

Single Malt Scotch



Single Malt Scotch is made in Scotland and sometimes in America, Canada and Ireland. It is produced only from 100% malted barley, which has been aged a minimum of three years. Single Malt Scotches are produced by individual malt whisky distilleries such as Laphroaig or The Macallan, and independent bottlers such as Adelphi or Signatory.

Traditional Regions

The traditional regions are Highland, Lowland, Islay and Campbeltown, although the latter's once numerous distilleries have now dwindled to just two. The Highland Region may also be subdivided into Speyside, Northern Highland, Eastern Highland, Perthshire and Island (not to be confused with Islay) malts.

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Islay Malts

Islay malts are the weightiest, most pungent and most heavily peated and are therefore generally the easiest to identify. These malts take their characteristics both from the peat used to dry the barley and their closeness to the sea. These factors give them what is often described as a seaweedy, medicinal tasted and a distinct peaty flavor.

Lowland Malts

Lowland malts are dry when compared with their Highland counterparts, and although often quite spiry, are light whiskies with generally fewer individual differences than those of other regions.

Northern Highland Malts

Northern Highland malts are sweeter and have more body and character than their Lowland relations. They can have very distinctive and subtle characters, with a rich mellowness and fullness of flavor, but equally they can show a dry peatiness or a delicate fragrance.

Speyside Malts

The Speyside malts are the sweetest scotches. Although they do not have as much body as some Highland malts, their flavors are richer and more complex with fruity, leafy and honeyed notes, and a subtle delicacy of aroma which, once recognized, should be easy to identify.

Eastern Highland Malts

Eastern Highland malts come from the area between the North Sea Coast and Speyside. Often full-bodied, they tend to have a dry, fragrant, fruity-sweet flavor, together with a touch of smokiness.

Perthshire Malts

The Perthshire malts, although Highland by definition, come from the area bordering the Lowland region. They tend to be medium-sweet, clean-tasting scotches which are both light and fruity. Their identity may be best considered as falling somewhere in between that of Lowland and Speyside whiskies.

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The Island Malts

The Island malts from Skye, Mull and Orkney are characterized by a peaty, smoky nose and flavor. Some could be said to more closely resemble Islay malts while others are more like Northern Highland scotches.

Campbeltown

If it is possible to categorize Campbeltown nowadays, then it must fall between the Lowlands and the Highland in dryness, but shows a distinct smoky character with good body and a salty tang.

Islay Malts

Ardbeg	10 yr.	10
Ardbeg 1990 Cask		15
Ardbeg Uigeadial Sherry Cask		16
Bowmore Islay Legend		7
Bowmore Islay	12 yr.	8
Bowmore Cask Strength		9
Bowmore Sherry Cask	16 yr.	14
Bowmore Islay	18 yr.	16
Bowmore Islay	25 yr.	25
Bruichladdich Rocks		10
Bruichladdich	15 yr.	13
Bruichladdich	17 yr.	19
Bunnahabhain	12 yr.	8
Caol Ila	12 yr.	9
Caol Ila	18 yr.	14
Lagavulin	16 yr.	11
Lagavulin Distillers Edition		14
Laphroaig	10 yr.	9
Laphroaig Cask Strength		9
Laphroaig	15 yr.	13
Port Ellen	24 yr.	30

Lowland Malts

Auchentoshan	10 yr.	9
Auchentoshan Triple Wood		10
Auchentoshan Sherry Wood	18 yr.	20
Glenkinchie	12 yr.	10
Glenkinchie Sherry Wood '91		11

Northern Highland Malts

Clynelish	14 yr.	9
The Dalmore Cigar		8
The Dalmore	12 yr.	9
The Dalmore	28 yr.	20
Glenmorangie	10 yr.	8
Glenmorangie Port Wood		10
Glenmorangie Sherry Wood		10
Glenmorangie Burgundy Wood		10
Glenmorangie Madeira Wood		10
Glenmorangie Nectar D'or		10
Glenmorangie	15 yr.	15
Glenmorangie	18 yr.	20
Glen Ord	12 yr.	10
Oban (<i>Western</i>)	14 yr.	11
Oban Distillers Edition		14

