

# CONNOISSEUR'S LIST

## COGNAC

Although the cognac-producing region is very small, its famous distillates are greatly varied. Thousands of vintners and distillers engage in the creation and blending of this high-alcohol-content, luxury brandies.

**Remy Martin Louis XIII** 40% vol. 788

*Dark gold with red lights, spicy bouquet with slight floral scents on top chocolaty fruit tones.*

**Tres Vieille Reserve de Lafite Rothschild** 40% vol. 480

*Velvety, soft, warm, warming, with tones of brown sugar, vanilla and with hints of cigars.*

**Tesseron, Lot N°90 XO Ovation** 40% vol. 75

*Fresh & vibrant style. Fresh pear and quince notes on the attack, give way to herbaceous elements, dried fruits and nuts, fresh, with intriguing hints of almond, crème brûlée and some toasted wood*

**Tesseron, Lot N°76 XO Tradition** 40% vol. 99

*Very alluring and expressive, presenting a sensation of fruit compote layered with hints of honey and leather, all lifted by elegant floral tones. Generous initial hit, presenting a wonderful, spicy vitality complementing a harmonious, rounded style*

**Tesseron, Lot N°53 XO Perfection** 40% vol. 298

*Aged for over two generations. Instant aromas of dried fruits such as plum and fig give way to tobacco notes. It is generous and full-bodied. Rounded and full of life, you will discover an initial peppered, spicy flavor, which melts into a dark cacao and fresh herby taste. It is extremely refined, opulent and has a long finish*

**Martell XO** 40% vol. 136

*A piquant, spicy sensation with notes of black pepper and coriander, rounded by aromas of fig, walnut and sandalwood*

**Martell Cordon Bleu XO** 40% vol. 127

*Rich and complex with orchard fruit candied plum and apple harmonising with roasted notes of mocha coffee.*

**Hennessy VSOP** 40% vol. 49

*Flower notes, some yellow fruit, an idea of sweetness. Fruit, spicy, cinnamon from the palate.*

**Hennessy XO** 40% vol. 97

*A rich, creamy cognac with a lively aroma of ripe fruit and spices like cinnamon and vanilla.*

**Camus XO Elegance** 40% vol. 67

*Slightly sweet and floral entry. Light body, with a fair amount of flowers and fruit on the nose.*

**Remy Martin VSOP** 40% vol. 49

*Floral and fruity tones on the nose. Soft on the palate and dry, bitter sweetness in the aftertaste.*

**Frapin Château Fontpinot XO** 40% vol. 39

*Floral and fruit filled with a rich, long finish, well balanced and absolutely delicious.*

**Croizet XO** 40% vol. 89

*Aromas of caramel, passionfruit, toasted croissant, sesame oil, and cured meats with a velvety, crisp, dry-yet-fruity medium body and a warming, layered, long espresso beans, red bean bao, milk chocolate with roasted almonds, caraway, and dried peach finish.*

## ARMAGNAC

Armagnac is a grape brandy produced in the Gascony region of France, since at least the 15th century. A fuller-bodied style of brandy when compared to Cognac, often aged for many years and makes an excellent digestive.

**Prince D'Arignac XO** 40% vol. 32

*Intense with aromas of cocoa, vanilla, spices and candied fruits. Honey and lime blossom on the palate. The finished with an extremely long.*

## BRANDY

Brandy is distilled from grapes and achieves its golden brown colour from ageing in toasted barrels. South African brandy, which is made in the same manner as Cognac using a double distillation process in pot stills, is highly respected worldwide.

**Boschendal Potstill 10 Years** 40% vol. 63

*This blend consists of different ages, minimum 10 years, resulting in tropical pineapple, passion fruit, dried peaches, dates and fig flavours with hints of citrus and sherry.*

# SINGLE MALTS

## THE HIGHLANDS

Wild seas and impenetrable moorland dominate the landscape, creating a breeding ground for powerful peaty drams, whilst still leaving room for floral, silky elegance.

**Aberfeldy 12 Years** 40% vol. 51

*Some sherried fruit with a trailing hint of smoked on the nose. Sweet, malty, a gentle peat but nonetheless the mouth feel is very clean on the palate. Finished with malt, a faint hint of citrus.*

**AnCnoc 18 Years** 46% vol. 79

*Unrefined sugar and satisfying raw honey with blood orange and satsuma segments on the nose. Honeyed and spiced. Vanilla, lemon, gooseberry and fig rolls on the palate.*

**Ardmore Traditional** 46% vol. 45

*Lots of barley and cereal notes, oodles of rich bourbon, smoke and peat still present on the palate. Charming interplay through the caramel sweetness and the vanilla spiced oak.*

**Balblair 2004** 46% vol. 54

*Juicy blood orange, crushed almonds, brown sugar on the nose. Quite nutty and sweet, though creamy vanilla and oak keep it grounded on the palate. Finished with Citrus and waxy oak.*

**Balblair 1995** 46% vol. 54  
*Hints of green apples, coconut and vanilla can be detected, alongside the signature Balblair characteristics. Imparted a spicy note with a distinctive vanilla fragrance.*

**Balblair 15 Years** 46% vol. 51  
*Honey-covered apple, citrus freshness, coffee and walnut cake. Palate shows dried fruit and more apple, dark chocolate shavings, ginger. Finish with Curaçao orange, dried oak, caramelised dates.*

