



## HOP & SCOTCH

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# WHISK[E]Y

*served in 25ml measures, unless otherwise stated*

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## SCOTCH [HIGHLANDS]

### Glengoyne | 10 Year Old

*Slightly herbal on the nose, with a big bourbon influence which has brought a wonderful "high note". White milk bottle sweets, more creamy than fruity, On the palate, it's barley rich, with more bourbon influence. Clean and dry. Ending on a long, barley rich finish, with a touch of hoi sin.*

**40% | £3.80**

### Tullibardine | 225 Sauternes Cask Finish

*Any Sauternes finish is going to give a big fruit character and a lovely golden colour. This is all citrus and sweet spice at first on the nose, then the sauternes induced golden syrup gets you followed by a bitter cocoa and black pepper. On the palate, its candied fruit driven; marmalade and dried pineapple with white chocolate on the end palate. this has a real long finish with lingering sweetness. Incidentally the sauternes comes from Suduiraut - mega!*

**43% | £4.30**

### Wolfburn | Aurora

*One of the up and coming stars of the craft scotch whisky sector and situated in Thurso - just about as far north as you can get on the British mainland. Matured in 40% second fill quarter casks, 40% first fill ex Bourbon and 20% first fill Oloroso Sherry hogsheads. An initial hit of real sherry Sweetness followed by cut grass and cocoa solids on the nose. More florality on the palate than anticipated, but over toned with spice and vanilla leading to a soft, warm finish.*

**46% | £4.90**

### Wolfburn | Northland

*Unhurried in its production - matured and bottled on site in Thurso in American oak quarter casks. Dried fruit and saline se air on the nose with citrus freshness and hints of smokey cereal behind. More nutty tones on the palate, with a distinct florality. Beautiful honey dried fruit and spice on the finish.*

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## **That Boutiquey Whisky Company | Fettercairn 21 Year Old**

*Interesting independent bottling which by its nature is limited edition... Plenty of fruit in this for a liquid aged 21 years. Glorious baked fruits on the nose - reminiscent of a big ol' crumble, with delicate sweeter spice like cinnamon and gingerbread lingering later. On the Palate it's more of the same, with a lovely mouth water acidity and citrus notes. Vanilla and more fruit on the finish.*

**48.6% | £9.30**

## **SCOTCH [ISLANDS]**

### **Arran | Robert Burns Single Malt**

*Officially endorsed by the Burns Federation! Serial award winner flying under the radar... A very fruit forward dram, with ripe apples and pears complementing a deeper fruit cake and vanilla panna cotta mid palate. On the finish, it's more of the same with lingering sweet spices, cinnamon and cloves.*

**43% | £3.50**

### **Arran | 10 Year Old**

*Very complex for a 10 year expression. Malty biscuits with greener notes of grass and wild herbs, altogether quite savory. On the palate, it becomes much more sweet, with ripe apple and more biscuity, bready creamy notes - think digestive biscuits! more of the same on the finish with a malty honeyed departure.*

**46% | £3.90**

## **SCOTCH [SPEYSIDE]**

### **Monkey Shoulder | Blended Malt Whisky**

*A superb blended malt whisky from William Grant, made with single malts from three famous Speyside distilleries. The result is a smooth, creamy, supple and very malty Scotch which works superbly well neat or over ice.*

**40% | £3.40**

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## **Glenfiddich / Experimental IPA Cask Finish**

*Finished for three months in casks which previously held IPA, bound to be a fascinating whisky for whisky and beer enthusiasts alike. An elegant harmony of fresh green apple, William's pear and spring blossom on the nose; complemented with Aromatic hops and fresh herbs. The palate is vibrant, with a zesty citrus note followed by creamy vanilla and a hint of fresh hops. Enduring sweetness with an echo of green hops on the finish.*

**43% | £4.90**

## **The Macallan / Gold Double Cask**

*Citrus fruits on the nose, with notes of vanilla and dark chocolate - more assertive, yet not overly so - with a lingering floral and light oak notes. Citrus and boiled sweets rule the palate, along with hints of ginger and cinnamon, while soft oak tones reveal toasted apples. The finish is medium sweet, malty and slightly dry.*

**40% | £3.80**

## **Balvenie / DoubleWood 12 Year Old**

*Matured in refill American oak casks before treated to a finish in first fill European oak Oloroso sherry butts for an additional nine months. Supple nuttiness intertwined with spices, honeyed sultanas and grapes on the nose. Bourbon characters on the palate, with gentle spice and a little vanilla. A hint of balancing peat lurking quietly in the substrata. Dried fruit combine with nuts, nutmeg, cinnamon, then back into the bourbon notes. Spicy, slightly drying, but still sweet on the finish.*

