

THE BROADFIELD

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SCOTLAND

Introduction

Here at the Broadfield, we're very proud to be able to say that we have successfully sourced at least one whisky from every currently active distillery in Scotland.

Our collection, comprising of over 100 whiskies, is looked after by our whisky curator who is always on the look out for the best expressions from each distillery to put behind the bar. The list presented here gives a brief description of the distilleries & their whiskies to help you navigate our ever-changing range of single malts.

We hope you enjoy exploring our tour of the finest whiskies Scotland has to offer.

Highlands

1. Aberfeldy
A lesser known highland distillery seldom seen on the shelves, it primarily produces for Dewar's blends; a shame as its clean, sweet & spicy character makes it a great single malt in its own right.

2. Balblair
One of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, Balblair has a unique outlook on their malts, preferring to use vintages rather than age statements. Each year the distillery manager tastes the various casks in the warehouses & when he believes the whisky is just right, they bottle it. There's plenty of choice from this distillery with many independent bottlings also on offer but the distillery bottlings are very good indeed - you can trust their judgement on that.

3. Ben Nevis
Situated at the foothills of the famous mountain, Ben Nevis distillery draws on its beautiful surroundings, creating lovely, peated, highland whisky. Their official range is small but with good reason as their entry level 10 year is as good as any. If you're the explorer type, there are some really special unpeated expressions from independent bottlers.

4. Blair Athol
Having previously only produced bourbon-matured whisky for the Bell's blend this once neglected distillery has become known for releasing a chunky shierred whisky that is something quite special. There's plenty of independent bottlings out there, but their own release in the flora & fauna range is hard to beat.

5. Clynelish
Although the name dates back to the early 19th century, the original Clynelish distillery is now closed. The distillery that now bears its name was built in the 1960s but the expertise of the distillers has remained & the heritage of this brand is apparent in its malts. Producing a fantastic light, citrusy whisky it is easy to see why this malt is so popular.

6. Dalmore
One of the most famous distilleries in operation today, Dalmore's style of rich sherry influenced whisky is the epitome of a highland malt. The famous orange zest, chocolate & coffee notes that blend well with the dark fruits & toffee all help to make this one of our very favourite distilleries.

7. Deanston
Powered by its own dam & turbine, Deanston is the only electrically self-sufficient distillery in Scotland. Between its relatively small output & obligations to various blends, there are very few single malt offerings available from this distillery, official or otherwise. If you get a chance to sample one however, the sweet honey flavours & hint of ginger are a delight to experience.

8. Edradour
Edradour is Scotland's smallest distillery, producing only 90,000 litres of spirits each year. Acquired by Signatory in 2002, it has concentrated almost entirely on making single malts ever since. Preferring to experiment with a whole host of different wood finishes, it is hard to pinpoint a house style for Edradour but to date, we haven't met one we didn't like.

9. Fettercairn
A previously little known distillery, Fettercairn has recently gained a reputation for itself with its Fior release. Tending towards a rich & well balanced sherry influenced whisky, the official bottlings are fantastic & have secured the distillery a large number of supporters. There are also a handful of independent bottlings well worth trying too.

10. Glencadam
Known for its creamy malt, achieved by using a very soft water, this distillery has a delicate & balanced profile with a pleasant barley sweetness to it. They've released plenty of official expressions with various finishes & despite tending towards bourbon matured whisky, there's a few older shierred examples that are particularly good.

11. Glen Garioch
Pronounced Glen Geer-ee, this may well be Scotland's first licensed distillery. Known for its well balanced profile of rich fruits with a hint of smoke, there are plenty of great examples of this style in the extensive official range. Look out for a few curve ball single cask releases from independent bottlers too.



12. Glenglassaugh
One of our favourite distilleries here at the Broadfield. After a long history of being bought & sold, Glenglassaugh was purchased in 2008 by a Dutch company & is now run independently. Initially defying convention by releasing bottles of their new-make spirit before it was legally a whisky, in 2011 they eventually released a fully fledged single malt called Revival to a fantastic reception. This is a distillery to keep an eye on as their young whiskies are very promising.