**Balblair 17 Years** 46% vol. 95  
*Dark chocolate, bits of sultanas and cherries with wood spice. Minced fruit, oak and pepper. Wood spice and fruit. Nutmeg, white pepper mixed with vanilla. Red apples, sweet figs and juicy oranges with oak and hints of honey. Bold and chewy with a medium body.*

**Dalmore Dominion** 43% vol. 81  
*Spicy, vinous and honeyed with incense notes. Palate - Exotic spice, sweet chilli, dried fruit and mixed peels. Finish with fruit salad, caramel and a little black pepper.*

**Dalmore 12 Years** 40% vol. 51  
*Citrus fruits, chocolate and aromatic spices. On the Palate - Seville oranges, dried fruits and hints of vanilla pod. Finishing with roasted coffee and dark chocolate.*

**Glendronach 12 Years** 40% vol. 58  
*Rich cereals, struck match, raisin and cinnamon. Opens with some sweeter PX and lots of delicious raw ginger before becoming creamier with hazelnuts. Fruits, peels and buttery.*

**Glen Garioch 12 Years** 48% vol. 69

*Earthy, stewed fruit on nose. Rich, mouth filling, toasty oak, dried fruit, hint of mocha on palate. Finished with Spicy and smooth. Well balanced.*

**Glengoyne 18 Years** 43 vol. 122

*Hints of soft spice and dried peels. A little apricot, honey and vanilla. Creamy custard and dried peels. Allspice, manuka honey and hints of butterscotch. Finish with creamy caramel and malt. Candied peels.*

**Glenmorangie The Original 10 Years** 40% vol. 34

*Soft, clean and refreshing: lemon sherbert and apricots, with honeyed fruit and a touch of toffee and vanilla. Gentle and satisfying. A little weightier on the palate, with honey and malt, banana bread and subtle sweet spices. Clean and well balanced.*

**Glenmorangie The Lasanta 12 Years** 43% vol. 53

*Warm spices mix with smooth chocolate covered raisins, honeycomb and caramel toffee. Deliciously sweet sherry flavoured sultanas, orange segments, walnuts and butterscotch combine to create complex warm spices.*

**Glenmorangie Signet** 46% vol. 95

*The nose begins with chocolate raisins and sugared mixed peels. Sweet, syrupy cinnamon and before a suggestion of Terry's Chocolate Orange rises. A hint of lime rind, lychees and dates.*

**Loch Lomond 12 Years** 46% vol. 58

*Creamy vanilla, with a touch of freshly baked apple turnover. Brown sugar and five-spice. Orchard fruit notes continue, with a hint of yellow plum too. Quite drying, though still sweet with vanilla.*

**Old Pulteney 10 Years Traveller's Exclusive** 40% vol. 39

*Rich toffee and creamy vanilla sweetness with fragrant floral traces. Crisp green apples and a citrusy tang are backed by hints of banana and delicate oak spiciness. With a hint of sea air and touch of leather adding complexity to a lovely, lingering finish.*

**Old Pulteney 13 Years Traveller's Exclusive** 40% vol. 41

*Starting with tropical flavors of coconut and citrus, reminiscent of sunny holidays, before making way for sweet notes of vanilla, toffee and candied nuts*

**Old Pulteney 12 Years** 40% vol. 38

*Crisp and clean on nose. Great balance reveals notes of herbs and grist. Parsley, almond on palate. Musty, nutty, sultana, toffee, spices. Oak. Finished with medium, oak, spices.*

**Old Pulteney 16 Years** 40% vol. 70

*Aromas of honeyed vanilla, ginger, apples, dried fruit and creamy milk chocolate fill the nose alongside classic salty sea breeze aromas. The palate offers notes of rich Christmas cake, soft baking spices, dried fruit and dark chocolate with sea salt that linger in the finish.*

- Tomatin 12 Years** 40% vol. 55  
*Tasty combination of fruit and spice, with fresh aromas of green apple balanced by richer, spicier notes of cinnamon, nutmeg and Parma violets, along with a touch of milk chocolate*
- Tomatin 15 Years** 46% vol. 67  
*Gentle, balanced with orchard fruits, oak, blossom, orange too, creamy vanilla, toffee on the nose. Creamy and soft with a prominence of fruit and malt, caramel, citrus on the palate.*
- Tomatin 18 Years** 46% vol. 76  
*Rich and sherried, with orchard, citrus and dried fruit – apples, oranges and sultanas on nose. Sweet and honeyed, with a backbone of citrus, fruit cake, chocolate and spice of palate.*
- Tullibardine 225 Sauternes Finish** 43% vol. 51  
*Citrus peels and allspice. Notes of creamy vanilla, golden syrup, cocoa butter and black pepper on the nose. Spiced palate entry with notes of candied orange and Seville marmalade.*
- Tullibardine 228 Burgundy Finish** 43% vol. 51  
*Spiced, with notes of red berry fruit, vanilla and toasted oak on nose. Creamy, nutty palate entry with notes of sweet custard, apple peel, red berries and orange blossom honey on palate.*

## ISLAY

The region is known for its peaty single malts. Most of them produce strong, peaty and smoky whiskies, which divide whisky drinkers into two camps: love or hate. There is no middle ground.

