

Wild about Whisky Tasting Menu

Each tasting consists of four to six half-tots of whisky, and is presented on a tasting mat with descriptions and/or tasting notes for each whisky. They feature whiskies from various countries, in several categories.

The legal minimum requirement for alcohol strength for any whisky imported into South Africa is 43% alc/vol. On our menu, if the alcohol strength is higher than 43% this is stated in brackets next to the whisky.

Heavily peated whiskies are indicated with a red asterisk (*). These whiskies are smoky, often heavy and oily, and sometimes medicinal. They tend to be either loved or hated, so we suggest that if you haven't tasted one to try a tasting that features one or two.

Once you have ordered your tasting you will be presented with your tasting mat, with the whiskies positioned on their places. You will also be given a water jug with a pipette. After a brief chat you will be asked to nose and taste each whisky, after which you should add just a tiny amount of water to each glass with the pipette provided.

The whole experience should not be rushed, remember - some of these whiskies have been waiting many, many years for you to taste them, so give them the respect they deserve. If you're in a hurry may we suggest you visit us another time? A tasting will normally take around 30-90 minutes. Most importantly, relax and enjoy the experience!

Whisky categories

Single malt whisky

The product of one distillery, using only malted barley, distilled in copper pot stills. Matured in previously used oak casks.

Grain whisky

Distilled in column stills, made with grain other than barley. Matured in used oak.

Whisky blends

A combination of any number of malt and grain whiskies, of which grain makes up the bulk.

Blended malts

Blends of single malt whiskies, with no grain whiskies added.

Bourbon

Made in the USA, with at least 51% corn, matured in new oak barrels.

Single grain whisky

At least 51% of the grain (corn, wheat, rye, or other) along with a smaller amount of malted barley.

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Irish Half Dozen *Irish malts and blends* 165.00

Irish whisky tends to be lighter and sweeter than the Scotches, often due to extra distilling. These 6 blends are great examples.

Bushmills Original	Paddy
Kilbeggan	Jameson Caskmates
Tullamore Dew	The Pogues

The Wild Wild West *American whiskey* 180.00

Five premium bourbons and a Tennessee Sourmash Whiskey (Gentleman Jack). All made with corn as the main grain, and matured in virgin oak.

Jim Beam Devil's Cut 45%	Woodford Reserve Double Oaked
Maker's Mark 45%	Wild Turkey 43.4%
Jack Daniel's Gentlemen Jack	Bulleit 45%

Corn Dogs and Peat Bogs *American, Irish and Scotch* 195.00

Sample 2 bourbons, 2 Irish whiskies and 2 Scotch single malts (one lightly peated and one heavily peated), and choose your favourite style.

Bulleit (bourbon) 45%	Jameson Gold (Irish blend)
Woodford Reserve (premium bourbon)	Tomatin 12 (Scotch single malt)
Black Bush (Irish blend)	Ardbeg 10 46% (peated Scotch) *

Mix it Up *Malts, blends and grain* 185.00

This illustrates the differences between whisky styles: a blend, a blended malt, a single grain, 2 unpeated single malts and a lightly peated single malt.

Whyte & Mackay Speciel (Scotch blend)	Tomatin Legacy (single malt)
Bells' Special Reserve (blended malt)	Tamdhu 10 (single malt)
Greenore 8 (Irish grain)	Highland Park 12 (peated s/malt) *

First Over *Scotch Single Malts* 195.00

On the lighter side, 5 light Scotch single malts, and ending with an Atholl Brose whisky liqueur.

Glen Grant Major's Reserve	Auchentoshan American Oak
An Cnoc 12y/o	Aberlour 12y/o
Balvenie Doublewood 12y/o	Atholl Brose (liqueur)

The Master Blender's Art *Scotch blends and malts* 195.00

Five Scotch blends and a blended malt - the Johnnie Walker Green Label.

Famous Grouse 12y/o	Johnnie Walker Green Label 15y/o
Whyte & Mackay 13y/o	Black Bottle *
J&B Jet 12y/o	Black Grouse *

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Speyside Ramble

Scotch malts

195.00

A Scotch blended malt and 5 Scotch single malts from the Speyside region, home to around half of Scotland's whisky distilleries.

Monkey Shoulder
Glen Grant 10y/o
Singleton 12y/o

Glenfiddich Rich Oak 14y/o
Glenfarclas 12y/o
Macallan Fine Oak 12y/o

Irish Premiums

Irish malt and grain

220.00

Some premium offerings from the Emerald Isle. Irish blends, pure potstill, a single grain and 2 single malts.

Black Bush (blend)
Green Spot (potstill)
Yellow Spot 12y/o (potstill)

Tullamore Dew 12y/o (blend)
Tullamore Dew 15y/o (blend)
Redbreast 12y/o (potstill)

Highland Treasures

Scotch single malts

220.00

Some of Scotland's best malts come from the Highlands, which include the islands surrounding the country. They tend to be peaty, briny, and delicious!