Speyside Malts

Aberlour	10 yr.	7
Aberlour Sherrywood	12 yr.	10
Aberlour A'bunadu Cask Strength		10
The Balvenie Founders Rsv.	10 yr.	8
The Balvenie Doublewood	12 yr.	9
The Balvenie	15 yr.	11
The Balvenie Rum Cask	17 yr.	17
The Balvenie Portwood	21 yr.	20
The Balvenie	25 yr.	30
Cragganmore	12 yr.	9
Cragganmore Portwood '92		11
Gledullan Singleton	12 yr.	8
Glen Keith	10 yr.	8
Glenrothes Reserve		9

Speyside Malts, cont.

Glenrothes '91		13
Glenrothes Vintage 87		15
Glen Elgin	12 yr.	9
Glenfarclas	12 yr.	9
Glenfarclas Cask Strength		10
Glenfarclas	17 yr.	13
Glenfarclas	21 yr.	19
Glenfarclas	25 yr.	19
Glenfiddich	12 yr.	9
Glenfiddich	15 yr.	10
Glenfiddich	18 yr.	13
Glenfiddich	21 yr.	20
The Glenlivet	12 yr.	9
The Glenlivet French Oak	15 yr.	10
The Glenlivet Nadurra	16 yr.	13
The Glenlivet	18 yr.	16
The Glenlivet Archive	21 yr.	20
Glen Moray	12 yr.	10
Lismore	12 yr.	11
Longmorn	15 yr.	9
The Macallan	12 yr.	9
The Macallan Cask Strength		9
The Macallan Fine Oak	10 yr.	8
The Macallan Fine Oak	15 yr.	14
The Macallan Fine Oak	17 yr.	17
The Macallan	18 yr.	20
The Macallan Fine Oak	21 yr.	30
The Macallan	25 yr.	55
Matisse	15 yr.	12
Mortlach	15 yr.	11
Old Ballantruan Peatie	12 yr.	10
Strathisla	12 yr.	8
Tamnavulin	12 yr.	8
Tomatin	12 yr.	8
Tomatin	18 yr.	14

Eastern Highland Malts

Glen Garioch	10 yr.	8
Glen Garioch	15 yr.	9
Glendronach	12 yr.	10

Perthshire Malts

Aberfeldy	12 yr.	11
Aberfeldy	14 yr.	14
Dalwhinnie	15 yr.	10
Deanston	12 yr.	9
Edradour	10 yr.	10
Glengoyne	10 yr.	8
Glengoyne	17 yr.	11
Tullibardine	12 yr.	9

The Island Malts

Highland Park	12 yr.	9
Highland Park	15 yr.	14
Highland Park	18 yr.	20
Highland Park	25 yr.	30
Isle of Jura	10 yr.	8
Isle of Jura Superstition	10	
Ledaig Portwood	9	
Scapa	14 yr.	9
Talisker	10 yr.	10
Talisker Sherrywood	11	
Talisker	18 yr.	16
Talisker	20 yr.	25
Talisker 175 Anniversary	16	
Tobermory	8	

Campbeltown

Glen Scotia	14 yr.	10
Springbank	10 yr.	10

Blended Scotch

Dewar's White Label	7
Famous Grouse	6
J & B	7
Johnnie Walker Red	7
Chivas Regal 12 yr.	7
Dewar's Special Reserve 12 yr.	8
Johnnie Walker Black	8
Famous Grouse 12 yr.	9
Chivas Regal 18 yr.	10
Johnnie Walker Green 15 yr.	10
Johnnie Walker Gold 18 yr.	15
Johnnie Walker Blue 21 yr.	30

Irish Whiskey

Bushmills	6
Jameson	6
Powers	6
Tullamore Dew	6
Jameson 12 Yr.	7
Redbreast 12 Yr.	7
Knappogue Castle	7
Michael Collins	7
Tullamore Dew 12 Yr.	7