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SPEYSIDE

The largest number of distilleries and possibly the most densely populated too, two thirds of all malt whisky production is in the Speyside region. In more recent times, this region began to produce many differing variants of their classic malts and it is not uncommon to see highly peated malts sit side by side their traditional offerings

	ABV	Price
Aberlour 10 year old <i>Typical modern speyside. Quite full bodied, spicy rich fruitcake, toffee notes and a creamy malty feel</i>	40%	£4.50
Aultmore 12 year old <i>Refreshing with plenty vanilla, honey and citrus along with a touch of grass</i>	46%	£7.75
Balvenie 12 year old, DoubleWood <i>Aged in Whisky Oak and Sherry Oak. Gentle spices, a little vanilla balanced with peat lurking quietly</i>	40%	£5.95
Balvenie 14 year old, Caribbean Cask <i>Aged in Oak before using Caribbean barrels, well rounded and drinkable whisky with notes of fruit and vanilla</i>	43%	£7.50
Balvenie 17 year old, DoubleWood <i>Aged in same way as the 12 year old but for additional 5 years, warm winter spice and vanilla flavours</i>	43%	£9.95
Benromach 10 year old <i>Delicious forest fruits and creamy malt. A wisp of smoke and lingering luscious sherry notes</i>	43%	£5.95
Benromach 15 year old <i>Lucious sherry and rich fruitcake with stewed plums, darker hints of cocoa and a touch of smoke</i>	43%	£7.95
Cragganmore 12 year old <i>A sherried single malt offering a rich, slightly floral whisky with barley notes</i>	40%	£4.95
Glen Elgin 19 year old - Signatory Vintage <i>Orange blossom, biscuity malt and apple flesh. Shortbread and touches of honey</i>	46%	£7.95
Glen Grant 10 year old <i>A gentle, delicate 10 year old single malt, a great beginner's whisky, with dry supple peat and toffee</i>	40%	£5.95
The GlenDronach Revival 15 year old <i>Rich and intensely flavoured whisky, showcasing the heavily sherried style that Glendronach is known for</i>	40%	£7.75
Glenfarclas 10 year old <i>It certainly offers more complexity than you'd expect from a 10 year old dram. A lovely, delicate whisky</i>	40%	£4.95
Glenfarclas 15 year old <i>A lot of the whisky in this is clearly much older than 15 years, this is a really sherried dram. An absolute steal!</i>	46%	£6.95
Glenfarclas 21 year old <i>A heavily sherried 21 year old. This offers loads of depth, a really thick dram and great value for money too.</i>	43%	£9.95
Glenfarclas 25 year old <i>If you like sherried whisky, you will love this. It oozes noble blood and devastating class</i>	43%	£13.95

SPEYSIDE (continued)

	ABV	Price
Glenfarclas 30 year old <i>Heavily sherried. Rich, dark. Creamy sherry, buttery, spicy, malt loaf. Herbal, fresh</i>	43%	£16.95
Glenfarclas 40 year old <i>Offers all of the sherried Glenfarclas character and exceptional maturity too</i>	46%	£32.95
Glenfiddich 12 year old <i>A classic Speyside aged in American and European oak, light, floral and spicy. Very smooth</i>	40%	£4.95
Glenfiddich 15 year old <i>Matured in Bourbon, Sherry and Oak. Married in a solera vat. Sherry, fruitcake and spice with hint of sweetness</i>	40%	£6.95
Glenfiddich 18 year old <i>An elegant nose, scented with apple and wood, robust and full-bodied, yet remains remarkably soft and rounded</i>	40%	£9.95
Glenfiddich 21 year old <i>Finished in casks previously used to age Caribbean rum. Buttery, vanilla, malty and oak</i>	40%	£12.95
Glenlivet 12 year old <i>Archetypal Speyside dram, honey and orchard fruit driven</i>	40%	£4.50
Knockando 12 year old <i>A very elegant Speysider, with plenty of fruit and cereal at its centre - a tasty aperitif single malt</i>	43%	£5.25
Macallan 18 year old <i>Stewed apples, again dusted with cinnamon. The oak from the nose develops. Clove and hints of orange peel</i>	40%	£17.95
Macallan Gold <i>The famous Macallan Distillery produces a great whisky packed with assertive vanilla and citrus flavours</i>	40%	£5.25
The Singleton of Dufftown 12 year old <i>A straightforward, nutty and malty single malt from Speyside with orange zest and spices</i>	40%	£5.25

“A good gulp of hot whisky at bedtime – it’s not very scientific, but it helps.”
Alexander Fleming

ISLAY

Islay currently has eight producing distilleries, creating some of the most well known of all the whiskies available. Its fair to say that Islay lives and breathes whisky, indeed most of the Islands population are involved in its production in some way. Islay is largely composed of peat (most of its water is brown due to this), winter gales often blow sea salt spray far inland, adding to the already smoky character of the peat