**40% | £4.00**

## **That Boutiquey Whisky Company / Craigellachie 11 year old**

*An independent bottling of a classic 11-year expression. Slightly burned coffee notes, but with a creamy top end - a bit like a milky coffee. Small amounts of sweet spices, and brown sugar. Followed by a eucalyptus and citrus finish.*

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## **Benromach | Organic**

*A world first when it was originally released! Real sweet vanilla on the nose from the virgin American oak that the liquid rests in. The vanilla is complimented by a banana sundae and a great citrus zip. On the palate its creamy mocha, with fruit cake and more pronounced spice. Toasty oak lingers on the finish with more lemon and tropical fruit.*

**43% | £4.40**

## **Benromach | Peat Smoke 2008**

*Aged in first-fill bourbon casks and peated to a moderately high PPM (47ppm), this smoky, intense single malt maintains the good standards of the reputable Benromach Peat Smoke range with an offering that is beautifully balanced and peated with a considerate hand. Elegant but powerful nose of rainwater on a bonfire. Rich peaty notes waft throughout as perfumed fruits and wood shavings linger. On the palate, citrus rinds bring a tart sharpness to smoked cheeses and ham, as a little red berry sweetness tames the thick ashy backdrop. A little menthol thyme grows on the finish.*

**46% | £4.60**

## **Glenfarclas | 21 Year Old**

*If you like sherry cask finishes, and want something with more depth of flavour, this could be the one for you! Loads of citrus and green fruit on the nose, also a touch of menthol and eucalyptus. Mega smooth on the palate, with a biscuity backbone full bodied and multi layered. Really well integrated oak and a long sophisticated moreish finish.*

**43% | £11.40**

## **Balvenie | 21 Year Old Portwood**

*Masterclass of Balance and Harmony in Whisky - Wonderful depth of flavour as you would imagine from a minimum 21 year old aged dram. Elegant on the nose with fleshy white fruit, and undertones of smoke. Delicate red fruit flavours on the palate, melded with a raw honey and raised backbone. Sumptuous and unctuous on the finish. Proper whisky!*

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## SCOTCH [CAMPBELTOWN]

### **Glen Scotia | Victoriana**

*Cask Strength Campbeltown finished off in charred barrels, so there is a definite 'wood forward' element on the nose, but also candied citrus and burnt sugar. On the palate it's much more berried fruit with a dark chocolate and smoky finish.*

**54.2% | £6.80**

## SCOTCH [ISLAY]

### **Ardbeg | 10 Year Old**

*Revered around the world as the peatiest, smokiest whisky of them all. It does not flaunt the peat, rather the peat gives way to the malt, the natural sweetness of which subtly intrudes, producing the perfect balance.*

**46% | £3.80**

### **Douglas Laing | Big Peat**

*Big peat! A big bodied blended malt, comprising malt whisky from Coal Ila, Bowmore, Ardbeg and Port Ellen.*

**46% | £4.50**

## SCOTCH [LOWLANDS]

### **Glenkinchie | 12 Year Old**

*The flagship expression from the Glenkinchie distillery, one of the stalwarts of the Lowlands. A fantastic introduction to the region, which shows off the characteristic lightness and grassy elements that Lowland whiskies are known for, with nods to cooked fruit and Sauternes wine along the way.*

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## SCOTCH [OTHER]

### **Compass Box | *The Story of the Spaniard***

*A masterclass of blending and a showcase of malt whisky aged in Spanish Wine casks. Compass box are turning the fusty world of scotch on its head, naming the age and provenance of all liquid in the blend, this one is made entirely of Highland single malt whiskies. It's soft and sumptuous, with citrus, red wine and spices, a long finish with rich vanilla, panna cotta and ripe red fruit. Serve me in a wine glass, as a nod to the maturation process.*

**43% | £5.30**

### **Compass Box | *This is Not a Luxury Whisky***

*What is luxury whisky, and how much should you pay for it? Again, the brilliant folk at Compass Box have us thinking outside the box with this sublime blend. With Grain from Strathclyde and Girvan and Malt from Glen Ord and Caol Isla aged in a mixture of Sherry and American Oak respectively; very complex with delicate smoke along with multiple layers jumping out the more you nose it... Floral notes sit behind Christmas cake which is then followed by a creamy almost coconutty quality. Nuts and smoke linger on the finish, with a viscous almost oily character that just keeps going. Complex. From a limited release of 4,992 bottles, bottled in July 2015.*

