48% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 5/24

BALLYKEEFE
Ireland

Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 6/24

ARCHIE ROSE
Australia

Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

VOL II · EXPLORATION

WHISKY № 7/24

MACALONEY'S
Canada

Single Malt Peated
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 8/24

COTSWOLDS
England

Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 9/24

MACKMYRA
Sweden

Svensk Ek
Single Malt
46.1% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

TASTING NOTES

WHISKY № 10/24

PICCADILY
India

Indri Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 11/24

DISTILLERY
KRAUSS
Austria

Sulm Valley Whiskey
46% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 12/24

POKENO
New Zealand

Single Malt Whisky
43% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

VOL III · ADVENTURE

WHISKY № 13/24

FIELDEN
England

Rye Whiskey
48% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 14/24

ABASOLO
Mexico

Corn Whisky
43% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 15/24

THE HELSINKI
DISTILLING CO.
Finland

Rye Malt Whiskey
47.5% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

TASTING NOTES

WHISKY № 16/24

BRECKENRIDGE
U.S.A

Bourbon Whiskey
43% ABV

COLOUR: 

RATING: 

NOTES:

WHISKY № 17/24

M&H
Israel

Classic Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR: 

RATING: 

NOTES:

WHISKY № 18/24

WARENGHEM
France

Armorik Single Malt
46% ABV

COLOUR: 

RATING: 

NOTES:

VOL IV · TRIUMPH

WHISKY № 19/24

GREEN RIVER
U.S.A

Bourbon Whiskey
45% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 20/24

KAVALAN
Taiwan

Triple Sherry Cask
Single Malt
40% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 21/24

ARBIKIE
Scotland

Single Grain
Scotch Whisky
48% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

TASTING NOTES

WHISKY № 22/24

PUNI
Italy

Malt Whisky
43% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 23/24

LARK
Australia

Single Malt
43% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

WHISKY № 24/24

KAIKYŌ
Japan

Hatozaki Finest Blend
40% ABV

COLOUR:  RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

NOTES:

Glossary

ABV: Alcohol by Volume. The measure of the alcohol content in a liquid, expressed as a percentage.

AGEING: The process of maturing whisky in oak casks over a period of time, allowing it to develop flavors and complexity. A whisky's age is defined as the time it spent in the cask. NB, the time it has spent in the bottle is irrelevant to the flavour, and thus does not constitute the whisky's "age".

ANGEL'S SHARE: The portion of whisky that evaporates from the cask during ageing, expressed as a percentage per annum.

APERLA: Australian term for fortified wine, similar to sherry, commonly used in the production of Australian whisky.

BODEGA: A Spanish term for a wine cellar or warehouse, often used in the context of sherry production and ageing of sherry casks for whisky maturation.

BUTT: A large oak cask commonly used for ageing sherry, also sometimes used for whisky maturation.

CHAR: The process of burning the interior of a whisky cask to create a layer of charred wood, which can influence flavour by filtering impurities and introducing new flavours from the wood.

CHILL-FILTERED: A process used to remove certain compounds that can cause cloudiness when whisky is chilled. This cloudiness does not affect the taste or quality of the whisky, but some people find it unsightly. The process can sometimes remove some flavour and texture.

CUT: The point during distillation at which the distiller chooses to separate the "heads" and "tails" from the desired "heart" of the distillate.

DOUBLE-DISTILLED: A distillation process that involves two separate distillation runs.

DRAFF: The spent grains left over from the mashing process, often used as animal feed.

ESTER: A compound formed during fermentation that contributes to the aroma and flavour of whisky.

EVAPORATION RATE: The rate at which liquid evaporates from the cask during ageing, commonly referred to as the "angel's share", expressed as a percentage per annum.

FERMENT: The process by which yeast converts sugars into alcohol and carbon dioxide during whisky production.

FIRST-FILL: A cask that is being used for the first time to mature whisky, often chosen specially to impart strong flavours from the wood.

GRAVITY: The relative density compared to water, of the wort at various stages in the fermentation. This affects its mouthfeel and texture.

HEART: The middle portion of the distillate that is collected during distillation, considered the best quality and used for maturation.

Glossary

MAILLARD REACTION: A chemical reaction between amino acids and reducing sugars that gives browned food its distinctive flavour.

MALT: Barley that has been soaked in water, allowed to germinate, and then dried in a process called malting.

MASH: The mixture of malted barley and water that is heated to convert starches into fermentable sugars.

NEW-MAKE: The raw, undiluted spirit that comes off the still before it is aged in casks.

NIXTAMILISATION: A process of treating maize with an alkaline solution. Nixtamalised corn is more easily ground, its nutritional value is increased, flavour and aroma are improved, and mycotoxins are reduced by up to 100%.

POT-STILL: A type of still used in whisky production, typically made of copper, which produces a more flavourful spirit.

PPM: Parts per million.

PROOF: A measure of the alcohol content of a liquid, often used in the United States where it is expressed as twice the ABV (e.g. 90 Proof is 45% ABV).

REFLUX: The process in a still where some of the vapours condense and flow back down into the pot, helping to purify the spirit.

SCOTCH: Whisky made in Scotland. All whisky made in Scotland and referred to as "Scotch" must by law have been aged for a minimum of three years in an oak cask.

SECOND-FILL: A cask that has been used to mature whisky only once before, imparting more subtle flavours.

STILL: The apparatus used to distill whisky, consisting of a pot-still and often a wash-still, used to separate alcohol from water and other compounds.

STR: Shaved, Toasted, Recharred. A process used to rejuvenate casks by removing a thin layer of wood before toasting and recharring.

TANNIN: A compound found in wood that can contribute to the flavour, mouthfeel, and colour of whisky.

TEOSINTE: A type of grass considered to be the ancestor of modern maize.

TERROIR: the natural environment in which a particular whisky is produced, including the soil, topography, and climate. Sometimes it also refers to the taste and flavour imparted to a whisky by the environment in which it is produced.

TUN: A large vessel used for mixing and fermenting whisky mash.

WASH-STILL: The first still used in whisky production, where the wash (fermented mash) is distilled to produce low wines.

WORT: the liquid extracted from the mashing process during the creation of whisky.





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A WHISKY TOUR OF THE WORLD

An illustrated tour on the history and approach
of all 24 distilleries and each of their whiskies.
Includes tasting notes and journal for you to
record your own taste impressions.

