

TRIPLE SPEYSIDE MALT

MONKEY SHOULDER - £5.00

Nose: Ripe, very sweet and long. Toasted/polished oak, light resin notes, nutmeg.

Body: Medium

Palate: Still sweet: with a soft start,

Finish: Exuberant, sweet and extremely well balanced

HIGHLANDS SPEYSIDE

ABERLOUR - 10 Years - £3.50

Nose: Malty, spicy, mint-toffee

Body: Remarkably soft and smooth, Medium to full.

Palate: Both sweetness and spicy, peppery dryness in its malt character.

Finish: Lingering, smooth, aromatic, clean

BALVENIE CARIBBEAN CASK- 14 Years - £6.70

Nose: Rich, sweet and creamy toffee on the nose combines with fresh fruit notes

Body: Medium

Palate: Rounded with vanilla and sweet oak notes, with a fruity character that develops with time

Finish: Soft and lingering

BALVENIE DOUBLEWOOD - 12 Years - £5.15

Nose: Sherry and orange skins

Body: Medium, rich

Palate: Beautifully combined mellow flavours: nutty, sweet, sherry, very orangey fruitiness, heather, cinnamon spiciness

Finish: Long, tingling, Very warming

CRAGGANMORE - 12 Years - £4.90

Nose: The most complex aroma of any malt. Fragrant and delicate, with sweetish notes of cut grass and herbs (thyme perhaps?)

Body: Light to medium, but very firm and smooth

Palate: Delicate, clean with huge range of herbal, flowery notes

Finish: Long

DALWHINNIE - 15 Years - £4.75

Nose: Very aromatic, dry, faintly phenolic, lightly peaty

Body: Firm, slightly oily

Palate: Aromatic, heather-honey notes give way to cut-grass, malty sweetness, with a sudden burst of peat

Finish: Remarkably smooth

HIGHLANDS SPEYSIDE cont.

THE GLENLIVET - 12 Years - £3.75

Nose: Remarkable flowery, clean and soft

Body: Light to medium, firm, smooth

Palate: Flowery, peachy, notes of vanilla, delicate balance between sweetness and malty dryness

Finish: Restrained, long, gently warming

THE GLENLIVET FRENCH OAK - 15 Years - £5.95

Nose: Creamy and rich, with buttery notes

Body: Smooth, silky

Palate: Fruity, nutty flavours

Finish: Lingering trace of sweet almonds and hints of spice

GLENFIDDICH SPECIAL RESERVE - 12 Years - £3.90

Nose: Light, fresh but sweet, appetizing, fruity, pear-like

Body: Light, lean, firm, smooth

Palate: Dryish, pear-like, more fruitiness as flavours develops. Some malty notes.

Finish: Restrained, aromatic

GLENFIDDICH SOLERA RESERVE - 15 Years - £5.65

Nose: Chocolate. Toast. Hint of peat

Body: Light but very smooth indeed

Palate: Suave. White chocolate. Pears in cream. Cardamom

Finish: Cream. Hint of ginger

GLENFIDDICH ANCIENT RESERVE - 18 Years - £9.25

Nose: Richer

Body: Softer

Palate: More mellow and rounded, soft and restrained. Scores points for sophistication and sherry character

Finish: Nutty. A flowery hint of peat.

GLENFIDDICH HAVANA - 21 Years - £14.00

Nose: An intense and sweet aroma, quite floral with hints of banana, toffee, leather and oak.

Body: Medium

Palate: The flavour is initially soft, then brisk, vibrant and drying. A touch of smoke, peppery, lime and spices.

Finish: very long, warming, dry and spicy

GLEN MORAY CLASSIC - £4.50

Nose: Fragrant and lightly drying with warming malty notes

Body: Firm, smooth

Palate: Malty toffee sweetness with a fragrant citrus lemongrass tang

Finish: Shortbread, fresh herbal notes, and the sweet spiciness of ginger marmalade

HIGHLANDS SPEYSIDE *cont.*

KNOCKANDO – 12 Years - £4.15

Nose: Fruity floral with a hint of blackcurrant

Body: Light

Palate: Light mouthfeel, pleasantly sweet, central palate. Drying lightly with a trace of acidity

Finish: Relatively short, clean and easy to drink

MACALLAN GOLD - £4.55

Nose: A quiet note of vanilla is followed by dark chocolate with lingering floral and light oak notes.

Body: Burnished Gold

Palate: Citrus and boiled sweets rule the palate, along with hints of ginger and cinnamon, while soft oak tones reveal toasted apples.