13. Glengoyne
An unpeated whisky, the malt is allowed to dry naturally at Glengoyne, with one of the slowest distillation rates of any Scotch distillery. This patience helps contribute to a smooth, sweet spirit which is matured in Oloroso sherry casks. Independent releases of this malt are quite rare; fortunately there are plenty of in house bottlings to sample instead.

14. Glenmorangie
A highly recognisable, worldwide brand, Glenmorangie are best known for their pioneering work in the field of wood finishes. Following the early successes of their Sauternes wine finished Nectar d'Or, they've gone from strength to strength (keep an eye out for more to come from this range). If traditional whisky is more your thing then you can hardly go wrong with Glenmorangie Original, boasting balanced fruit, spice & vanilla notes & a thick, creamy mouthfeel.

15. Glen Ord
A mysterious distillery, releasing very little on the market, Glen Ord is one of the few distilleries to still have its own maltings. With so few expressions available it can be hard to find any Glen Ord but if you do get a chance to try the 25 year old, you will be hard pushed to find a better single malt anywhere in the world, in our humble opinion.

16. Glenturret
The spiritual home of the Famous Grouse blend, Glenturret claims to be Scotland's oldest working distillery & has only one official bottling of its 10 year old malt (although there are some independent expressions out there). This distillery produces a lighter highland malt than most, with an oily, citrusy & herbal quality balanced by a rich fruity palate.

17. Loch Lomond
A fascinating distillery (housed in a former car factory), Loch Lomond has a wide array of stills, producing very different whiskies. Some are blended together on site whilst others are released as single malts, most commonly under the name Inchmurrin. The nature of these whiskies is hard to summarise, as they can vary wildly from year to year. Generally though, you can expect to find a prominent sweet cereal character from the spirit, coupled with whatever the maturation may bring to the table.

18. Macduff
Usually seen bottled as Glen Deveron, named after the river it lies on, the Macduff distillery produces only a very small amount of whisky each year, most of which is exported to Europe. As such, expressions available in the UK are few & far between. With a very delicate style, the Macduff spirit presents a light, grainy aroma, hiding a full, rich palate of stewed fruits. This may be a rare malt but it is one that is well worth seeking out.

19. Oban
Situated on the West coast of Scotland, overlooking the sea, Oban has a very small annual output & is almost exclusively bottled as a single malt. Consequently, independent releases are practically nonexistent. The official range is very well varied & does a great job of showcasing the distillery's character which balances rich fruity flavours with a gentle, earthy smokiness & coastal notes.

20. Old Pulteney
The Northernmost mainland distillery with quite a reputation having won several high profile awards in recent years. Famous briny, coastal notes that accentuate the other flavours of the whisky have earned it a loyal following. Look out for the 21 year old which was Jim Murray's World Whisky of the Year in 2012 with a record score of 97.5/100.

21. Royal Lochnagar
A favourite of Queen Victoria & Prince Albert, Royal Lochnagar is only the second distillery to have the honour of a royal prefix. Situated near to Balmoral castle, Lochnagar is Diageo's smallest distillery, producing almost solely single malt in a decidedly old fashioned style with smoky sweetness & a subtle complexity. Similar to a smoky island malt but a little bit tamer.

22. Teaninich
Situated next door to the famous Dalmore & Glenmorangie distilleries, Teaninich has never really operated with a view to produce a single malt whisky. A shame, as the few expressions that have been released are truly fantastic. Floral & spicy on the nose with a mellow citrus & sweet barley palate, this distillery produces a lovely single malt that we'd definitely recommend trying while you still can.

23. Tullibardine
Built on the site of a 12th century brewery, Tullibardine has a long history, even though the current whisky distillery was only opened in 1947. Mothballed, then reopened in recent years, whisky from the current regime won't be ready until 2014. Fortunately for us there is still just enough old stock left to tide us over! Expect creamy vanilla flavours with a touch of dried fruit from the old bourbon matured stock, but be on the look out for some of the limited release wine cask finishes too.