**Ardbeg Uigeadail** 46% vol. 65

*Multifaceted, notes of peat and little flourishes of dark sugar, freshly ground espresso beans, cereal notes and a most sophisticated tar on the nose. Led by sweet, ripe fruit and black forest.*

**Ardbeg 10 Years** 46% vol. 51

*A ridge of vanilla leads to mountain of peat capped with citrus fruits and circled by clouds of sea spray on the nose. Sweet vanilla counterbalanced with lemon and lime followed by smoke.*

**Bowmore Cask Strength** 56% vol. 50

*Fresh sea wind with sweet malt and smoke on the nose. Strong at the start, heavy on the malt with peat smoke on the palate. Finished with long and strong.*

**Bruichladdich Links** 45% vol. 60

*Dominant honeyed fruit foundation. Fresh and appetizing "sea breeze" character dovetails nicely. Fuller, rounded, and with a bit more going on here than the Full Strength expression.*

**Bunnahabhain Cruach-Mhona** 50% vol. 59

*Cruach-Mhona, gaelic for 'peat stack', a pile of drying peat bricks cut for fuel, is a departure from Bunnahabhain's usual style, adding in some peat to their normally unpeated spirit.*

**Laphroaig The 1815 Legacy Edition** 48% vol. 85

*Signature peat-smoke with burnt apricot and raisin. Palate - Soft oak, notes of rich caramelised dark fruit and dried fruitiness. Finish with nut, peat and oiled wood.*

**Laphroaig Quarter Cask** 48% vol. 49

*Oily and buttery nose, with toffee, nuttiness, hickory, bicarbonate of soda, rum and raisin ice cream and zest. Big rush of sweetness, in fact it's an explosion of sweetness, with fiery chilli heat, TCP, sweet cereals and a touch of cola syrup.*

**Laphroaig 10 years** 40% vol. 48

*Big, smoky muscular peat notes. There are spices, and liquorice, as well as a big dose of salt. Seaweed-led, with a hint of vanilla ice cream. Oak is big, and muscles its way into the fore as you hold this whisky over your tongue. An upsurge of spices develop.*

**Lagavulin 8 years** 48% vol. 57

*Salted popcorn, honey-roasted nuts, tarry ropes and light hints of freshly-chopped cedar. A touch of burnt sugar sweetness lingers. Smokey peat appears first on the palate, followed by coriander seed, barley sugar, cumin powder, smoked kipper and marzipan.*

**Lagavulin 10 years** 43% vol. 73

*A sea breeze runs throughout rock salt, ripe apple, burnt sugar and maritime peat smoke. Sweet and salty, with a good kick of chilli pepper, followed by roasted almond and more smoke. A creamy, smoky, spicy finish.*

**Lagavulin 16 years**

43% vol.

79

*Lapsang Souchong! One of the smokiest noses from Islay. It's big, very, very concentrated, and redolent of iodine, sweet spices, good, mature Sherry and creamy vanilla. Very thick and rich. A massive mouthful of malt and Sherry with good fruity sweetness, but also a wonderful sweetness. Big, powerful peat and oak.*

## SPEYSIDE

Speyside is the Whisky Manhattan. Speyside malts from these fifty or so distilleries are known for being frugal with peat and lavish with nutty fruit flavours. Apple, pear, honey, vanilla and spice all have in the Speyside style.

**The Datai, BenRiach, Single Cask 22 Years** 43% vol. 140

*This aged single cask delivers aromas of berry compote, wild honey, crunchy apples, spicy oak and delicate smoke that fill the nose, complemented by notes of grape, dark chocolate, smoked pine nuts, caramelised pear and honey smoke throughout the palate.*

**Aberlour Double Cask 16 years** 43% vol. 75

*Creamy with sweet raisin aromas and a spicy nuttiness. A smooth blend of floral and spicy flavours, paired with a sweet plum fruitiness and gentle oakiness. Finished with gloriously long, with a warm, honeyed spiciness.*

**Aultmore 12 Years** 46% vol. 67

*Very fresh and vibrant. Clean, refreshing notes of Cox's apple and pear, with a gentle creaminess and some aromatic floral notes, too. A touch richer on the palate than expected, but still soft and fruity, with some sweet pastry/custard-tart notes. Florality lifts the palate.*

**Benromach Contrasts Peat Smoke** 46% vol. 54

*Roasted nuts, vanilla pod, earthy barley, cinnamon, ginger, a hint of summer meadow. More fruit-forward on the palate, with flamed orange peel and a splash of apple. Still packing plenty of peat smoke. Finish with bonfire embers, brown sugar, grilled pineapple.*

**Benromach 15 Years** 43% vol. 73

*Rich, thick and rounded, with sultanas and raisins quickly overwhelmed by spicy peat smoke. The baked apples from the nose are revealed as the smoke blows away, sprinkled with spicy cinnamon and mint leaves. Chocolate-covered liquorice and Hob Nob biscuits appear, along with a touch of charcoal.*

**Craigellachie 13 Years** 46% vol. 67

*Aromas of oozing toasted marshmallows, and baked apples studded with cloves, with the tang of sulphury, cordite lingering in the background. Taste delivers malty, sweet complexity, with a finish that is slightly smokey.*

**GlenAllachie 10 years Cask Strength Batch 9** 58.1% vol. 80

*Batch 9 is a marriage of whiskies aged for a minimum of 10 years in a combination of Pedro Ximenez, oloroso, Rioja, and medium-toasted American oak barrels.. Has classic sherried notes of dark chocolate and dried fruits, coupled with sweet spices and red berries*

