

# WHISKY MENU SEPTEMBER 18

## Speyside: Glens a plenty, history in abundance

Speyside is the Whisky Manhattan: The most densely populated Whisky region in the world sits in a fertile valley of rivers and glens. Speyside malts are known for being frugal with peat and lavish with nutty fruit flavours. Apple, pear, honey, vanilla and spice all have a part to play in Speyside Whiskies.

Speyside Whisky also knows it's way around a Sherry cask, hence the variety between light and grassy malts such as The Glenlivet, and the rich and sweet likes of The Macallan.

### **ABERLOUR 10yr 40%**

*Matured in a combination of ex-bourbon and sherry casks, this 10 year old from Aberlour remains a perennial favourite, typical of the modern Speyside style and thoroughly approachable.*

### **Balvenie 12yr Doublewood 40%**

*Aged in refill American oak casks before being finished in first fill European oak Sherry casks, DoubleWood is an excellent example of what the Balvenie distillery can craft, even at 12 years.*

### **Balvenie 14yr Caribbean Cask 43%**

*This whisky has been matured for 14 years in traditional oak casks before being transferred to Caribbean rum casks to impart some extra flavour. This process has created a well-rounded and drinkable whisky with notes of fruit and vanilla.*

### **Balvenie 15yr Single Barrel Sherry Cask 47.8%**

*The Balvenie Single Barrel Sherry Cask 15 Year Old has a consistent character that is rich with elegant oak and subtle spice. Dried fruits are overlaid with a gentle nuttiness, leading to a long and sherried finish.*

### **Balvenie 21yo Portwood Finish 40%**

*The flagship single malt from Balvenie's little group of Port Wood whiskies. This bottling was finished in thirty year old port pipes and is a veritable masterclass in poise and balance.*

### **Benromach 10yr 43%**

*This was matured for the first nine years in 4/5 bourbon and 1/5 sherry casks before a year in sherry casks. A great whisky, its maturity belies its 10 years of age and the sherry finish has done wonders*

### **Benromach Organic Special Edition 43%**

*A special release of Benromach's well-known Organic malt whisky. This version has been matured in virgin American Oak casks. Rounded vanilla, pineapple and barley sugar sweets on the nose, on the palate malt is still present with coffee bean, dark chocolate and citrus peels.*

### **Cardhu 12yr 40%**

*With clean, crisp oak and sweet malt evoking flavours of honeyed flapjacks and home-made caramel squares, this is one for the sweet-toothed.*

### **Glenfarclas 10yr 40%**

*The producers recommend this as an aperitif whisky. It certainly offers more complexity than you'd expect from a 10 year old dram. A lovely, delicate whisky from Glenfarclas.*

### **Glenfiddich 12yr 40%**

*The first whisky to truly market itself as a single malt, Glenfiddich now accounts for about 30% of all single malt sales worldwide.*

### **Glenfiddich 15yr 40%**

*A 15 year old matured in American bourbon, Portuguese sherry and virgin oak. The whisky was then married in a Solera vat. This is a great staple 15 year old from the Glenfiddich distillery.*

### **Glenfiddich 18yr 40%**

*An elegant nose, faintly sweet, scented with apple and wood. Robust and full bodied yet soft and smooth dram.*

### **Glenfiddich 21yr Reserva Rum Cask Finish 40%**

*Glenfiddich 21yr is still finished in rum casks, although the rum is simply referred to as 'Caribbean'. Barley sugar, malt, dark brown sugar, orange peels, marmalade, Manuka honey, chocolate, foam and bananas on the nose, with a full, fruitcake, spice, buttery vanilla and malty mouth.*

### **Glenfiddich IPA Cask 43%**

*Part of Glenfiddich's Experimental Series comes a single malt which was finished for three months in casks which previously held IPA. The result is a vibrant and fruity dram.*

### **Glenlivet Founders Reserve 40%**

*The opening salvo of the Glenlivet range, named in honour of the distillery's founder, George Smith. It's classic Glenlivet, with a creamy and fruity character bolstered by the use of first-fill American oak to mature some of the whisky.*

### **Knockando 12yr 43%**

*Especially delicate, fruity and subtle Speyside: smooth but complex layers of flowery, nutty and slightly smoky notes.*