**53.1% | £25.00**

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## IRISH

### **Powers | Gold Distiller's Cut**

*The relaunch of the best-selling whiskey in the Republic of Ireland, Gold Label Distiller's Cut was relaunched on these shores in late 2020, and it's a marvellous expression packing waves of cooked apple, honeycomb and spicy malt notes.*

**43.2% | £3.00** [Our house Irish whiskey, make it a double +£1.50]

### **Redbreast | 12 Year Old**

*A delightful single pot still, matured in American oak bourbon barrels and Spanish oak Oloroso sherry butts. Nutty, rich and oily on the nose, with notes of dried peels, ginger, linseed and cut fruits including a touch of melon. On the palate it's spicy with a great body. Nuts and citrus (peel and juice) with hints of marzipan, dried fruits and a hint of Sherry. A long and creamy finish with custard and spice.*

**40% | £4.60**

### **Teelings | Small Batch**

*A delicious small-batch blend with a very high malt content. Interestingly enough, it's also been matured in rum casks for added spice. Cut grass and orange blossom on the nose, with allspice, hints of vanilla, apple pie and blackberries. A spiced, rich palate with rose petal jelly and lemon curd. Creamy vanilla, hints of dried herbs and cinnamon. Floral, herbal finish. Caramel on the tail.*

**46% | £5.10**

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## **Powers | John's Lane 12 Year Old**

*A single pot still release of Powers whisky. Matured in a combination of bourbon and oloroso sherry casks, and named after the distillery where it was first made, now sadly closed. Barley, copper, fresh oak, leather, and juicy fruit on the nose. A very smooth palate with vanilla, dry spice, chocolate and coffee. There is dark fruit here too, raisins and blackcurrants. On the finish, more vanilla and drying copper notes. A very well balanced whiskey with not a note out of place. Lovely.*

**46% | £5.50**

## **Knappogue Castle | 12 Year Old**

*In a move away from vintages, Knappogue Castle 12 Year Old is a delicious triple distilled single malt Irish whiskey bottling. Opening inhalations encounter richly biscuity and malty, grainy, breakfast cereal aromas. Several minutes of air contact adds intriguing pepper and spice notes. Slightly astringent and nicely fruity, following through into delicate tastes of marshmallow, brown sugar, oaky vanilla, and marzipan with a medium-long, clean finish.*

**40% | £6.00**

## **Redbreast | 15 Year Old**

*Quintessential Irish Whiskey... Fruity and tangy real zip and zest with tropical fruits alongside a more savoury cut grass. Creamy and unctuous on the palate with classy smoothness. More citrus with a creamy butterscotch and sweet spice. On the finish it's more of the same with a minty hit and vibrant grapefruit.*

**46% | £8.50**

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## ENGLISH

### **Cotswolds | Single Malt**

*Produced with barley grown in the Cotswolds and aged in a combination of ex-bourbon and red wine casks. Spicy cereal notes, malt and porridge, then comes the fruit - orange peel and lemon. Grassy and floral flavours followed by marzipan. A beautiful creamy and round palate, with sweet citrus fruit and black pepper. Good long finish, with vanilla custard and a lift of aromatic freshness.*

**46% | £3.60**

### **Sacred | Peated English Whisky**

*English Peated Single Malt aged in bourbon barrels with further finishing in Sherry casks. Balanced and honest campfire smoke on the nose with very dry rich fruit flavours and treacle tart. A slight herbaceous note initially on the palate followed by massive cocoa and chocolate with a slight saline edge. The finish is Christmas cake. Great 5 year old English expression! Give us another!*

**48% | £5.10**

### **Cotswolds | Founder's Choice**

*This intriguing liquid is made by stripping and recharring old American Oak red wine casks, keeping some of the flavour imparted by the barrel but reinvigorating it with a bright smokey character. Almond milk, sweet pastry, coffee on the nose. Then follows a homely palate of gingerbread, drying oaky cigar smoke and Christmas cake. Strawberries and canned peaches on the finish, with lingering rye notes.*

**60.5% | £7.80**

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## FRENCH

### **Brenne | Cuvée Spéciale**

*France is actually one of the biggest markets for scotch whisky outside of USA, so they know a thing or two about decent cereal spirit! This has been made with malted barley from the cognac region, then aged in French oak, before being finished off in cognac casks. Quite floral with lovely notes of vanilla, a little chocolatey on the palate with a cinnamon edge. Raisins and candied pineapple on the finish!*

**40% | £5.50**

## SWEDISH

### **Mackmyra | Mack**

*Vanilla, boiled sweets and soft orchard fruit on the nose, with pear drops and spicy caramel. Candied peel on the palate, with vanilla fudge and a hint of basil, stewed fruit. Sweet oak spices on the finish.*