**GlenAllachie 15 years** 46% vol. 80

*Peanut brittle, dates and a big scoop of chocolate ice cream. On palate shows walnut, raisin, Christmas spices and fresh ginger. Coffee, Turkish delight and just a hint of flaky sea salt on finished*

**Glen Grant 10 Years** 40% vol. 44

*Medium bodied. Vanilla, toffee apple. Herbal, hint of smoke on the nose. Firm. Sweetness, fruity, vanilla. Gentle peat, malty on the palate. Finished with a dry, supple peat, toffee*

**Glen Grant The Major's Reserve** 40% vol. 33

*Custard sweets, candied lemon, zingy apple and a general youthful freshness on the nose. Soft and oily, apple skin, sour lemon zest, and a light touch of sponge cake batter on the palate.*

**Glen Moray 15 Years** 40% vol. 56

*Matured in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks. A rich, sweet and full-bodied whisky with notes of spiced dark chocolate and butter toffee..*

**Glen Moray 18 Years** 40% vol. 75

*Juicy apricot and yellow plum, with a glaze of honey. Earthy vanilla arrives first, shortly followed by hints of lavender and sultanas. Finished with ingering notes of ginger and cinnamon.*

**Glenlivet 21 Years The Sample Room Collection** 43% vol. 290

*Nose is filled with aromas of caramelised pears and juicy peaches, along with cinnamon and nutmeg provided by the French oak barrels. On the palate, notes of dried fruits meet with chocolate-coated ginger and warm spices that lead to a long and lingering finish.*

**Mortlach Alexander's Way 14 Years** 43.4% vol. 60

*Lemon zest alongside lemon curd, upside down apple cake, cinnamon sponge cake and vanilla cream with a hint of spice. Loads of spices, with ginger, clove, nutmeg and white pepper, balanced by floral, dry tea, melted white chocolate with peaches and cream, sweet malt and earthy oak..*

**Speyburn 10 Years** 40% vol. 44  
*Nose is quite citrusy and zesty. Sugared orange peels and herbal notes, wood shavings and pine oil, rubbed spearmint leaves and winter spice. The palate is of medium-body and quite smooth.*

**Tomintoul 10 Years** 40% vol. 37  
*Medium-body and well-balanced. There are notes of vanilla fudge and barley. Tones of malt extract and espresso, hints of mochaccino and oak.*

## THE LOWLANDS

The Lowlands can play truant from peat or salinity. Triple distilled malts are characteristic of the region, offering a gentle, elegant palate. Produced drams doted on by lovers of the aperitif and mellow malt.

**Auchentoshan Springwood** 40% vol. 45

*Light and fragrant with classic bourbon-cask vanilla and honey, with hints of orange oil shining through. Chocolatey on the palate, with continued vanilla fudge and citrus peels.*

**Auchentoshan Heartwood** 43% vol. 55

*Fresh honey and candied orange peels, with hints of dark coffee and pear drops on nose, it's got a core of hazelnut and almond, surrounded by chocolate buttons, apple and fresh ground coffee.*

## THE ISLAND

The Islands represent a very diverse region and one that is not strictly recognized as a region by the Scotch Whisky Association - technically the Islands are a part of the Highlands.

**Isle of Jura, Diurachs' Own 16 Years** 40% vol. 64

*Fragrant, slightly floral, some minerality at first, becomes increasingly creamy with a hint of orange. Mixed nuts, redcurrant, green apple and finally dark chocolate and spice on the nose.*

**Isle of Jura The Sound** 42.5% vol. 52

*Soft caramel and sultana notes. Burnt oak balanced by floral malt. Orange syrup, rose petal, cherry and a touch of five-spice on palate. Chocolatey on the finish, joined by buttered brown bread.*

**Isle of Jura The Bay 12 Years** 44% vol. 64

*Caramelised nut and toffee apples, with a dusting of cinnamon and nutmeg. Stem ginger, stewed berries, a hint of hickory, crumbly fudge. A smidge of liquorice pokes out on the finish, along with more toffee sweetness.*

**Talisker 10 Years** 45.8% vol. 57

*A fresh and fragrant nose. Thick, pungent smoke comes sweet pear and apple peels, with pinches of maritime salt from kippers, seaweed on the nose. Beautiful balance from the palate.*

## BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

Roughly nine out of 10 bottles of Scotch sold around the world are blends – that is, a mix of grain and single malt whiskies. These products are the lifeblood of the industry and the liquid expression of an art form.