Edradour 10y/o (Highlands)
Springbank 10y/o 46% (Campbeltown)
Highland Park 12y/o * (Orkney Isles)

Jura Superstition (Jura)
Talisker 10y/o 45.8% * (Skye)
Smokehead * (Islay)

Six Nations

Worldwide malts and blends

220.00

Six whiskies from six countries, of varying styles, from bourbon, through Irish blend, South African grain, to Asian single malts.

Wild Turkey (Bourbon - USA) 43.4%
Jameson Select (Irish blend)
Balblair 2003 (Scotch single malt)

Bain's (single grain - RSA)
Kavalan Single Malt (Taiwan)
Nikka Red Label (blended malt - Japan)

A Walk through the Glen

Scotch Single Malts

230.00

'Glen' means 'valley' in Scotland, and these are some fine examples from various whisky producing regions in Scotland.

Glen Grant Major's Reserve
Glenrothes Select Reserve
Glenmorangie Original

GlenDronach Original 12y/o
Glenfiddich Solera Reserve 15y/o
Glenlivet 18y/o

Twelves

Scotch single malts

240.00

Six excellent examples of 12 year old Scotch single malts from various regions.

Glenlivet (Speyside)
Glen Grant (Speyside)
Macallan Fine Oak (Speyside)

BenRiach Classic (Speyside)
Highland Park (Orkney Isles)
Bowmore (Islay)

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Coast to Coast *Scotch single malts* 240.00

Six Scotch single malts from various regions, with a range of styles from light and fruity to heavily peated (smoky).

Auchentoshan 12y/o (Lowlands)	Cu Bocan 46% (Central Highlands)
Old Pulteney 12y/o (N. Highlands)	Tamdhu 10 (Speyside)
Jura 10y/o (Jura)	Smokehead (Islay) *

A Tour of Islay *Scotch Single Malts* 240.00

Islay is notorious for producing big, smoky, oily malts - love them or hate them! Enjoy one unpeated and 5 peated malts.

Bunnahabhain 12 46.3%	Laphroaig 10 *
Bowmore 12 *	Arbeg 10 46% *
Caol Ila 12 *	Lagavulin 16 *

Ageless *Scotch Single Malts* 245.00

Six Scotch single malts with no age statements. This is a growing trend, and doesn't necessarily mean the quality is reduced, as these will show...

Glenlivet Founder's Reserve	Glenfarclas 105 60%
Auchentoshan 3 Wood	Jura Superstition
Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve 44%	Laphroaig Quarter Cask 48%

Compass Box *Scotch malts and blends* 275.00

Compass is renowned for producing some of Scotland's best blends and blended malts

The Glasgow Blend	Spice Tree 46%
Oak Cross	Peat Monster 46% *
Hedonism	Orangerie (Whisky Liqueur)

Keep Walking *Scotch Blends* 295.00

You've undoubtedly heard of the Johnnie Walker blends. Here's your chance to compare 6 of them and see what all the hype is about!

Red Label	Swing
Black label 12 y/o	Platinum Label 18y/o
Gold Label Reserve	Blue Label

Islay Pilgrimage *Scotch single malts* 325.00

A peat-head's dream! Some premium peaty beasties from the home of the big, oily malts.

Bowmore Small Batch *	Laphroaig Select *
Big Peat *	Kilchoman Machir Bay 46% *
Port Charlotte Scottish Barley 50% *	Arbegg Dark Cove 46.5% *

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Eastern Origins

Asian malts and blends

325.00

Some of the world's best whisky is being produced in the far east. Sample 3 Nikka whiskies from Japan and 3 Kavalans from Taiwan.

Nikka Black Label

Nikka From the Barrel 51.4%

Nikka Red Label

Kavalan Concertmaster

Kavalan Single Malt

Kavalan Podium

Fifteens

Scotch single malts

335.00

Six Scotch single malts aged for fifteen years in American oak ex-bourbon casks, Spanish oak ex-sherry casks, or French oak.

Glenlivet 15

Dalwhinnie 15

Glenfiddich Distillery Edition 51%

GlenDronach Revival 46%

Springbank 15 46%

Bowmore Darkest *

A Tour of Glenmorangie

Scotch Single Malts

345.00

Six single malts from one of Scotland's favourite distilleries, matured in a variety of cask types.

Original (Ex-bourbon cask)

Lasanta 12 46% (sherry cask finish)

Quinta Rubin 12 46% (port cask finish)

Nectar d'Or 12 46% (Sauternes)

18 Year Old

Signet 46%

All in the Cask

Scotch Single Malts

345.00

The cask a whisky is matured in contributes as much as 70% to the final aromas and flavours. These 6 whiskies are matured in various casks.

Cardhu 12y/o

Glenrothes 1998 14y/o

Glenfiddich 12y/o

Balvenie Caribbean Rum Cask 14y/o

Glenfiddich 18y/o

Glenfarclas 17y/o

Sweet and Peat

Scotch single malts

355.00

Sample two sweet and two sweet and peaty malts from the iconic Bruichladdich distillery on Islay.

