

Whisky No1: Glenfiddich 12YO

(Distillers Own Bottling 40% ABV, 12YO, Chillfiltered)

Glenfiddich produced its first whisky in 1887. It produces 13M litres of whisky a year. It is a fine example of a malt matured in *ex-bourbon* barrels. No peat is used.



11 wash stills & 21 spirit stills

Glenfiddich "invented" single malt whisky, was the first to package its bottles in tubes, and recognise the importance of duty-free sales. It is the world's best-selling malt whisky (~35% of market)

Whisky No2: Aberlour 12YO

(Distillers Own Bottling 40% ABV, 12YO, non-chillfiltered)

Aberlour produced its first whisky in 1880. It produces 3.9M litres of whisky a year. It is a fine example of a malt matured in *ex-bourbon* AND *ex-sherry* barrels. No peat is used.



2 wash stills & 2 spirit stills

Double Cask
Matured
comprises a
mixture of
Aberlour
matured for 12
years in bourbon
casks and
sherry casks
and then mixed.



Colour Golden
Nose Fresh and fruity
Body Light
Palate Light & floral
Finish Long, smooth & mellow



Colour Golden amber
Nose Rich and fruity
Body Thick
Palate Sherried
Finish Long & sweet

Whisky No 3: Balvenie DoubleWood

(Distillery Bottling, 12YO, 40% ABV),

Founded in 1892. Situated behind the larger and more famous Glenfiddich Distillery. Its whisky is excellent, and very popular. It used to be very difficult to visit - even if you knew the distillery existed.



DoubleWood spends 10 years in bourbon casks, and is then "finished" for 2 years in sherry casks

Whisky No4: Highland Park 12YO

(Distillery Bottling, 12YO 40% ABV)

Highland Park operated (illegally) from 1798. Was long the northernmost distillery in Scotland. It is a fine example of a malt partially matured in *sherry seasoned* barrels.



Highland Park still has traditional floor maltings. It also uses a small percentage of peat and heather in the distillation process, giving it a distinctive taste.



Colour
Nose
Body
Palate
Finish

Golden
 Ripe fruit & Vanilla
 Thick
 Smooth & mellow
 Long with ripe
 fruit & vanilla

Colour Glowing Amber
Nose Sherry and butter,
 honeyish
Body Full but not syrupy
Palate Lots of sherry. Sweetish
Finish Satisfying, gingery,
 becoming dry

Whisky No 5: Jura 12YO

(Distiller's Own Bottling, 12 YO, 40% ABV, Sherry Finished)

Jura opened in 1810 (and again in 1963) on an island with only one road, and more deer (5500) than people (~200). George Orwell wrote "1984" here in 1947-48.



Although overshadowed by the mighty distilleries on the neighbouring island of Islay, Jura produces a wide range of very good malts.

Whisky No 6: Ardbeg

(Distillery Own Bottling, 46% ABV, 10YO)

"Unquestionably, the greatest distillery on Earth"



Ardbeg (*"perfection on the palate"*) is one of the most heavily peated of all generally available malt whiskies. Ardbeg is not chill-filtered. It produced very little in the 1980s and 90s.



Colour Golded-hued
Nose Dark chocolate & honey
Body Full, slightly syrupy
Palate Rich and rounded
Finish Smoky bonfire-baked apples



Colour Gold
Nose Tar covered rope
Body Medium. Oily
Palate Tar-like. Medicinal.
Seaweedy. Salty.
Finish Very long and powerful



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