**Chivas Regal 18 Years** 40% vol. 61

*Lightly sour fruit, with milky coffee, chocolate touches and oaky vanilla on the nose. Oak focused, with cinnamon and nutmeg spice, hints of dried fruit, and lashings of vanilla.*

**Compass Box Oak Cross** 43% vol. 74

*Light but bold, confident aromas of clay, flowers, some spice, suntan lotion & jojoba. Peanut oil and oak. Luscious mouth feels heather honey sweetness that turns to spicy excitement.*

**Dewar's White Label** 40% vol. 33

*Honey, peach, apple & wood on the nose. Cut hay. Medium bodied, vanilla fudge, smoke, toffee, heather honey & oak on the palate. Finished with a good length, cut herbs, honeyed sweetness.*

**Dewar's Double Aged 18 Years** 40% vol. 63

*Dry, grassy, hay; faintly scented with cloves and smouldering gently in the sun. A freshly opened pack of oatcakes ever so lightly smoked over a peat fire*

**Dewar's The Monarch 15 Years** 40% vol. 66

*Nice balance of sherry spice, hints of nut and apple skin leading onto a palate of walnut, fresh malt and juicy sultanas with a little vanilla and toffee. A slightly grassy finish with notes of dried fruits.*

**Dewar's The Signature 25 Years** 40% vol. 105

*Honey, dried peels, toasted oak and stewed plum. A soft hint of strawberry jam and old oak furniture too. Hobnob biscuits, more red berry sweetness, sandalwood, toffee and treacle. A slow build of Christmas spices on the finish, paired with orchard fruit and mint leaf.*

**Haig Club** 40% vol. 62

*Apple crumble, expressed lemon peel and a touch of mango. Millionaire's shortbread, banoffee pie, coconut milk, dried grass, orange Turkish delight and cardamom on the nose.*

**Johnnie Walker Blue Label** 40% vol. 82

*Notes of oak, crisp spice, dried fruit, pastries. Berry fruits, aniseed, hints of cedar, a touch of spice and citrus on the nose. Good toffee and hints of very wistful smoke.*

**Johnnie Walker XR 21 Years** 40% vol. 82

*Spiced apple, smoky and a little toasted brioche on the nose. Herbaceous. This gives way to orange and lemon by the bucket-load, followed by another kick of smoky malt on the palate.*

**Johnnie Walker Blue Label Ghost and Rare Glenury Royal** 43.8% vol. 280

*Fresh orchard fruit, savoury olive oil notes and cinder toffee. Sherried notes, with dried fruit and cinnamon sticks. Still enjoyably oily, though a floral lightness develops. Pastry, apple, black pepper. Chocolatey elements stick around.*

**Monkey Shoulder** 40% vol. 48

*Malty, creamy delivery with a suggestion of berry fruit. Juicy, cloves and butterscotch on the nose. Manuka honey, hot-buttered-toast and dried apricot develop on the palate.*

## IRISH WHISKEY

Irish whiskeys are often thought to be smooth, fruity, and triple distilled and many of them are, but this isn't the full story. The Irish are widely credited as being the first to distil whiskey, though this is strictly contested by the Scots.

**Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition** 40% vol. 46

*Fresh grapefruit and lime, vanilla pod, sugared almonds. Oily walnut and hops, caramelised dates, continued citrus zestiness. Malt, white pepper, caraway and green apple.*

**Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition** 40% vol. 46

*Crisp orchard fruits like green apples and pears, mild pot-still spices. Subtle touch of hops and cocoa beans, marzipan and charred oak. Long and sweet with milk chocolate and butterscotch.*

## CANADIAN WHISKY

*Canadian whiskies are often referred to as Rye Whiskies. The majority of Canadian whiskies are blended and distilled from multi grains, which usually include a good proportion of rye alongside barley and corn. This style is greatly similar to Scotch blended whisky, save for the oft used rye.*

**Canadian Club Small Batch**                      40% vol.                      59  
**Classic 12 Years**

*Extra maturation gives this classic dram another dimension, with richer oaky fruit flavours accompanying the spicier rye and zinging grain notes perfectly.*

## AMERICAN WHISKEY

What began as a way for dirt-poor early American farmers to scratch a living from their fields has become one of the world's great drinks. Kentucky Straight Bourbon has survived temperance, Prohibition and war.

**Jack Daniel's, Gentleman Jack** 40% vol. 43

*Light and fruity. Honey, crisp apples and a little bit of toasted oak for good measure on the nose. Corn, dried fruits, vanilla toffee and a hint of spice on the palate.*

**Knob Creek 9 Years** 50% vol. 51

*The nose is quite spicy and sweet. Also melted salty butter on granary toast; there are notes of toasty oak and a touch of rye with caramel sweetness. The palate is quite peppery and full.*

**Maker's Mark** 45% vol. 43

*Fruity and rich. There are lovely notes of spiced honey and mixed peels, a little malmsey, hazelnut and a touch of cut fruit with toasty oak providing a backbone on the nose.*

**Michter's Single Barrel Straight Rye** 42.4% vol. 62

*Very aromatic and fresh. Almost minty, with lovely savoury edge, then measured spiciness comes through. Incredibly smooth mouthfeel for a rye, this is clean and balanced, then the careway and fennel seed kicks in.*

**Rebel Yell Small Batch Rye** 45% vol. 59

*There's that spicy rye in place of the wheat off the bat with sweet vanilla and hints of chocolate on the nose. Woody sultanas, rich warming spice and vanilla from the palate.*

## AUSTRALIAN WHISKY

Tasmania has just about everything you need to make good whisky: water, barley, even peat (although it's different to that found in Scotland). No wonder then that the Australian single malt renaissance was kick-started here by the pioneering Bill Lark, then expanded by a number of other producers, including Overeem's distinctive small-cask operation, Hellyers Road

### **Hellyers Road, Tasmania**

46.2% vol.