Scottish Barley 46% (unpeated)

Black Art 49.2% (unpeated)

Port Charlotte 50% *(peated)

Octomore 6.1 57% *(heavily peated)

Golden Greats

Scotch single malts

355.00

The triple-distilled lowland Auchentoshan, 2 sublime maritime malts, 2 great cask-strength Glenlivets, and a superb, peaty Islay malt.

Auchentoshan 12y/o

Bunnahabhain 18y/o 46.3%

Old Pulteney 17y/o

Glenlivet Nadurra First Fill 60.4%

Glenlivet Nadurra Oloroso 59.7%

Kilchoman Sanaig *

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Staff Favourites

Scotch Single Malts

445.00

Six Scotch single malts of various ages, chosen by our staff as some of their favourites.

Mortlach 1997 18y/o 46%
Macallan Fine Oak 15y/o
Wolfburn Aurora 46%

Dufftown 1997 17y/o 54.7%
Aberlour a'Bunadh 60.1%
Octomore 07.4 Virgin Oak 61.2%

The Jameson Family

Irish blends

445.00

Six classic blends from Ireland's largest distillery, Midleton in County Cork. Malt and grain matured in top quality casks from USA and Spain.

Jameson Irish Whiskey
Jameson Caskmates
Jameson Select Reserve

Jameson Gold Reserve
Jameson 18 Year Old
Jameson Vintage Reserve 46%

Connoisseur's Choice

Scotch single malts

465.00

A range of styles of excellent Scotch single malts, aged in various casks across Scotland.

Edradour Caledonia 12y/o
Balvenie Doublewood 17y/o
Jura 16y/o

Old Pulteney 21y/o 46%
Tamdhu Batch Strength 58.8%
Ardbeg Corryvreckan 57.1% *

Top of the Irish

Irish potstill, malt and grain

465.00

Some excellent examples of top-notch Irish spirit. Two blends, and four Irish pure potstill whiskies - some of the best whiskey available today.

Tullamore Dew Phoenix 55%
Tullamore Dew Single Malt 14y/o 55%
Midleton Barry Crockett 46%

Redbreast Cask Strength 12y/o 59.9%
Redbreast 15y/o 46%
Redbreast 21y/o 46%

Eighteens

Scotch single malts

595.00

Six Scotch single malts, aged for 18 years in warehouses at various locations throughout Scotland.

Glenmorangie 18
Dalmore 18
Macallan Fine Oak 18

Aberlour 18
Highland Park 18
Springbank 18 46%

The Top Shelf

Scotch Single Malts

685.00

Six of our best-rated, more exclusive premium malts. Some of these may not be around for much longer...

Glenlivet Ciper 50%
Macallan Fine Oak 18y/o
Bunnahabhain 25 46.3%

Glenmorangie Signet 46%
Glenrothes 1995
Kilchoman 2007 46% *

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Manager's Choice

Scotch single malts

865.00

Six not-so-readily available Scotch single malts to savour in your own quiet corner. Treat them with the respect they deserve!

Balblair 1990 46%

Balvenie 21y/o 47.6%

Jura 21y/o

Springbank 21y/o 46%

Bruichladdich Black Art 49.2%

Ardbeg Uigeadail 54.2% *

Scotch Malt Whisky Society

Single malts

285.00

Some of the best casks are set aside for these members only bottlings - all cask strength, unchillfiltered and no colouring added. One of our assistants will guide you in choosing six Society bottlings.

Lotto Draw

225.00

Make it fun! Let the computer randomly choose 6 from any of 300 independent bottlings. NB: Not available on Saturdays or long weekends.

Gin Tastings

In a whisky bar?!! You may be surprised to learn that many whisky distilleries produce top-quality gins, providing much needed revenue while waiting for their new make spirit to mature. Gins have become extremely popular in recent years, with a multitude of flavours provided by various botanicals, as well as the obligatory juniper berries. Our gin tastings are accompanied by garnishes and tonic water.

A Touch of Juniper

215.00

Six premium gins, three Scots, one English and two South African. Served with an array of garnishes & Fitch & Leedes tonic.

The Botanist

Sipsmith

Caorunn

Hendricks

Cruxland

Wilderer

Juniper and Beyond

195.00

Six premium gins, the top-rated Bulldog London Dry; Whitley Neill London Dry infused with African botanicals; the refreshing Italian lemon-infused Malfy; and three South African fynbos-infused classics from Inverroche.

Bulldog

Whitley Neill

Malfy

Inverroche Classic

Inverroche Verdant

Inverroche Amber

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Ginsations

195.00

Two superb gins from Ginologist in Johannesburg, the citrusy Clemengold, a Protea and Hibiscus infused gin from Whitley Neill, and two top-shelf gins from Musgrave.

Ginologist Spice
Ginologist Floral
Clemengold

Whitley Neill Protea & Hibiscus
Musgrave African Botanicals
Musgrave Pink

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