

# THE STRATHEARN WHISKIES



## Highlands & Speyside

Despite some Scotch whisky distilleries having been in operation for more than 200 years, it seems incredible that it is only in the past decade that official boundaries were drawn up. The Highland region is by far Scotland's largest, but is only responsible for a quarter of the country's malt whisky production. Speyside actually falls within the borders of the Highland region, but despite its small size it takes the lion's share, being responsible for two-thirds of all Scotch malt whisky.

### **Aberlour Speyside 40% abv**

£3.50

Sweet, full and rich. Sherried raisins, hints of toffee and a pleasant nuttiness. Caramel and honey flavours with malt and spice.

### **AnCnoc 12yo Highlands 40% abv**

£3.40

A gentle, lighter-tasting single malt that doesn't compromise on quality. Full of pleasant, sweet notes.

### **Ardmore Legacy Speyside 40% abv**

£3.40

The Legacy brings a lightly-peated, wood spice-led flavour profile to the table. Made with 80% peated and 20% unpeated malt.

### **Balvennie Doublewood 12yo Speyside 43% abv**

£3.70

Matured in ex-bourbon and sherry casks. The bourbon gives gentle spice with vanilla, the sherry bringing depth and full flavour.

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**Cragganmore 12yo Speyside 40% abv** £3.40

A sherried 12 year old single malt, this proffers a rich, slightly floral whisky with barley notes.

**Dalwhinnie 15yo Highland 43% abv** £4.00

A great malt - awarded 95 points by Jim Murray in his Whisky Bible, this is excellent value for money. The flavours are simple but flawless.

**Glenfarclas 10yo Speyside 40% abv** £3.40

The producers recommend this as an aperitif whisky. It certainly offers more complexity than you'd expect from a 10 year old dram.

**Glenfarclas 15yo Speyside 46% abv** £3.70

This is a juicy, Christmas cake of a whisky. Matured in sherry wood, this superb malt earned 95 points from Jim Murray.

**Glenfarclas 105 Speyside 60% abv** £4.00

A superb, cask strength whisky. Really bold and punchy. Full of spice and peppery oak character.

**Glenfiddich 12yo Speyside 40% abv** £3.40

A classic Speyside malt, this was the winner of a gold medal at the 2007 International Wine and Spirit competition.

**Glenfiddich 15yo 40% abv** £3.60

Matured in three types of oak cask, sherry, bourbon and new oak, to pervade it with rich fruit flavours and distinct spice and honey notes.

**The Glenlivet Speyside 40% abv** £3.50

A lighter dram with some sweetness, a little oak and zesty notes.

**Glenlivet - Founders Reserve 40% abv** £3.60

It's classic Glenlivet, with a creamy and fruity character bolstered by the use of first-fill American oak to mature some of the whisky.

**Glenmorangie 10yo Highland 40% abv** £3.50

Medium-bodied and warming with pleasant, spicy notes.

**Glenmorangie Lasanta Highland 43% abv** £3.90

Matured in ex-bourbon casks and finished in Pedro Ximenez sherry casks. Rich and creamy with dark chocolate, dried fruit and honey.

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**Glengoyne 10yo Highland 40% abv** £3.50

A soft, sweet 10 year old single malt. A gold medal winner at the 2007 San Francisco World Spirits competition.

**Glenrothes Select Speyside 45.8% abv** £3.40

Sherried oak with brandy butter on the nose with flavours of oak, dried fruit and leather.

**The Macallan Gold Speyside 40% abv** £3.50

This is the new no-age-statement Malt from Macallan.  
It's a great Whisky, packed with assertive vanilla and citrus flavours.

**Oban 14yo Highland 43% abv** £4.00

Rich and smoky on the nose. The palate is thick and full with smooth sweetness.  
Good length with fruit and dry oak.

**Old Pulteney 12yo Highland 40% abv** £3.50

Crisp and clean with great balance revealing notes of herbs with medium body and musty flavours leading into an oaky finish.

**Singleton Speyside 40% abv** £3.60

A straightforward, nutty and malty single malt from Speyside.  
Oaky and rich with good length and lingering fruit.

**Chivas Regal 12yo 40% abv** £3.20

A blend of many different malt and grain Scotch whiskies, matured for at least 12 years.  
This rich, smooth blend combines style with substance and tradition.

**Tamnavulin 40% abv** £3.80

Amber gold in colour with rich, warm aromas of apple, toffee and honey with sweet marzipan and subtle tangy marmalade notes on the nose.

**Speyside Single Malt 12yo 40% abv** £3.50

There are notes of peppermint, cut herbs and cereal sugars with juicy barley. The palate is medium-bodied with notes of barley and cereals, some cut herbs and a menthol note with developing oak. The finish is of good length with a touch of warmth.