### **Longmorn Distillers Choice 40%**

*Longmorn The Distiller's Choice is aged in a combination of hogsheads, sherry casks and bourbon barrels. A sweet and spicy whisky with notes of ginger and toffee.*

### **Macallan 12yr 40%**

*The 12 year old expression from The Macallan Fine Oak Range, matured in a selection of American and European oak casks seasoned with Sherry, as well as American oak casks seasoned with bourbon.*

### **Peats Beast 46%**

*A lightly coloured young, extremely peaty whisky from an unnamed distillery in Scotland. It's got the rampant smoke you'd expect from a beastly named whisky as well as a pleasant & citrusy fresh fruitiness.*

### **Singleton Spey Cascade 40%**

*The Singleton's signature release, this is aged in a combination of ex-sherry and ex-bourbon casks. A fruity and nutty whisky.*

### **Speyburn Bradan Orach 40%**

*Gaelic for 'Golden Salmon', Bradan Orach is a classic, welcoming Speyside whisky, matured exclusively in American Oak ex-bourbon casks. This bright single malt was named in honour of the world-class salmon fishing found on the River Spey.*

### **Strathisla 12yr 40%**

*Distilled at one of the oldest distilleries still in operation. A fruity and sherry-rich single malt.*

### **Tamdhu 10yr 40%**

*Sherry cask matured and full of all the sweet, rich and creamy flavours you'd expect.*

### **Tamnavulin Double Cask 40%**

*Matured in American oak barrels for a sweet, mellow taste with a rich, smooth Sherry cask finish.*

## **Islay: Home to the peated beasts**

Featuring some of the most intense and recognisable whiskies in the world. The Southern distilleries are responsible for the full-bodied, briny malts. Meanwhile the northern distilleries offer dry, but far less peaty drams.

### **Ardbeg 10 yo 46%**

*When Ardbeg 10 was released it was the first expression from the distillery not to be chill-filtered. It's a true classic from Islay, and a must have for any fan of single malt whisky. Whisky Bible Awards 2012: Best Single Malt Scotch of the Year, 10 Years and Under*

### **Ardbeg Uigeadail 54.2 %**

*A marriage of Ardbeg from bourbon barrels and sherry butts which gives a sweet and smoky finish to this malt. Uigeadail is the loch from which all Ardbeg water flows. An absolutely stunning whisky.*

### **Bowmore 12yo 40%**

*The heart of the Bowmore range, the 12 year old exhibits some beautiful coastal notes with a gentle peat, it is the balance that the floral element presents that makes this a great entry bottling for Bowmore.*

### **Bruichladdich Classic Laddie 50%**

*Bruichladdich's Scottish Barley is made entirely from Scottish-grown barley, trickle distilled and then matured in American oak. The distillery class it as their signature bottling.*

### **Bunnahabhain 12yo 46.3%**

*This 12 year old is lightly peated for an Islay single malt and consequently is a light, fresh dram.*

### **Caol Ila 12yo 43%**

*This malt is a fantastically balanced Islay with wheat beer/cloves and wet grass/light salt fish subtleties.*

### **Lagavulin 16yo 43%**

*Aged in oak casks for at least sixteen years, this much sought-after single malt has the massive peat-smoke that's typical of southern Islay - but also offering a dryness that turns it into a truly interesting dram.*

### **Lagavulin Distillers Edition 43%**

*Double matured in Pedro Ximinez cask wood, this is a mellow Lagavulin, peat-rich, sweet and very more-ish.*

### **Laphroaig 10yo 40%**

*Laphroaig 10yo is a full-bodied, smoky gem, with a residual sweetness and a hint of salt amidst the sea weedy, peaty characters.*

### **Laphroaig Quarter Cask 48%**

*A sweeter, softer, friendlier Laphroaig that still manages to excite all your senses with the medicinal peatiness in ways that only they know.*

### **Smokehead 43%**

*Smokehead is a superb, cult single malt from Ian MacLeod. Just a massive, thick peat smoke rich dram. Plenty of great south Islay character.*

## **Island: Maritime locations & polarising expressions**

The versatility of the Islands accommodates both feathery citrus flavours and smoking peaty noses. Between them, Arran, Mull, Jura, Skye and Orkney champion brine, oil, black pepper, heather and honey. For challenging, volcanic drams full of maritime notes that are anything but tame, Island malts are your calling.