Lowlands

24. Auchentoshan

Known as “the Glasgow malt” due to its close proximity to the city, this distillery sits right at the top of the Lowlands region & actually sources its water from the Highlands. Auchentoshan is unique as a Scotch distillery, as it is the only one to use three stills in a triple distillation process. Combined with their expert maturation technique (utilising several different types of cask), this distillery creates wonderfully complex, sweet & delicate whiskies.

25. Bladnoch

A great little distillery, under new ownership having previously been mothballed. Although it produces very small amounts of spirit each year, it is definitely worth trying. Expect a typically light & grassy lowlander but with an added level of underlying complexity.

26. Glenkinchie

Glenkinchie is “the Edinburgh malt” to Auchentoshan’s “Glasgow malt”. A classic representation of a Lowland whisky, it is light & inoffensive with subtle complexity to boot. Independent releases are rare but there is a comprehensive range of house bottlings. Expect a light, nutty honeycomb flavour from the bourbon barrels & wonderful almond, walnut & soft oak from the sherry finished malts.

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Campbeltown

27. Glen Scotia

After a somewhat turbulent past, it is great to see Glen Scotia still up & running still, producing top quality single malt whisky to boot. Very few official bottlings are around at the moment so be on the lookout for independent releases. The spirit lends itself particularly well to a long bourbon maturation so we would recommend something at least 12 years old from an ex-bourbon cask, for a nice light malt with fruit, citrus & a subtle smoky complexity.

28. Glengyle

Established in 2004 & bottled as Kilkerran, Glengyle has been releasing a “work in progress” series until their staple 10 year is ready in 2014. Their young expressions have been particularly good & we’re certainly happy with them while we wait for the fully fledged 10 year.

29. Springbank

Situated right in the centre of Campbeltown, Springbank distillery produces 3 very different whiskies: Springbank, Longrown & Hazelburn. The latter 2 are named after now closed distilleries that were situated nearby. Hazelburn is an unpeated, triple distilled whisky with a very light, sweet & smooth flavour whereas Longrow is a more traditional, strongly peated whisky. Springbank is somewhere in the middle; lightly peated & distilled two & a half times in a rather unusual process.

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Speyside

30. Aberlour

A classic Speyside distillery famous for its double matured malts & cracking value for money. Keep an eye out for the A’bunadh cask strength releases, which are almost always spectacular whiskies at a very reasonable price.

31. Allt-A-Bhainne

Pronounced “olta-vayne”, this distillery has previously only ever served as a big part in the making of Chivas Regal blends. As such, there are no official bottlings, just a handful of independent releases. Some are good, others not so good, but you can trust us to always stock a quality dram for our shelves & your glass.

32. An Cnoc

Named in Gaelic after the nearby Knock Hill, this distillery was previously known as Knockdhu but opted to rename themselves to avoid being confused with the Knockando distillery. Priding themselves on the use of traditional methods to make modern whisky, they’re known for typically light & citrusy malts.

33. Ardmore

A unique distillery in many ways, Ardmore is the only site in Speyside that solely produces peated whisky. The distillery also avoids spending any money on advertising, which is why a lot of people have never even heard of them. Despite flying under the radar, Ardmore produces a number of lovely whiskies & some independent bottlers have even found a few really exceptional casks as well.

34. Auchroisk

A large distillery in size but not in name, Auchroisk (pronounced “oth-rusk”) was built in 1974 to supply J&B blends but as demand for single malts increased, they began to release their own bottlings. Their range is rather small, centred mainly around the 10 year old which has a soft, sweet & custardy flavour but there are also a few really good independent bottlings too which deserve a taste.

35. Aultmore

A real hidden gem from Speyside, this distillery has had its ups & downs over last 3 centuries & only got round to switching over from steam power in the 1960s. Although Aultmore boasts a fine standard 12 year old, the best expressions to be discovered from this distillery lie in their various independent bottlings & single cask releases.

36. Balmnach

Officially established in 1824 by James McGregor, descendent of a family of well known smugglers & illicit moonshiners, this distillery had already been in operation for quite some time when James registered it as legitimate & legal operation in the 19th Century. Only one official bottling has been released from the distillery, leaving plenty to be discovered amongst their independent bottlings. We’ve got our eye on a few, to save you the work.