62

*Hints of citrus, lemon and orange, while the palate is in receipt of subtle vanilla sweetness, hints of maple and brioche, before transcending to a warm, toasty finish that conjures impressions of freshly buttered sourdough.*

## MALAYSIAN WHISKY

The Timah Double Peated Blended Whiskey is an award-winning whiskey newly on the market. Timah whisky is Malaysia's first double peated blended whiskey. Although you would not expect this country to produce an award-winning whisky, it was actually awarded the silver medal in the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2020.

### **Timah Double Peated**

40% vol.

62

*Light, fruity whiskey that is a harmonious mix of primarily smoke, with a hint of a floral bouquet. It moves through a smokey palate before settling into a sweet, light oak finish.*

## INDIAN SINGLE MALT WHISKY

India's climate proffers a speedy maturation. They are often examples of youthful exuberance, enjoyable and of a defined style in their own right. Plenty of tropical fruit and toffee, there have been a few peaty offerings too.

**Amrut** 46% vol. 35

*Intense scent of barley and grain, nutty, citrus, apricot. On the Palate - barley, honey develops with allspice, apricot, rum. Finish with apples, apricot, greengages, malt, fruit.*

**Amrut Intermediate Sherry** 46% vol. 37

*Intense dark fruit, banana and cake light vanilla. On the palate, dark chocolate, rich dry Sherry and nuts.*

**Amrut Portonova** 48% vol. 41

*Fruity, chocolate-driven nose with syrup, toffee and a hint of coconut, pepper and red berries. On the palate, ruity and intense with tropical fruits, redcurrant jelly, baked bananas and cinnamon. Finish with long and fruity, hints of cranberry.*

**Amrut Fusion** 50% vol. 35

*Rich scent of barley, fruity. big on citrus, spices, creamy sweetness. A hint of peat. On the palate- oaky, rich, gentle peat, coffee, dark chocolate. Finish with long, spiced, marmalade, sweetness.*

## TAIWANESE SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Had always been kept primitive and protected from the outside world by the Syue-shan mountain range which is abundant in high quality natural water that comes from deep within the mountain range.

**Kavalan Solist Ex-Bourbon Cask** 57.8% vol. 85

*Delightfully complex, multi-dimensional single malt whisky, with vanilla, fruit and coconut highlights. Matured in hand selected American ex-Bourbon casks.*

**Kavalan Bourbon Cask** 46% vol. 78

*Muted marshmallow and bubble gum in the opening whiffs. Slowly builds with added vanilla and stone fruits continuing through to an initially lean, then well rounded fruity/malty mid palate featuring stewed pear and sweet spices.*

**Kavalan Classic** 40% vol. 79

*Elegant, floral (pleasant & refreshing fragrance of the butterfly orchid), fruity and seductive. With hints of honey, mango, pear drop, vanilla, coconuts and suggestions of chocolate.*

**Kavalan Sherry Oak** 46% vol. 81

*Rich sherry-cask notes – dates, prunes and raisins, with spice and savoury umami touches. Sweet and thick, with dried berries, black pepper, tobacco and dark chocolate.*

**Kavalan Concertmaster** 46% vol. 65

### **Port Cask Finish**

*Red grapes and clove, followed by a good whack of vanilla. A little bit of tobacco leaf and cookie dough on the nose. Brown sugar mixed with ground cinnamon and white pepper.*

## JAPANESE WHISKY

The Japanese have received great acclaim for their expanding range of single malt whiskies. These are produced just any single malt whisky, distilled from nothing other than yeast, water and malted barley at a single distillery before a maturation of at least three years and a day in oak casks.

### SINGLE MALT

**Yamazaki 12 Years** 43% vol. 339

*Body with plenty of nut oils and zest, a pleasant floral character with a little tropical fruit and a rooty note. On the palate, smooth and soft with good sweetness and winter spice. A lovely citrus note develops with more tropical fruit notes and a little rum.*

**Hakushu Distiller's Reserve** 43% vol. 79

*Quite herbaceous. Green fruit, mint, cucumber, pine, grassy, spearmint. Just loads of green fruit also grapefruit and just a touch of smoke at the back.*

## **BLENDING GRAIN**

**Nikka Date 12 Years** 43% vol. 65

*Cereals, plain golden brown toast, Arnott's milk coffee biscuits, minerals, juicy fruit gum, lovely structured peat, creamy vanilla, and smoky grain with a sprinkle of white pepper.*

**Togouchi 15 Years** 43.8% vol. 113

*Aromas of croissant with honey, orange marmalade, caramel, apple pie, and pink peppercorn with a supple, crisp, dryish medium body and a tingling, appealing, medium-length hints of dried cranberry, buttercream, coconut, spiced tea, and hazelnut finish.*

## **BLENDING MALT**

**Mars Iwai Tradition** 40% vol. 64

*Ripe orchard fruit, berries, nutty & earthy undertone with faint smoke and vanilla. Rounded and rich, buttery, caramel, pear, oak, grass, peppermint.*

**Mars Maltage Cosmo** 43% vol. 64

*Vanilla and walnuts with layers of fruit: cherry and raspberry, pear and apple. Citrus oil leads, followed by fleshy oranges, chocolate and oaky spices. Fresh plums and red grapes with chocolate lingering.*

**Amahagan N°3 Mizunara Finish** 47% vol. 84

*The fragrances from wood continue to linger along with a nice soft smokiness, and a sweet caramel tones of woodiness finish at last. The flavour of sweet orange peel and brown sugar will be found after a sip.*

**Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt** 43% vol. 58

*Clean and bright, with red fruit bursting out of the glass and glazed fruit-tart sweetness. Soft and fruity with spicy clove appearing along with a cherry-menthol note.*

**Suntory Special Reserve** 40% vol. 70

*Peaches, apple custard, crepes with sliced banana and sweetened whipped cream. On palate cloves, ginger cookies and or traditional spicy ginger ale. Creamy and mellow*

## **BLENDED WHISKY**

**Suntory Royal** 43% vol. 75

*Sweet toffee and caramel. Artificial aromas, like Werther's original toffee. Hints of fruity notes, ginger and other minty spices.*

## TEQUILA

Beyond shots, slammers and hangovers, Tequila is a remarkable drink which can express the nuances of its raw material arguably better than any other spirit on the planet. The key to its unique flavour is the spikily distinctive blue agave plant, which gives Tequila its trademark flavour combination of fruit, pepper and spice.

**Corralejo, Reposado** 37% vol. 33

*Smoke from the American oak, seems at the fore, then the cinnamon, clove, nutmeg and black pepper kick in. Mushrooms notes before twirling into flavours of dark chocolate and vanilla.*

**ArteNOM Seleccion 1549 Organico, Blanco** 40% vol. 43

*Nose along with ripe pineapple, salt, light cinnamon, subtle green jalapeño pepper, and dill. On palate, rich roasted agave flavor, ripe pineapple, and banana with spicy white pepper.*

**Ocho, Blanco** 40% vol. 45

*Intense, 'forward' Agave flavour on the attack which develops into a 'high' sweet fruitiness. Continues with nuances of pepper, citrus and earth. Balanced and smooth despite the intensity of flavours.*

**Cazcabel Coconut Liqueur Blanco** 34% vol. 58

*Sweet coconut aromas settled on earthy agave define the aroma, while rich, sweet & warm hints of coconut are prominent to taste with a peppery spice returning on the finish.*

**Cazcabel Coffee Liqueur Blanco** 34% vol. 58  
*There's both coffee and agave on the nose, while to taste, the rich, sweet taste of freshly roasted coffee, notes of chocolate, vanilla are prominent.*

**Cazcabel Reposado** 38% vol. 76  
*Earthy at first, before light hints of cinnamon, caramel and dried fruit begin to appear. Vegetal agave still sits at the core of this expression, with the other notes supporting it handsomely.*

**Casamigos, Reposado** 40% vol. 51  
*Fragrant nose, with aromas of black pepper, violets, nutmeg and vegetal notes from the agave. Elegant and subtle. Smooth mouthfeel, with black pepper, heady floral notes and rather rich texture.*

**Casamigos, Añejo** 40% vol. 55  
*Rich, with refreshing black-pepper hit. There's some perky spiciness in there, plus sweet vanilla and custard notes from the barrel. Nice agave savouriness, balanced by creamy notes from the oak, enlivened by black pepper. Still fresh and vibrant.*

**Jose Cuervo Reserva de la Familia, Extra Añejo** 40% vol. 79  
*Aromas of fresh vanilla-fudge, medium oak and roasted agave. The mouthfeel is thick and unctuous, deep oak, agave, roasted pineapple, vanilla pound-cake and piloncillo sugar.*

**Rooster Rojo, Blanco** 38 vol. 52  
*Cracked black pepper adds depth to the light and floral opening, with a helping of lime zest. Vanilla pod notes, menthol and lemon pith are also present. The palate adds herbaceous tones of vegetal agave, tomato leaf and whispers of oak influence.*

**Rooster Rojo, Blanco**

38% vol.

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*A slightly woody aroma leads with touches of caramel, orange rinds and cassia bark. Baked agave, cedar and pipe tobacco fill the backdrop. Toasty spices rise through blackberry, cooked peppers and exotic citrus.*

## MEZCAL

**Alipús San Luis, Blanco** 47.1% vol. 42  
*Durian, cream, butter cream frosting, overripe tropical fruit all burst on the nose. On the palate, salinity, chili pepper, and cashew fruit come to play.*

**Meteoro Joven Mezcal** 45% vol. 51  
*Lush agave-forward nose with notes of vanilla, honey, baking yeast and dill. Sweetness of roasted agave is balanced by peppery, chalky and salty notes. Lingering and warm finish.*

**Casamigos Joven Mezcal** 40% vol. 75  
*Balanced and elegant, offering harmonious hints of tamarind, pomegranate, banana and mango. Fresh herbal mint aromas, dried oregano and thyme lend character to the mezcal. The delicate tones of smoke*

**Illegal Reposado Mezcal** 40% vol. 80  
*Has woody and smoky notes and baked agave on the nose. Clove, butterscotch and vanilla on the palate with tobacco and dried herbs. The finish is oaky and long with cocoa powder and orange rinds.*

# VODKA

Vodka is much more interesting than it might appear to the casual observer. Scrape beneath the surface and you'll find a spirit with a rich and diverse history, made from a variety of raw materials, each of which affect the finished product's final taste.