### **Arran 10yo 46%**

*Arran 10yo is a medium bodied, citrusy dram that shows an elegance and deftness of touch that belies the distillery's youth.*

### **Arran Port Cask 50%**

*A bold, sweet Port finish from Arran, released in late 2010. Bottled at 50%, so some water may be preferred.*

### **Highland Park 12yo 40%**

*Highland Park 12 Year Old remains one of the gold- standard malts for other distillery bottlings to aspire to. With a delicious sweetness (heather-honey is their preferred description) and a warming, silky mouthfeel, this is a whisky that never lets you down.*

### **Highland Park 18yo 43%**

*Showered with awards and praise from all quarters, it was named as 'Best Spirit in the World' by F Paul Pacult. Unfailingly excellent, especially after a good meal. Pacult wrote: 'After 25 years' experience, it fits my profile of what makes a perfect whisky, which is to say it's totally in harmony, there are no rough edges and everything is melded together brilliantly.'*

### **Jura 10yo Origin 40%**

*Isle of Jura 10yo is an accessible, easy-drinking malt. Medium-bodied with a delicate sweet palate, with a hint of brine developing on the finish. A great introductory malt.*

### **Talisker 10yo 45.8%**

*Some say the volcanic rock of Skye contributes to the pungent aroma; peppery flavour and a big finish.*

## **Lowlands: Soft & Smooth**

Perching just above England, the Lowlands can play truant from peat or salinity. Soft and smooth malts are characteristic of the region, offering a gentle, elegant palate reminiscent of grass, honeysuckle, cream, ginger, toffee, toast and cinnamon.

The Lowlands produce drams doted on by lovers of the aperitif and mellow malt. Auchentoshan still triple distill their Whisky to this day, bringing a bracing citrus edge to the table, like an over-lemoned pancake.

### **Auchentoshan American Oak 40%**

*Auchentoshan American Oak was introduced in 2014 to replace the Classic. Matured exclusively in first-fill bourbon casks, this is a vanillarich and fruity whisky*

### **Auchentoshan 12yo 40%**

*Cereals and exotic fruits on the nose with sherried tannins, a little sweet barley and vanilla in the mouth. Dry and very long finish, with a little sweetness from the barley*

### **Glenkinchie 12yo 43%**

*The nose is quite light, yet fragrant, fresh cereal and grist, some barley sweetness and a nutty note. The palate is very fruity with notes of Madeira and sweet stewed fruits. A hint of calvados and tannic oak lining the mouth. The finish is of medium length with notes of cereal and a fresh greenness.*

## **Campbeltown: From 30+ to 3**

The unspoiled peninsula of the Campbeltown region, contrary to its prolific history, now boasts only three coastal Whisky producers.

However, despite the region's contraction, the malts produced are fiercely enduring and distinctive. Wet wool, salt, smoke, fruit, vanilla and toffee are embraced, abandoned and cocktailed in the various malts of Campbeltown.

### **Glen Scotia Double Cask 46%**

*This Campbeltown single malt is finished in a combination of first-fill bourbon barrels and Pedro Ximénez Sherry casks.*

### **Kilkerran 12yo 46%**

*This lightly peated whisky has been aged in combination of 70% bourbon casks and 30% sherry casks. The distillery was reopened in 2004 after being closed for almost 80 years, and this bottling has been eagerly anticipated ever since.*

### **Springbank 10yo 43%**

*Palate shows touches of smoke, vanilla essence, nutmeg, cinnamon and the salty tang characteristic of the distillery.*

## **Highlands: Whisky Variety**

Fruitcake and oak flirt with heather and smoke in Highland Whiskies. Wild seas and impenetrable moorland dominate the landscape, creating a breeding ground for powerful peaty drams, whilst still leaving room for floral, silky elegance.