37. Balvenie

A well known, well regarded distillery & for good reason indeed. Balvenie’s highly traditional craft approach to whisky involves growing their own barley & floor malting it. They also employ specialist coppersmiths to look after stills & a team of cooper to maintain the barrels. All this care & attention to detail has helped them to produce brilliant single malt whiskies. There a some truly exceptional drams from this distillery, such as the famous Tun 1401 but you really needn’t look further than the DoubleWood or Signature for a beautiful malt.

38. Benriach

Having garnered a rather poor reputation in the past, Benriach has gone from strength to strength since its recent takeover. Now known for experimental finishes & bottlings bearing curious Latin names, their range covers almost every flavour profile & style imaginable. With something for everybody, keep an eye out for something you might like & be sure to give it a go.

39. Benrinnes

Surely one of Scotland’s unluckiest distilleries, Benrinnes was built in 1826 & destroyed just 3 years later in a flood. A new distillery was built a mile away next to the mountain of the same name, before being destroyed by fire about 50 years later. Rebuilt once more, it has so far remained intact & has gone on to produce a number of well rounded, sweet & nutty malts. Although very few distillery bottlings are released from Benrinnes, there are a few independent bottlings out there & the cask strengths are considered to be particularly wonderful, owing in part to their own partial triple distillation process (which lends these whiskies a smoothness to help counteract the stronger alcohol notes).

40. Benromach

Speyside’s smallest distillery (with just two full-time employees), this little gem re-opened in 1998 under Gordon & MacPhail’s ownership & has seen very positive results from its special releases such as the first ever certifiably organic whisky. Known primarily for smooth, easy drinking, lightly sherried whiskies this distillery will still keep you on your toes with its special releases.

41. Braeval

High up on a mountain ridge near Glenlivet, in 2002 Braeval (formerly Braes O’Glenlivet) fell silent. Thankfully, its slumber was short-lived as in 2008, the Chivas Brothers reopened it to help production of their blends. As such, there isn’t much to get hold of from this distillery, which is a great shame because its style of rich & fruity whisky with lots of spice is very enjoyable. Look out for single cask releases to get a good glimpse at this distillery’s real character.

42. Cardhu

Set up by a notorious whisky smuggler in the early 19th Century, Cardhu has gone from being a 2 person farmhouse distillery to the best selling whisky in Diageo’s impressive portfolio. There’s only a couple of independent bottlings of this malt but plenty of official releases boasting gentle, sweet peat smoke flavours.

43. Cragganmore

A classic Speyside malt, the Cragganmore distillery gets a slightly unusual character from its uniquely shaped slat-top stills. Matured with a fairly light sherry influence the resulting whisky is renowned for being light & floral but with rich dark fruits & a sweet smokiness. For a complex yet easy going whisky, you need look no further than the entry level 12 year, but there’s also plenty of interesting older independent bottlings to look out for.

44. Craiggellachie

This sweet & spicy malt comes from an often overlooked distillery. Only one official expression of their 14 year old comes from the distillery so there is plenty of opportunity for “research” into the multitude of independent bottlings.

45. Dailuaine

A rather obscure distillery, despite its size. Known for its big, thick & richly sherried whiskies, most of Dailuaine’s output goes towards blends & single malt releases are very limited (but are a definite must try for fans of the style).

46. Dufftown

A great whisky to attract people to single malt whisky. Straightforward, nutty & smooth is the style of Dufftown, which is almost entirely used in Johnnie Walker blends. As such, very few expressions are available but the Diageo Singleton’s bottling of the 12 year old is as good as any other Dufftown malt we’ve tried.

47. Drumguish

Also known as The Speyside distillery, this was set up by George Christie, a wine merchant who dreamed of having his own whisky distillery. Having no intention to mass produce this is one of Scotland’s few remaining independent distilleries, with only 4 employees. The malts it produces are classic Speyside flavours of toffee & vanilla, but with a bit of a bite to them.