Finish: Medium sweet, malty and slightly dry.

HIGHLANDS

DALMORE - 12 Years - £5.75

Nose: Arousing, with fruit (orange marmalade!), malt and sherry

Body: Medium to full. Velvet-smooth

Palate: Rich, with gradual restrained flavour development. Malty sweetness, bittersweet orange, spiciness, perfuminess, heather, light peat, even a faint, salty tang of sea.

Finish: Remarkably long

GLENGOYNE - 10 Years - £4.35

Nose: Sweet, with toffee and popcorn, slightly nutty, with fresh green apples

Body: Clean, sweeter

Palate: Green apples and grass with a hint of sweet liquorice

Finish: Sweet and malty

GLENMORANGIE - 10 Years - £3.90

Nose: Spicy, with some flowery sweetness, fresh, a whiff of the sea, enticing.

Body: On the light side of medium, but some viscosity

Palate: Spicy, flowery, and malty-sweet tones that are creamy, almost buttery

Finish: Long and rounded

OBAN - 14 Years - £6.40

Nose: A whiff of sea, but also a touch of fresh peat, and some maltiness

Body: Firm, smooth, slightly viscous

Palate: Deceptively delicate at first. Perfumy. Faint hint of fruity seaweed. Then lightly waxy, becoming smoky. Dry.

Finish: Aromatic, smooth, appetizing

HIGHLANDS ISLANDS

ISLE OF JURA - 10 Years - £3.60

Nose: Oily, lightly piny, earthy, salty, dry

Body: Light, slightly oily, soft

Palate: Sweetish, malty, oily, slowly developing slight island dryness and saltiness

Finish: A little malty sweetness and some saltiness

ISLE OF JURA SUPERSTITION - £4.65

Nose: Light delicate phenolic aromas, with strong honey, spice, and cinnamon overtones

Body: Light to medium

Palate: Delicate peat smoke will fill your mouth, mixed with the honey and spices

Finish: Long lasting balanced finish

HIGHLAND PARK - 12 Years - £4.05

Nose: Smoky, "garden bonfire" sweetness, heathery, malty, hint of sherry

Body: Medium, exceptionally smooth

Palate: Succulent, with smoky dryness, heather-honey sweetness, and maltiness

Finish: Teasing, heathery, delicious

TALISKER - 10 Years - £5.50

Nose: Pungent, smoke-accented, and rounded

Body: Full, slightly syrupy

Palate: Smoky, malt-sweet, with sourness and a very big pepperiness developing.

Finish: Very peppery, huge, long

LOWLANDS

AUCHENTOSHAN – 12 years - £4.60

Nose: Crème brulee, a burst of citrus

Body: Light, but with some oily mouth smoothness

Palate: Smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime

Finish: Gingery and slightly drying, with a pleasant lingering nuttiness.

GLENKINCHIE - 12 Years - £4.80

Nose: Light, yet fragrant, with notes of fresh cereal and grist, barley sweetness and a nutty note

Body: Light, smooth

Palate: Very fruity with notes of Madeira and sweet stewed fruits

Finish: medium length with notes of cereal and a fresh greenness

ISLAY

LAPHROAIG - 10 Years - £4.80

Nose: Medicinal, phenolic, sea weedy, with a hint of eatery sweetness

Body: Medium, oily

Palate: Sea weedy, salty, oily

Finish: Round and very dry

ARDBEG - 10 Years - £5.80

Nose: Smoke, brine, iodine dryness.

Body: Medium to full, but very firm. A lightweight, with a punch

Palate: Skips sweetly along at first, and then becomes mean and moody.

Finish: Hefty, lots of iodine

BRUICHLADDICH - 10 Years - £5.65

Nose: Opening with barley sugar and a hint of mint before leading into the most wonderful notes of freshly cut wild flowers

Body: sunlight on fields of early summer barley

Palate: A combination of ripe green fruit and brown sugar

Finish: smooth long finish

LAGAVULIN - 16 Years - £6.60

Nose: All the elements, but more sherry

Body: Full, smooth, firm

Palate: The dryness is at first offset by the sweetness of the sherry character.

Finish: A huge, powerful, bear hug of peat

BOWMORE - 12 Years - £4.85

Nose: subtle lemon and honey, balanced beautifully by Bowmore's trademark peaty smokiness.

Body: warm amber

Palate: sweet delicious heather honey and gentle peat smoke

Finish: A long mellow finish