### **Ardmore Legacy 40%**

*A mix of 80% peated and 20% unpeated malt, this is full-bodied, dry and spicy.*

### **Corriemhor Cigar Blend 46%**

*An excellent accompaniment to a fine cigar, The Corriemhor single malt Scotch whisky is matured in both bourbon and Sherry casks. Brimming with vanilla pod, Sherried spices and a hint of orange peel.*

### **Dalmore 12yo 40%**

*This single malt from the Dalmore distillery is a toasty, coffee-rich dram with beautifully spice notes and a thick mouthfeel. Very rich for a 12 year old.*

### **Dalmore 15yo 40%**

*Matured in Matusalem, Apostoles and Amoroso Sherry casks, it proffers all those winter spice, orange zest and chocolate notes characteristic of Dalmore.*

### **Dalmore Cigar Blend 44%**

*The Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve benefits from a selection of stocks drawn from casks of 3 types: American white oak ex-bourbon casks, 30 year old Matusalem sherry butts and premier cru Cabernet Sauvignon wine barriques. The perfect pairing is the hefty Partagas Serie D No. 4.*

### **Dalwhinnie15yo**

*Elegant, smooth and medium-bodied with a light, fruity palate and a whiff of heather on the finish.*

### **Fettercairn Fior 42%**

*Fior is Gaelic for "true", and the whisky has an astonishingly rich flavour of cocoa, espresso, spices, fruit and almond. We love it.*

### **Glendronach 12yo 43%**

*A 12 year old from the Highlands distillery, GlenDronach, a very heavily sherried single malt.*

### **Glengoyne 10yo 40%**

*Glengoyne is one of the only Scottish whiskies to be distilled from completely unpeated malt - the malt is allowed to dry naturally before fermentation and distillation begin, resulting in an elegant, medium-bodied style.*

### **Glengoyne 15yo 43%**

*Glengoyne's new 15 year old is a rich, rounded single malt, completely devoid of peat smoke thanks to air-drying the barley. It is aged in both bourbon and first-fill sherry casks, with some refill cask whisky thrown in for good measure.*

### **Glengoyne 18yo 43%**

*Released toward the end of 2012 to replace the superb Glengoyne 17, this 18 year old was aged in refill sherry and first-fill sherry casks and the results are very good indeed.*

### **Glengoyne 21yo 43%**

*Delicious rich fruity & oaky notes. The darker colour & long finish are testament to the extra years in the sherry wood.*

### **Glengoyne Cask Strength 59.8%**

*It's the sixth batch of Glengoyne's Cask Strength single malt, and once again they've produced an absolute belter of a whisky. It packs a punchy flavour profile of sherried malt and baking spices, with a twist of orange tucked away. Aces.*

### **Glenmorangie 10yo 40%**

*Sets a high standard for Highland whisky, medium bodied and gently warming with spicy notes.*

### **Glenmorangie 12yo Quinta Ruban 46%**

*Quinta Ruban is Glenmorangie's port finish. To craft this single malt they specially selected Port pipes from the Douro valley in Portugal. Sweet and thick. The port note is chewy and rich with notes of barley sugar and cereal and lots of juicy fruit and berries.*

### **Glenmorangie 18 ExtremelyRare 43%**

*A wonderfully creamy and thick 18 year old dram, matured for 15 years in ex bourbon casks before being finished in Oloroso sherry casks. An exquisite, tropical-fruit driven Glenmorangie.*

### **Glenmorangie Signet 46%**

*Signet has been made using a unique heavily-roasted Chocolate Malt that really beefs up the rich flavours. Sweet, syrupy cinnamon, huge cocoa, oranges, lychees and malt.*

### **Glenmorangie Nectar D'or 46%**

*This is a sauternes finished single malt, quite full with dessert wine notes, cereal notes and barley. A touch of malty spice and berry fruits with good oak-y tannins develops.*

### **Oban 14yo 43%**

*Oban 14yo is a superb, full-blooded fruity malt with a whiff of heather and more than a hint of smoke.*

### **Old Pulteney 12yo 40%**

*A very popular Highland dram, with a big sherry presence alongside sweet citrus fruit notes and a faint whiff of brine. Picked up the top prize in its category at the World Whisky Awards 2010.*

### **Royal Brackla 12yo 40%**

*Royal Brackla 12 Year Old is finished in first-fill Oloroso sherry casks and is light and spicy with notes of vanilla and black pepper.*