	ABV	Price
Ardbeg 10 year old <i>The peatiest, smokiest and most complex single malt. Natural sweetness comes through to balance the peat</i>	46%	£6.20
Bowmore 12 year old <i>Exhibits some beautiful coastal notes with gentle peat, the balance makes this a perfect entry level Islay</i>	40%	£4.95
Bowmore 15 year old, The Darkest <i>A beautifully balanced Bowmore, the rich, deep colour reflected in its name and its warming finish</i>	43%	£7.25
Bunnahabhain 12 year old <i>Lightly peated for an Islay single malt and consequently is a light, fresh dram</i>	46.3%	£5.25
Caol Ila 12 year old <i>This expression is light and fresh with that distinctive Caol Ila smoke</i>	43%	£5.75
Caol Ila 2003, Connossieurs Choice from Gordan and Macphail <i>Sweet with pear and orange flavours, complemented by a lingering pear smoke edge</i>	46%	£6.95
Kilchoman Machir Bay <i>Named after the Bay half a mile away, this release is the vatting of five and six year old malts</i>	46%	£7.95
Lagavulin 16 year old <i>Offers the massive peat-smoke that's typical of southern Islay - but also offering richness and a dryness</i>	43%	£7.50
Laphroaig 10 year old <i>This is a massive, punchy dram, it is said the medicinal character is from the high moss content in the peat</i>	40%	£5.95
The Bass 12 year old, Bowmore <i>Beautiful coastal notes with gentle peat, balanced with delicate floral elements</i>	46%	£6.50

*“Happiness is having a rare steak, a bottle of whisky, and a dog to eat the rare steak.”
Johnny Carson*

LOWLAND

Once densely populated with whisky distilleries (at one time there were 215!), no-one is quite sure there was such a decline in numbers to the current number of 3 - although more are now springing up so the number will rise. The region is known for producing lighter, smoother, non smoky whiskies. They are cited as being excellent for beginners and also as a pre dinner drink.

	ABV	Price
Glenkinchie 12 year old	43%	£4.95
<i>Our local dram, fruity with notes of Madeira and sweet stewed fruits. A fresh and round dram</i>		
Auchentoshan 12 year old	40%	£6.75
<i>Triple distilled then matured. Aroma of toasted almonds, caramelised toffee and the signature smooth taste</i>		
Auchentoshan 3 Wood	43%	£5.95
<i>Matured in Pedro Ximénez Sherry casks, Bourbon casks and Oloroso Sherry.</i>		

CAMPBELTOWN

Located towards the end of the Mull of Kintyre peninsula on the West Coast and was once home to 30 distilleries. The area now only has three operating. Malts from this region tend to be robust and complex, full of flavour with hints of sea salt and mild peat

	ABV	Price
Springbank 10 year old	46%	£5.50
<i>A mixture of bourbon and sherry matured whisky. Full bodied with cereal sweetness. Rich peat and smoke</i>		
Springbank 21 year old	46%	£31.95
<i>A legend among whisky lovers, a spectacular dram that offers unbelievable complexity</i>		

HIGHLANDS and ISLANDS

According to historic excise legislation, Highland malt whiskies are distilled north of a line stretching between Greenock on the Firth of Clyde in the west and Dundee on the Firth of Tay in the east. This region has possibly the widest range of flavours, from lighter styles of the mainland to the coastal styles of the Islands and coasts.

	ABV	Price
Dalmore 12 year old <i>Notes of malt, orange, espresso with light peat and a hint of the sea</i>	40%	£5.95
Dalmore 15 year old <i>Matured in matusalem, apostoles and amoroso sherry casks, typical Dalmore - winter spice, orange & chocolate</i>	40%	£8.95
Dalmore 18 year old <i>A chocolate orange of a whisky, fruit and sherry abundant, matured in sherry casks</i>	40%	£15.95
Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve <i>Toffee and burnt caramel with orange zest and sherry lingering. Recommended to drink with a "Big" cigar!</i>	44%	£10.95
Dalwhinnie 15 year old <i>Flawless, very smooth, honey and heather leading to smoky peat and a long finish</i>	43%	£5.75
Dalwhinnie Winter's Gold <i>Intended to be served from the freezer, delivering richness and sweetness as the glass warms up.</i>	43%	£6.95
Glen Ord 12 year old <i>A spicy malt, with plenty of sherry influence. Dry, yet sweet, a fine example of the Highland style</i>	40%	£6.95
Glengoyne 10 year old <i>Fruity, clean, fresh. Big bourbon influence which adds creamy flavour. A rich long finish</i>	40%	£4.95
Glenmorangie 12 year old, Cote de Beaune Wood Finish <i>Refined, sweet and smooth. Notes of damson, apricot, honey, allspice, fruit and barley sugar</i>	46%	£9.50
Glenmorangie Extremely Rare 18 year old <i>Rich, rounded and sweet with dried fruits. A complex floral fragrance with a hint of wood smoke</i>	43%	£8.95
Glenmornagie 10 year old <i>Spicy, malty yet creamy and rounded. Fresh and balanced with quite a long gentle finish</i>	40%	£4.75
Highland Park 12 year old <i>Rich, well balanced with subtle floral smoke makes Highland Park such a distinctive malt</i>	40%	£5.25
Highland Park 18 year old <i>Layers of sweet honeyed malt, dried fruit notes, marzipan and golden syrup</i>	40%	£15.95
Jura Origin 10 year old <i>Exhibits the distilleries briny characteristics. Smoky and dry, powerful with notes of nutmeg</i>	40%	£5.25

"Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough."

Mark Twain

HIGHLANDS and ISLANDS (continued)

	ABV	Price
Jura Supertition <i>Made up of whiskies aged for 13 and 21 years with 13% heavily peated malt. Sweet and porridge like</i>	43%	£8.95
Oban 14 year old <i>Aromatic with a taste of the sea. A delicate start leading to citrus and smoky dry finish</i>	43%	£5.95
Talisker 10 year old <i>A classic from the Isle of Skye. Full bodied with plumes of smoke and volcanic, peppery peat. Intense</i>	45.8%	£5.95
Talisker Port Ruighe <i>Aged in port casks imparts a new dimension to this Talisker, sweeter than usual with hints of chocolate</i>	45.8%	£7.50
Tobermory 10 year old <i>An old and rare edition of the 10 year old. Salty, malty and honeyed little whisky. A rare gem!</i>	46.3%	£5.25

“While I can’t walk on water, I can certainly wobble on whisky.”

Ashwin Sanghi

SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY (SMWS)

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society was founded in Edinburgh in 1983 by Phillip "Pip" Hills who while travelling around Scotland in the 1970's, fell in love with whiskies drawn straight from the cask.

After convincing some friends to buy a cask of Glenfarclas he expanded his syndicate and in 2004 the society was purchased by Glenmorangie PLC.

They have a unique code system where the first number refers to the distillery and the second refers to the cask that the bottle comes from.

		ABV	Price
1.17 A Fascinating Waltz	Speyside	55.2%	£10.95
One of only 223 bottles. Aged 19 years in a refill Hogshead ex Bourbon Cask <i>Sweet and fruity on the nose. Warm palate of buttered toast, jam and dates with spiced pear</i>			
3.20 Cigar Smoking Dragon	Islay	58.5%	£8.75
One of only 609 bottles. Aged 14 years in a 2nd fill ex Sherry butt <i>The taste like a dragon breathing out, not for the fainthearted</i>			
3.261 Record shop at the races	Islay	55.7%	£11.95
One of only 234 bottles. Aged 14 years in a refill Hogshead, ex Bourbon cask <i>Pit lanes at Le Mans, overalls and leather seats. Vinyl and fake leather jackets</i>			
26.89 An exotic tearoom experience	Highland	56.6%	£10.95
One of only 485 bottles. Aged 27 years in a refill Butt, ex Sherry casks <i>Exotic tastes of Turkish delight and Moroccan spices</i>			
29.13 Nurses and Doctors attend a Beach Party	Islay	61.5%	£8.95
One of only 220 bottles. Aged 17 years in a refill barrel, ex Bourbon cask <i>Minty, herbal nose. Huge palate of tarry driftwood, smoking tyres, jalapenos and clove studded ham</i>			
33.143 Thank you and goodnight!	Islay	59.9%	£22.95
One of only 582 bottles. Aged 8 years in a 2nd fill ex Sherry butt <i>Charred pork crackling with a Bloody Mary. Wicked but very good</i>			
35.71 Like a hug from your mum	Speyside	44.7%	£33.95
One of only 222 bottles. Aged 40 years in a refill Hogshead, ex Bourbon casks <i>After eights in a wooden box. Chewy textured palate - aniseed, tobacco, orange zest and mint choc chip</i>			
36.60 Highland Drams and Daisy Meadows	Speyside	52.2%	£10.95
One of only 266 bottles. Aged 23 years a in refill Hogshead, ex Bourbon casks <i>"Crisp and clear as a Highland stream". Vanilla, honeycomb and gin botanicals. Juicy and lip smacking</i>			
36.79 Welcoming and comforting	Speyside	57.6%	£9.95
One of only 236 bottles. Aged 14 years in a refill barrel, ex Bourbon <i>Fresh and airy. Zesty lemon, vanilla and raspberry jam; pepper and wasabi heat is lighter with water</i>			
44.55 Afternoon at Fortnum and Mason	Speyside	52.9%	£8.95
One of only 288 bottles. Aged 22 years in a refill Hogshead, ex Bourbon cask <i>Scones and strawberries with balsamic vinegar and basil mint syrup</i>			
48.62 Magic citrus water punch	Speyside	53.6%	£14.95
One of only 59 bottles. Aged 11 years in a 1st fill ex Bourbon casks <i>Sweet, tart and so lemony. Water brings out the toasted coconut and dried papaya with refreshing lemon</i>			

"There is no bad whiskey. There are only some whiskeys that aren't as good as others."