48. Glenallachie

Built specifically for contributing to blends in the 1960s, all 3,000,000 litres of Glenallachie’s annual output are designated for this purpose & as such, it’s hard to come by single malt expressions of this malt. What little is available comes from independent bottlers, usually showcasing the distillery’s light, bourbon influenced style of honey, vanilla & subtle green fruit flavours.

49. Glenburgie

Quite a rare malt to find these days since ownership of the distillery was transferred to Chivas Brothers, Glenburgie whisky is a fantastic example of how much more a Speyside can deliver beyond the usual sweet, spicy toffee flavours & shows incredible depth of flavour.

50. Glendronach

Recently purchased by the owners of Benriach distillery, the freedom of independence is helping Glendronach cement its place as a top distillery. The house style is most definitely sherried with rich fruit & caramel overtones, coming from its old coal-fired stills. Most recently they’ve been producing some outstanding wood finishes using French dessert wines such as Sauternes & Moscatel.

51. Glendullan

The preferred tittle of King Edward VII, Glendullan is now one of Diageo’s largest distilleries in terms of production & exports a large proportion of their malt overseas to foreign markets, particularly the USA. Very few official releases are available in the UK but there is a good spattering of independent bottlings, usually from refill bourbon casks which really highlights the spirit’s natural flavours of citrus zest & parma violets.

52. Glen Elgin

Nestled in the heart of Speyside, Glen Elgin was the last distillery to be built during the boom years of the 1890s. Entirely operated & lit by paraffin until the 1950s, the modern day distillery boasts a charming mix of old & new technology. The signature Glen Elgin style of soft honey & heather has made it a highly sought after distillery for blends, earning them a worldwide reputation for being a great value, easy drinking whisky.

53. Glenfarclas

One of Scotland’s only remaining family-owned distilleries Glenfarclas boasts a strong sense of tradition & independence. Sticking to their tried & tested maturation techniques using almost solely sherry butts, the distillery has a well known & well respected flavour of rich fruitcake with a hint of smoke.

54. Glenfiddich

The best selling single malt worldwide, Glenfiddich is one of the most recognisable Scotch whiskies & with 43 warehouses housing 800,000 casks & 16 stills producing 10,000,000 litres of spirit a year it is one of the biggest as well. Its popularity is not undeserved as its core range doesn’t exhibit just one single house style but rather an impressive range of flavours that have been finely tuned over many years.

55. Glen Grant

One of the top 5 best selling Scotch single malts worldwide, Glen Grant is a mainstay of the Chivas blends but with such a large capacity there’s plenty left for release as a single malt. Well known & popular for a sweet, easy drinking style.

56. Glen Keith

Established to meet demand in America for blended Scotch, Glen Keith is unusual in that it set out to produce a triple distilled whisky for the purpose of blending but ended up with a much lighter, delicate honeyed malt. Having shutdown for decades, the recent resurgence in the single malt market led to the distillery being reopened in June 2012. Although it will be several years before the release of any new whiskies, there are still plenty of independent expressions available.

57. Glenlivet

The name Glenlivet is now synonymous with quality in the world of Scotch whisky & as the second best selling single malt in the world, it is easy to see why. Expect a big mouthfeel from the house bottlings, with full body & rich flavours of honey, fudge & cereals, all balanced with a hint of smokey delicate floral fruit notes.

58. Glenlossie

A little known Speysider, due in part to its obligation to producing Diageo blends, it’s a shame that single malts from Glenlossie are so hard to come by as the distillery produces a very pleasant well-balanced whisky full of delicate fruit spice, sweetness & cereal flavours.

59. Glen Moray

A fine example of a straightforward, no frills, easy drinking Speyside. Having previously produced whisky almost solely as a blending component, Glen Moray has been somewhat neglected as a single malt producer over the years & now hopes to change this. Catering for a sweet, honey & vanilla flavour profile for blends, the single malt on its own is pleasant & unpretentious; a great way to round off an evening.