**Aberfeldy Highland Single Malt 12yo 40% abv** £4.30

Almost incense-like, heather honey with a fruity softness, notes of pineapple, toast and cereal.  
Syrupy, lingering on the tongue like a liqueur.

**Cardhu Single Malt 12yo 40% abv** £3.90

An easy-going, charming Speysider: With clean, crisp oak and sweet malt evoking flavours of honeyed flapjacks and home-made caramel squares, this is one for the sweet-toothed among you.

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## Islay & Islands

Once principally used for blending purposes, Islay single malts have become extremely fashionable during the past couple of decades. Islays are generally regarded as the most assertive and distinctive of all Scotch malt Whiskies, noted for their peaty and medicinal character:

### **Ardbeg 10yo Islay 46% abv** £4.00

Jim Murray's 2008 World Whisky of the Year! It's a true classic from Islay and a must have for any fan of single malt whisky.

### **Bowmore 12yo Islay 40% abv** £3.50

The heart of the Bowmore range, the 12 year old exhibits some beautiful coastal notes with gentle peat.

### **Bruichladdich Classic Laddie Islay 50% abv** £3.70

Representing the classic, un-peated style of the distillery, this new signature bottling is made with 100% Scottish barley.

### **Bunnahabhain Islay 46.3% abv** £3.50

This 12 year old is lightly peated for an Islay single malt and is a light, fresh dram. Now at the higher strength of 46.3% for more complexity and flavour.

### **Highland Park 12yo Orkney 40% abv** £3.40

From Scotland's most northerly distillery, this is fresh, clean and very aromatic. Floral notes abound the senses with a light grassiness. Notes of creamy Manuka honey and a touch of juicy citrus with cream and a well-balanced sweetness.

### **Jura Origin 10yo Jura 40% abv** £3.50

A touch of peat on the nose. Thick and full on the palate with barley fudge sweetness, creamy smoothness and spicy notes.

### **Jura Superstition Jura 43% abv** £3.60

Full of evocative smoke and heady malt. Sweet and creamy on the palate with toasty, spicy notes.

### **Lagavulin 16yo Islay 43% abv** £4.70

A much sought-after single malt with massive pear-smoke, but also a richness and dryness that turns it into a truly interesting dram. A massive mouthful of malt and sherry with good, fruity sweetness.

### **Laphroaig 10yo Islay 40% abv** £3.50

Always really smoky and iodine rich, this is one of Scotland's most characterful drams.

### **Talisker Skye 45.8% abv** £3.80

A classic Island dram from the Isle of Skye. Always highly rated, this was an Editor's Choice at Whisky Magazine. Lots of spice and fresh, tangy peat.

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## Lowland

The Lowland region of malt whisky production lies south of the theoretical line between Springbank on the Kintyre Peninsula, Greenock and Dundee, which separates the Highlands from the Lowlands. History has not been kind to the area, and today only Auchentoshan, near Glasgow, Bladnoch in the far west of Galloway, and Glenkinchie, south of Edinburgh, survive.

Stylistically, Lowlands tend to be comparatively light-bodied, aperitif Whiskies, noted for their delicacy and soft, grassy aromas and flavours.

### **Glenkinchie Edinburgh 43% abv** **£3.40**

The Whisky distillery draws its waters from the Lammermuir Hills in East Lothian. Marketed as 'The Edinburgh Malt', the Glenkinchie distillery is just fifteen miles away from the city.

### **Auchentoshan Glasgow 40% abv** **£3.50**

This 12 year old bottling exhibits the new, slightly imperial aesthetics Auchentoshan have re-branded themselves with. Dry and very long with a little sweetness from the barley.

### **Auchentoshan American Oak 40% abv** **£3.60**

Triple distilled and matured solely in American bourbon casks. The result: a lowland single malt whisky with the sweet aromas of vanilla and coconut - along with the signature smooth, delicate, Auchentoshan taste.

### **Antiquary 40% abv** **£2.30**

Pleasantly sweet and perfectly balanced with a light and fresh character: Fresh, but balancing mellow grain with ripe and fruity malt.

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## Blended Malts

### **Monkey Shoulder Speyside 40% abv** **£3.40**

A superb blended malt, made with single malts from three famous Speyside distilleries. The result is a smooth, creamy, supple and very malty Scotch.

### **Stewarts Cream of Barley 40% abv** **£2.80**

A specially selected range of 50 Highland and Islay single malt whiskies including sparing quantities of the Glencadam malt. These are carefully balanced with choice grain whiskies to make Cream of the Barley a truly distinctive blend.