**40% | £3.70**

### **Mackmyra | Brukswhisky**

*Delicate fruit aromas with a hint of raw vanilla, on the palate it's creamy with more vanilla, boiled sweets with luscious red berries. On the finish there's a warming delicate spice but really well balanced, light and delicate. Very easy drinking!*

**41.4% | £4.10**

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## AMERICAN

### **McAfee's Benchmark | Old N° 8 Kentucky Straight Bourbon**

*From the Buffalo Trace distillery, the nose bears caramel notes with a delicate stone-fruit backdrop. A robust and sturdy palate with some fine leather notes mingling with dry tobacco, a touch of oak and a hint of dried cherries. The finish is smooth and calming.*

**40% | £3.00 [Our house Bourbon, make it a double +£1.50]**

### **Johnny Drum | Private Stock**

*Old school sour mash, proper small batch Bourbon. The nose is vanilla led with an oak backbone and sour apple and green fruit middle. A very big palate follows; with baked fruit more vanilla and sweet and savoury spice and rolling around giving a very long balanced and complex finish.*

**50.5% | £5.00**

### **Balcones | Brimstone**

*Thinking outside the box distillers... these guys smoke their corn whisky while it's a liquid rather than when it's still grain! Regardless of your thoughts, it's hard to argue with the awards this liquid keeps winning. In true Texas style, this smells of BBQs! Honey roast pork, demerara, bbq smoke, even meat! Quite spicy and sweet on the palate and loads more smoke on the finish. Ideal bbq whisky and a very apt name!*

**53% | £7.80**

### **Blanton's | Single Barrel Gold Edition**

*No tasting note can do this famous and sought after liquid justice. Pure brilliance. Each barrel will be slightly different, and will be marked on the bottle. Superb stuff!*

**51.5% | £9.30**

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## CANADIAN

### Signal Hill | Canadian Whisky

*Canadian Corn and Barley are the backbone for this blend made with the crystalline waters from Newfoundland. Fairly chunky in flavour profile, due to being aged in white oak, first fill bourbon and ex Canadian Whisky casks. Lots of honey and vanilla, as you may expect with warming oak spice. Very rich and full texture with dried fruit notes on the end palate followed by a lingering and warm finish.*

**40% | £3.90**

## TAIWANESE

### Kavalan | Single Malt

*The sub tropical Taiwanese climate matures the liquid at a much faster rate than other areas of the world, giving the distiller a fantastic amount of room to maneuver in terms of flavour profile. This is very fragrant on the nose, with a lovely florality behind the tropical fruits and underlying vanilla tones. On the Palate it's more tropical fruit, mango in particular, with more spice and subtle oak references. A creamy richness leads us to the finish where vanilla returns with more sweet spice.*

**40% | £6.40**

## INDIAN

### Paul John | Classic

*Big meaty nose, with a lot to take in from this wonderful unpeated cask strength expression from Goa. Toffee sponge, stewed apples, honey and slated barley. On the palate there's subtle spice, lots of honey dried fruit and bitter chocolate. All of the above on the finish with a gentle oaky character.*

**55.2% | £6.60**

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## JAPANESE

### ~~Nikka | From the Barrel~~ **[BACK IN STOCK SOON!]**

~~Award-winning blend combining both single malt and grain whiskies from the Miyagikyo and Yoichi distilleries, which are then married in a huge variety of casks, including bourbon barrels, sherry butts and refill hogsheads. On the nose, notes of cut flowers and fresh fruits, spice and a little oak. Full-bodied and punchy palate, with plenty of winter spice and toffee, a touch of caramel and vanilla, and a good mouthful of fruit. The finish is long, warming and fruity with a little oaken spice.~~

~~51.4% | £5.70~~

### **Mars Maltage | Cosmo**

*Little known, but soon to be well known Shinshu distillery. As they have no rules to adhere to they are free to explore mixing grain for different countries and aging the liquid in different ways. This is the underground bartender's favourite. Soft caramel and vanilla with red fruit notes follow through from the nose to the palate with the addition of a viscous orange oil and malty toasty oak. The finish is chocolate cereal with plummy notes whilst the vanilla returns!*

**43% | £6.10**

### **Nikka | Taketsuru 17 Year Old**

*Awards left right and centre, this is superb. Fresh and fruity considering the age. A complete mixture of fruit from baked to stewed to under ripe. A real complex explosion of flavour. Vanilla and incense wood hide at the back with lingering honey. Beautiful length with a bittersweet kind of finish - more fruit chocolate and integrated oak. Class.*

**43% | £24.00**

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