60. Glenrothes

Owned currently by famous wine merchants Berry Bros. & Rudd, this distillery’s official bottlings are quite unique & offer a range of vintages rather than age statements. Despite its artisan image, the output of Glenrothes is huge & as a result there is a plethora of independent & in-house expressions available. The house style is one of spicy sweetness, with rich honey & marmalade flavours. If you’re a fan of Speyside whisky, Glenrothes offers great value single malts.

61. Glen Spey

One of a handful of distilleries whose stills are fitted with a purifier, increasing the amount of the spirit which is distilled before condensing & creating a much lighter spirit. Consequently, whisky from Glen Spey tends to be very light & fragrant with undertones of fruit & nut.

62. Glentauchers

A relatively unknown distillery to the general public, but a big supplier to many major blends. Glentauchers don’t release any of their malt officially, so anything you can find will be from an independent bottler. Almost all of their spirit is filled in-house into ex-bourbon casks but there are some cracking examples of sherried whisky from this distillery that are well worth a try.

63. Inchgower

Situated near the mouth of the River Spey, Inchgower is a medium sized distillery. 99% of this distillery’s whisky goes towards blending & as such, is quite hard to get hold of as a single malt release. That which does get released tends to boast a fresh, clean & zesty style with delicate floral & orchard fruit notes. Well worth a taste if you get the opportunity.

64. Knockando

A fairly small distillery situated in the town of the same name, Knockando’s whisky goes mainly into blending with just a small percentage held back for release as single malt. Popular in Europe the distillery’s style of a gentle, unchallenging & sweet malt is becoming very popular in America as well.

65. Linkwood

Situated in the wildlife-rich town of Elgin, it is hard to ignore this whisky’s provenance. The Linkwood style is well known & loved by many for its nutty, herbal flavours balanced by honey sweetness. Unlike most Speyside malts, this distillery produces a much sharper & less cloying sweetness, which makes for a truly interesting dram.

66. Longmorn

Sat right next door to BenRiach, this distillery is not as well known as its younger sibling, despite its high output. A sought-after component for blending, the single malt produced at Longmorn is wonderfully complex & doesn’t compromise. We feel one need look no further than the 16 year old for a wonderfully complex whisky with great depth of flavour, boasting orchard fruits & citrus, tied together by rich oak tones.

67. Macallan

A well respected & revered distillery, the Macallan has been a Speyside classic for many years now & has recently made the decision to do away with age statements, instead choosing to differentiate their whiskies by colour. Previously preferring sherry casks for maturation, their latest releases in the Fine Oak range have been showcasing the flavours taken from bourbon barrels, so expect rich fruitcake from the former & vanilla fudge from the latter.

68. Mannochmore

Situated on the same site as Glenlossie, Mannochnore is a much lager distillery which has gained a reputation recently for its Cu Dhub Black (Gaelic for Black Dog). This whisky is matured in double-charred bourbon barrels, giving it an extremely dark colour. In contrast, its official releases tend toward a much lighter style, exhibiting toffee popcorn & gentle spice flavours.

69. Miltonduff

This distillery produces a whisky labelled as Mosstownie, distilled in a pair of Lomond stills but their output is becoming increasingly rare nowadays as they mostly produce for blends. Independent bottlings are the way forward with this distillery & it’s well worth the effort required to track down a bottle, packed full of orchard fruits, berries & heather honey.

70. Mortlach

This distillery’s rather bizarre history has seen its home used as a brewery & church amongst other things over the years. Currently producing whisky under the watchful eye of Diageo, Mortlach’s combination of 3 wash & spirit stills combines to produce very interesting whiskies with great depth of flavour, that work equally well matured in either sherry or bourbon. Our favourites is the cask strength expressions however, which really highlights the best features of the spirit.

71. Royal Brackla

The first ever distillery to be bestowed a Royal Warrant by William IV, allowing it the rare honour of prefixing its name with Royal, one of only 3 distilleries to ever do so. Brackla is a seldom-seen single malt on bars & shop shelves. The house style is clean & fresh, with interesting dry cranberry & oak notes towards the end.