**Grey Goose, France** 40% vol. 41

*Crisp, sweet and clean, with lemon and coconut. Very soft with double cream sweetness and a touch of developing bitterness. Lingering warmth with cream and sweet anis.*

**Belvedere, Poland** 40% vol. 41

*Notes of vanilla and rye on the palate, the finish is crisp and clean with lingering white pepper spice. Distinctive creamy mouth feel. Its aromas is a blend of vanilla, rye and white pepper.*

**Royal Dragon Imperial, Russia** 40% vol. 55

*Infused with edible 24-carat gold leaves from Switzerland, for those who like to enjoy an unmatched level of perfection. Five-times distilling produces supreme softness and purity.*

**Ketel One, Netherlands** 40% vol. 52

*Nosing the aroma of Ketel One, you'll immediately detect freshness with hints of citrus and honey. Savor the crisp, lively tingle. Let the signature silky softness coat your tongue.*

# RUM

Rum is such an evocative spirit. It transforms, transcends and instantly transports the drinker to the sun-washed shores of the West Indies. It always has a sense of joviality, and also the unabashed decadence surrounding a libation made from sugar.

**The Datai Single Cask Jamaican Golden Rum 10 Years, Jamaica** 48% vol. 72

*This aged single cask rum delivers a nuanced definition of the unique Jamaican 'hogo' aroma, with touches of toffee and a rich sweetness, paired with tropical fruit notes, and leaving you with a lingering spicy finish.*

**Bacardi 8 Year Old Reserva Ocho, Puerto Rico** 40% vol. 57

*The nose is fresh and perfumed with notes of oak and peels, a little syrup with a fennel note. The palate is sweet and rich with tropical fruits, peels and winter spice. The finish is gentle and luscious.*

**Chairman's Reserve Forgotten Casks, Saint Lucia** 40% vol. 41

*On nose, spicy and intense with coffee beans and cocoa, maple spice and vanilla, a little potpourri and coffee beans. On palate, shows dark rich spices, apricot jam, golden syrup, toffee brittle, coffee and treacle.*

**Nusa Caña, Tropical Island, Indonesia** 37.5% vol. 41

*A pungent aroma of the arrack and its funk. Fruity hints of banana peach and toffee. The flavour is big, with lots of white and black pepper and spice. Fruity flavours also. Spiced finish of nutmeg, clove, cinnamon and pepper.*

**Phraya Gold, Thailand** 40% vol. 42

*Rich vanilla, honey and coconut, layered with gentle spiciness of cloves and raisins. Smooth, crème brûlée and butterscotch.*

**Clément Canne Bleue, Blanco, Martinique** 50% vol. 37

*Great fresh taste of green sugar cane, caramel and oak. This is quite spicy and has a pleasant aroma of tropical fruits. Very drinkable in a simple 'ti punch' cocktail with cut of lime and same cane syrup!*

**Matusalem Gran Reserva Solera 15 Years, Dominican** 40% vol. 37

*Dry woody tones provide a rich, intense aroma. Rich flavor of toasted dry fruits and caramel. A smooth texture and a complex, persistent evolution, with notes of oak. Smooth, inviting sensation of cacao. Cognac-like finish.*

**Matusalem Gran Reserva Solera 23 Years, Dominican** 40% vol. 64

*Sensation of magnolia, almond flower with base of caramelized sugar and toffee with mango, exotic woods, cedar, with a hint of white chocolate and almond.*

**El Dorado 12 Years, Guyana** 40% vol. 60

*Luxuriously aroma whose rich, seamless harmony is interwoven with distinctive floral and fruity notes of apricot and banana, with hints of vanilla and a subtle smokiness.*

**Ableforth's Rumbullion, England** 42.6% vol. 44  
*Wonderfully sweet Madagascan vanilla with clove and cinnamon spices supported by intense orange peel. Rich sugars and spices, orange oil, clove, honey and cola cubes. Full of flavour.*

**Plantation, 3 Stars, Silver, Caribbean** 41.2% vol. 37  
*Biscuity, yet is bittersweet and light-bodied. Midpalate features round, supple flavors of dark chocolate, root beer, egg cream. Finishes fast, refined. Serious white rum at its grassy, herbal best.*

**Plantation, Double Aged, Dark Caribbean** 40% vol. 37  
*It's fruity with white raisins, dried pineapple, and is off-dry. midpalate is spicy, piquant, minerally, and significantly drier than the entry stage. Ends spicy.*

**Plantation, Stiggins Fancy, Pineapple, Dark Caribbean** 40% vol. 44  
*A rich and delicious bouquet, accented by smoky notes and aromas of tropical fruit, pineapple, citrus peel, and a touch of clove. The palate opens with a structured, pleasant sensation of ripe banana, pineapple, and spices layered in a smoky finish.*

**Diplomático Reserva Exclusiva, Venezuela** 40% vol. 63  
*Complex fruit cake and rum'n'raisin ice cream, sprinkled with cocoa and baked bananas on the nose. The texture is very generous, rounded by the oak.*

**Diplomático Single Vintage 2000, 43% vol. 120**  
**Venezuela**

*Golden syrup and dried fruit lead the palate, with vanilla ice cream and oaky flavours - cinnamon, green leaves and tree bark. Rum 'n raisin fudge as well as real raisins, apricots, dates and richly pungent honey round things out.*

**Diplomático Ambassador 47% vol. 198**  
**Venezuela**

*Rich and fruity with a buttery biscuit base, cinnamon, dried apricots, dates and Nutella. The predominant flavour, however, is of really good sweet pipe tobacco.*