### **Royal Lochnagar 12yo 40%**

*A favourite of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, being conveniently situated close by Balmoral Castle. Royal Lochnagar was originally a key ingredient in VAT 69, but most production is now for single malts.*

### **Tomatin 12yo 43%**

*Aged in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks. The result is a sweet whisky with notes of apples, citrus and sweet spice.*

## **Blended Malts**

### **Compass Box Oak Cross 43%**

*A vatting of top-quality Highland malts that undergo a unique secondary maturation in American casks capped with new French Oak heads, adding an extra layer of spicy flavour and complexity. The result is fruity and rich with clove and vanilla notes.*

### **Compass Box Peat Monster 46%**

*A top-quality vatting of the peated Speysider Ardmore with some choice Islay malt, Peat Monster is never less than excellent. Pitch-perfect balance and delicious chewy complexity.*

### **Copper Dog 40%**

*Copper Dog is a Scotch whisky that sums up all that is good about Speyside. A combination of eight single malts, Copper Dog is deliciously fruity with a hint of honey and spice.*

### **Monkey Shoulder 40%**

*Monkey Shoulder is a mix of three different Single Malts - Glenfiddich, Balvenie and Kininvie - and is great with mixers or just on its own. Smooth, sweet and very easy to drink.*

### **Naked Grouse 40%**

*Naked Grouse has been relaunched as a blended malt. Based around sherry-matured whiskies from Macallan and Highland Park, this is rich and enticing.*



### **Rock Oyster 46.8%**

*Rock Oyster is Douglas Laing's blended malt based on whiskies from the Islands, specifically Jura, Islay, Arran and Orkney. Rich with a smoky and maritime character.*

### **Sallywag 46%**

*Sallywag is a new addition to the Douglas Laing range. A blend of Speyside malts, including Mortlach, Macallan and Glenrothes aged in a combination of sherry and bourbon casks, this is a rich and complex vatting.*

### **Sheep Dip 40%**

*A great whisky made from 16 malt whiskies aged from 8 to 21 years.*

### **Timorous Beastie 46.8%**

*A limited edition 10-year-old version of Douglas Laing's Timorous Beastie, a delectably sweet Highland blended malt that typically includes the likes of Dalmore, Glengoyne and Glen Garioch. This bottling retains the sweetly honeyed and lightly floral characteristics of Highland whisky, finishing with a rich burst of honeycomb, zesty orange and soft fruit.*

## **Blended Scotch**

### **Black Grouse 40%**

*This blend is based on peated Islay malts, and promises 'reassuring smoothness with aromatic, peaty flavours'.*

### **Chivas Regal 12yr 40%**

*One of the original blenders. Sweet, but not cloying, buxom, but not overblown. Balanced.*

### **Chivas Regal 18yr 40%**

*Blend of some of Scotland's finest whiskies with an above-average proportion of malt and an extended ageing.*

### **Cutty Sark 40%**

*A popular blend, particularly on the American market, named for the tea clipper Cutty Sark, said to be the fastest of its time.*

### **Famous Grouse 40%**

*One of the world's most popular blends, and the best-selling Scotch whisky in Scotland, Famous Grouse is a very nicely balanced, malty blend which was first made in 1896.*

### **Johnnie Walker Black Label 40%**

*One of Jim Murray's favourite blends: 'If there is a silkier delivery on the market today, I have not seen it: this is sublime stuff...one of the world's most masterful whiskies back in all its complex glory'*

### **Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve 40%**

*Honey, vanilla cream, sherry-style dried fruits and notes of biscuits. Followed by luxuriously smooth, creamy and delicately honeyed with lingering waves of wood, fruit and light, sweet smoke.*

### **Pig's Nose 5yo 40%**

*Named for being 'as soft as a pig's nose'. It's a blend with a high malt content and a youthful, fruity edge.*

# World Whiskies

## Canada

### **Canadian Club 40%**

*A giant of Canadian whisky, created in 1858 and spending six long years in oak before bottling for the smoothest possible flavour.*

### **Crown Royal 40%**

*Created to celebrate a visit from King George VI & Queen Elizabeth in 1939, Crown Royal is full-bodied, yet delicately smooth and creamy, with hints of oak and vanilla*