72. Speyburn

The first ever distillery to use a pneumatic drum maltings system, the original equipment remains intact today (although mothballed) & is protected by Historic Scotland as the last remaining example of this system. Speyburn is a rather picturesque distillery made up of small stone buildings & a beautiful pagoda roof. Producing a very light & fresh whisky, full of zesty citrus fruit, spearmint & light wood notes, the growing popularity of this distillery is well deserved & has been recognised accordingly with a number of awards in recent years. Most Speyburn offerings are in the official range, which is a good representation of the distillery but there are some fantastic single cask releases out there too.

73. Strathisla

The oldest distillery in the North of Scotland, originally starting out as a farmhouse distillery, Strathisla is one of the country’s oldest distilleries & its heritage is apparent in the rich, creamy malt produced at the distillery. With a few official releases & plenty of independent ones, there’s a lot to try from this often overlooked distillery. We recommend sticking with the younger expressions as this whisky seems to peak around the 12 year mark.

74. Strathmill

An increasingly rare single malt, Strathmill boasts an unusually light character due mainly to the purifiers fitted to its stills. Only 1 official bottling has ever been released & a handful of independent expressions, each with a slightly different flavour profile but all exhibiting an extremely light, grassy aroma & unique custard-like palate. A very intriguing single malt indeed.

75. Tamdhu

Sat on the banks of the Spey, for a long time Tamdhu provided maltings for other distilleries but otherwise remained quiet. Bought in 1999, they began distilling soon after & have just released a new 10 year old expression. There are a number of independent bottlings from the good old days that are well worth investigating too.

76. Tannavulin

Having been silent for over a decade since being mothballed in 1995, Tannavulin is gradually recovering, producing more & more whisky. As a result, what’s available at the moment is limited to rather old & rather special whiskies. Of course there’s a price to pay for age, so for now this is a distillery whose single malt is best saved for special occasions.

77. Tomatin

One of Scotland’s largest distilleries, Tomatin experienced a big boost in the 50s & expanded rapidly before having to scale back in recent years. Having such large output, the spirit needs plenty of time in the cask to reach its potential. The 12 year is about as young as we’d go with this but some of the older expressions are real eye-openers.

78. Tomintoul

Known as “the gentle dram”, this distillery produces a very charming & pleasant single malt boasting a smooth, malty sweetness with toffee & honeycomb flavours that mingle together nicely & balance some of the more subtle coffee & oak notes. 2 weeks of the year Tomintoul produce a heavily peated malt known as Old Ballantruan, which is worth a try for something different. We personally have a soft spot for the entry level 10 year, which is outstanding value for such a great single malt.

79. Tormore

Despite its huge size & output, single malt expressions of Tormore are rather difficult to come by as most of its malt goes into blends. From the small range of official bottlings & handful of independent offerings, we’re actually rather fond of their own 12 year old, which is pleasantly sweet but with just enough complexity to keep things interesting.

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Islay

80. Ardbeg

Known as “the ultimate Islay Single Malt”, with a rich & heavily peated style, this is one distillery every peat lover has to try. One of our favourites here at The Broadfield, their 10 year old has won World Whisky of the Year & if you get a chance to try the Uigeadail (twice World Whisky winner) you won’t regret it.

81. Bowmore

The oldest distillery on Islay & indeed one of the oldest in all of Scotland, Bowmore is Islay’s medium peated malt & has a place in many people’s hearts. A very prestigious dram, this distillery very rarely puts a foot wrong & their famous balance between salty, delicate peat smoke & rich fruit flavours is always a safe bet.

82. Bruichladdich

One of Scotland’s most interesting distilleries at the moment, having reopened in 2001, all eyes were on Bruichladdich in 2011 for the release of their first 10 year old. The resulting whisky well & truly blew everybody away. The spirit being made at this “progressive Hebridean distillery” is something really quite special. From their wonderful unpeated Laddie Ten to the crazy peat levels of the infamous Octomore, their extensive & impressive range covers just about every taste & style in between.

83. Bunnahabhain

Islay’s Northernmost distillery, tucked away at the end of a quiet road on a secluded beach, this distillery is possibly more famous for their Black Bottle blend than their single malt. That being said, Bunnahabhain has a great reputation for a smooth, easy drinking, lightly peated whisky & the 12 year old is one of the best in the range.