Raymond Chandler

SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY (SMWS)

		ABV	Price
53.16 A Sporting Dram	Islay	57.5%	£7.95
One of only 271 bottles. Aged 15 years in a refill Hogshead, ex Bourbon cask <i>Boiled sweets and fermented fruits. Salty with sweet chestnuts and caramalised onions</i>			
72.23 Complexity well beyond its age	Speyside	58.1%	£6.95
One of only 144 bottles. Aged 8 years in a Hogshead, ex white wine cask <i>Fascinating nose. Dry and tannic then a sponge cake soaked in a red fruit liqueur and fresh coconut</i>			
84.15 An apple a day	Speyside	56.4%	£10.95
One of only 217 bottles. Aged 11 years in a refill barrel, ex Bourbon cask <i>Very fruity - red apples, bananas and pears</i>			
124.30 All complexities of summer	Japan	61.9%	£13.95
One of only 509 bottles. Aged 13 years in a refill butt, ex Sherry casks <i>Complex, Summery nose. Cadburys mini eggs, white pepper, coconut an a tobacco finish</i>			

“The water was not fit to drink. To make it palatable, we had to add whisky. By diligent effort, I learned to like it.”

Winston Churchill

BLENDING WHISKY

	ABV	Price
Chivas Regal 12 year old <i>A warming aromatic infusion of wild herbs, heather, honey and orchard fruits</i>	40%	£4.95
Dewars 12 year old <i>Double aged blend that creates a luxuriously rich, fruity and smooth blend</i>	40%	£2.80
Dewars White Label <i>A delightful blend of soft vanilla with honey and blooming heather, well rounded with a slight smoky sensation</i>	40%	£2.80
The Famous Grouse <i>A popular blended whisky from Glenrothes, The Macallan and Highland Park, a slightly spicy, crisp blend</i>	40%	£2.80
Johnnie Walker Black Label <i>Silky and sublime stuff. Gentle smoke with a suggestion of apple pie and delicate spice</i>	40%	£4.95
Johnnie Walker Gold Label <i>Honey, mild citrus and cherry with sherry influences. This has a very luxurious feel and taste</i>	40%	£11.95
Old Course 12 year old <i>Matured in Chenin Blanc casks, so floral and lightly fruity with aniseed and aromatic spices</i>	40%	£5.50

IRISH WHISKY

Jamesons <i>The perfect balance of spicy, nutty and vanilla notes with hints of sweet sherry and exceptional smoothness</i>	40%	£3.50
Coonemara <i>A unique peated whiskey, very drinkable and sweet, but with plenty of soft peat</i>	40%	£4.50

AMERICAN WHISKY

Jim Beam <i>Made to the same formula since 1795, with gentle vanilla and a little spice and pepper</i>	40%	£3.50
Jack Daniels <i>Smooth smoky sweetness and liquorice leads to vanilla, toasted oak, fresh brewed coffee and toffee</i>	40%	£3.50
Woodford Reserve <i>Full of flavour, with honey, spice, vanilla, leather, a touch of cocoa, smoke and a little rum</i>	43.2%	£4.95

CANADIAN WHISKY

Crown Royal <i>Vanilla, caramel and lemon zest. A dash of water brings out chocolate and dark fruit</i>	40%	£4.50
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"I have never in my life seen a Kentuckian who didn't have a gun, a pack of cards, and a jug of whiskey."

Andrew Jackson

COGNAC

	ABV	Price
Courvoisier VS <i>An elegant and harmonious cognac with strong notes of fresh fruit and a fresh oaky taste</i>	40%	£3.60
Hine Rare VSOP <i>An iconic Cognac which is smooth and fruity, with a hint of spices</i>	40%	£4.95
Hine 1987 <i>Very delicate on the nose with hints of lime and mushroom followed by honey and vanilla. On the palate a discreet taste of soft spices and gingerbread</i>	40%	£12.50

CALVADOS

	ABV	Price
Boulard Calvados Pays d' Auge, Grand Solage <i>Cracking apple brandy with a delicious aromatic fresh apple palate and strong vanilla hints.</i>	40%	£4.50

"Reading in bed can be heaven, assuming you can get just the right amount of light on the page and aren't prone to spilling your coffee or cognac on the sheets."

Stephen King