### **Seagrams VO 40%**

*The revived version of the famous blend from the now-deceased Seagram's conglomerate. The 'VO' apparently stands for 'Very Own' as the blend was initially conceived for the private use of the Seagram family.*

## Ireland

### **Bushmills Black Bush 40%**

*A rich, dark, Irish blend, Black Bush contains a high proportion of triple distilled single malt, aged in Oloroso sherry casks for around eight to 10 years before marriage with the grain.*

### **Connemara 12yr Peated 46%**

*The oldest expression in the Connemara range, this fine 12 Year Old peated Irish single malt from the Cooley distillery has won several awards including a Gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Fair.*

### **Jamesons 40%**

*Hugely popular Irish blend, renowned for its affinity with ginger ale.*

### **Roe & Co 45%**

*Roe & Co is bottled at 45% abv without chill filtration and is a blend of single malt and grain whiskeys matured exclusively in bourbon casks*

### **Tullamore Dew 40%**

*Tullamore Dew is a resoundingly popular Irish blend, particularly in overseas markets, where it is second only to Jameson. Very approachable*

### **West Cork 10yo**

*Single malt whiskey from Ireland matured in first fill bourbon barrels.*

### **Writers Tears Copper Pot 40%**

*Writers Tears is a light, sweet Irish whiskey made using a mix of single pot still and single malt whiskeys, resulting in oodles of honey'd, fruity notes.*

## Japan

### **Akashi 40%**

*A Japanese blend of malt & grain whiskies.*

### **Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt 43%**

*A non-age-statement expression of Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt whisky, named after the company's founder, Masataka Taketsuru. It features plenty of whisky from the Miyagikyo distillery, as well as percentage of malt matured in Sherry casks to give it a rich, spiced nose*

### **Suntory Yamazaki Distillers Reserve 43%**

*This single malt from the Yamazaki distillery is jam-packed with superb red berry notes, gained from the whisky being matured in Bordeaux wine casks and Sherry casks. It also features malt matured in Mizunara casks, adding subtle fragrant oak notes.*

## USA

### **Bulleit Rye 45%**

*A rich and spicy rye whiskey, with one of highest rye ratios (95%) we've seen. Loaded with fruit and spice, it's a terrific rye for the price, and is just as tasty sipped neat as it is served in your favourite whiskey cocktail.*

### **Elijah Craig Small Batch 47%**

*This no age statement bourbon is created from spirit aged between eight and 12 years old. Notes of nuts, vanilla, coconut, dark fruit and caramel.*

### **Jack Daniels 40%**

*Distilled to the same recipe for well over a hundred years in Lynchburg, Tennessee, it is superb as a long drink with cola.*

### **Jack Daniels 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 43%**

*This 2016 release commemorates its 150th anniversary. Made to the same recipe as the original, but at a higher strength of 43%, this has the same classic taste and cola-friendliness, but with the intensity turned up a notch.*

### **Jim Beam Red Stag 40%**

*A love-it-or-hate-it whiskey from Jim Beam, who have flavoured their bourbon with natural cherry flavour to make Red Stag.*

### **Maker's Mark Bourbon 45%**

*Maker's Mark maintain that they distil their bourbon to the lowest proof of any US whiskey distillery. This proffers a bourbon that retains a rich flavour. Developed by Bill Samuels Sr, he replaced rye with red winter wheat to reduce the burning sensation.*

### **Tin Cup 42%**

*A high rye whiskey, made with a bourbon-style profile but more powerful and spicier.*

### **Woodford Reserve Kentucky Bourbon 43.2%**

*The mashbill for Woodford Reserve features a high percentage of rye: 72% corn, 18% rye and 10% malt. Unusual also for being triple distilled and having the lowest proof upon entering the barrel where it matures for at least six years. A must have Kentucky bourbon.*

## **Wales**

### **Penderyn Madeira Finish 46%**

*Penderyn is a Welsh whisky distilled once in a unique Faraday copper still with an added purifier and rectification column and finished in Madeira casks for extra smoothness. Launched in 2004, Penderyn has built on its early promise and really carved a niche for itself.*