

THE BROADFIELD

• WHISKY MAP •

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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 shiered 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 shiered 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.