84. Caol Ila

Pronounced “cull-eela” & situated on the Sound of Islay (the stretch of water between Islay & Jura), the still room at Caol Ila looks right out onto the water. A massive distillery producing more than any other on the Island, most of it goes into blends. The whisky that does get released as a single malt is absolutely brilliant though. Medium in weight, with a sharp, dry smoke & almost oily character, this distillery has a big cult following & it is easy to see why.

85. Kilchoman

Founded in 2005 on an Islay farm, Kilchoman has already become one of our absolute favourite distilleries in all of Scotland. On the farm they not only grow the barley, but malt, mash, distil, mature & even bottle the finished product without it ever having to leave the island. Although the whiskies are still quite young, they’re full of flavour & well worth trying. In particular, the Machir Bay & 100% Islay releases are really great drams & this distillery is definitely one to keep an eye on in years to come.

86. Lagavulin

One of the most sought-after whiskies in Scotland, Lagavulin is constantly struggling to meet the massive demand for its single malt. Full of that famous Islay peat smoke, Lagavulin has the slowest distillation of any Scotch whisky & that leisurely pace creates a uniquely smoky whisky which is dry & light, in complete contrast to the similarly peated Laphroaig. Almost no independent bottlings of this malt exist, partly because of high demand & also because there really isn’t much point when the official range is packed with exquisite whisky showcasing the very best of Islay. Look out for the double matured distiller’s editions which combine that dry smoke with rich Pedro Ximénez sherry for something really special.

87. Laphroaig

Islay’s most famous single malt whisky, with an utterly unique character to it. Laphroaig’s medicinal smoke & heavy peat flavour are legendary & it has garnered an understandably deserved cult following. There’s not much more we can say about this other than it is truly the Marmite of whiskies; whether you love it or hate it, you probably already know about Laphroaig.

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88. Abhain Dearg

A fairly new distillery in the whisky world, established in 2008, it has only just begun producing what can legally be called whisky. Hard to find due to its small output but keep an eye out for the Spirit of Lewis. Too young to be called whisky, it’s a raw & powerful drink; not one for the timid!

89. Arran

Based on the famously Isle of Arran, this is one of the few completely independent distillers in Scotland. Using pure water from nearby Loch na Davie, they create sweet, unpeated whiskies with a pleasant orange & spice flavour.

90. Highland Park

Scotland’s Northernmost distillery, situated on the island of Orkney, Highland Park is rapidly becoming one of the world’s best loved single malt whiskies. Of the 2 Orkney distilleries, Highland Park is the only one to peat its malt. The peat on Orkney is quite unique in the flavour that it imparts into the whisky; lighter & full of heather. Although there is a few independent releases, the official range is fantastic & every expression has won several awards.

91. Isle of Jura

Despite the island’s close proximity to Islay, the whisky from this distillery offers none of the intense peat smoke you might expect. A picturesque & sparsely populated island, where George Orwell wrote 1984, Jura is home to just the one distillery, producing a powerful whisky full of rich toffee & cereals balanced by subtle floral & spicy notes.

92. Scapa

Orkney’s unpeated malt & located just a stone’s throw from Highland Park, you would never associate such a delicate & refined whisky with the wild, untamed landscape of Orkney. Since its relaunch in 2008, Scapa has been promoted as a premium single malt & with its full bodied, silky palate coupled with rich marmalade flavours it is growing in popularity every day.

93. Talisker

A well known & well loved single malt from the Isle of Skye, Talisker’s balanced profile of spicy peat, sweetness & coastal notes has an ever-expanding following worldwide. Almost all of the Talisker available on the market is in the form of official releases, which showcase a different take on the house style. Despite the various finishes, the Talisker DNA is apparent throughout. A highly recommended single malt.

94. Tobermory

The only distillery on the Isle of Mull & with just 1 (until recently) official release in the form of a 10 year old, it’s easy to see how Tobermory could pass a lot of people by. Hopefully its fortunes will improve, as the light, sweet & firm spiciness of the whisky produced here has real potential. The 10 year is a great value