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A guide to Scotch Whisky



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Legal Definition of Scotch

- Distilled and aged in Scotland for a minimum of three years, in oak barrels and bottled at a minimum of 40% alcohol
- Single Malt must also be bottled in Scotland, Blended Scotch not necessarily.
- Enforced by Scotch Whisky Association (SWA).



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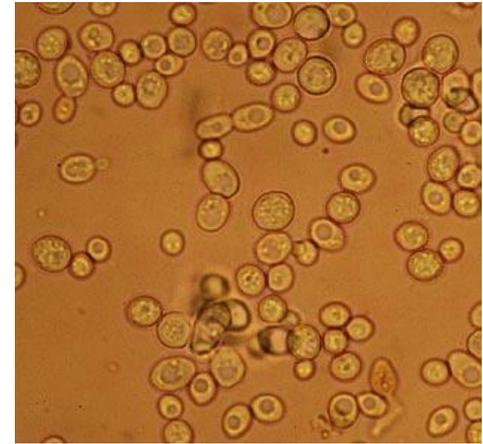
Raw material



Spring water



Barley/Grain



Yeast



Blended Scotch and Malt Scotch

- **Blended Scotch**

- Dewar's White Label, Ballantine's , Lord Elcho
- Blended from grain & malt whisky
 - Grain = un-malted barley, other cereals e.g. wheat
- Between 15- 50% content is malt whisky
- Malt component gives complexity
- Higher malt % better the quality

- **Single & Blended Malt**

- Made from barley only
- Single Malt (Glenmorangie)
 - one distillery
- Blended Malt (Johnnie Walker Green Label)
 - more than one
- Batch distillation
- Aged



What's the difference?

Single Malt

- Barley ONLY
- One Distillery
- Batch distillation
- Generally aged (must be more than 3 years)

Blended malt

- Barley ONLY
- More than one Distillery
- Batch distillation
- Generally un-aged

Blended Scotch

- Grain whisky & Malt whisky (40/60)
- Generally un-aged



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Scotch Whisky Regions

- *Lowlands* (Glenkinchie)
- *Highlands* (Dalmore)
- *Speyside* (Macallan)
- *Islay* (Bowmore)
- *Campbeltown* (Springbank)





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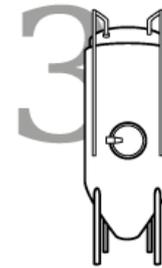
Production of single malt



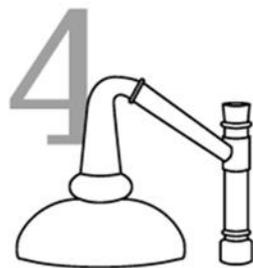
Malting



Mashing



Fermentation



Distillation



Maturation



Bottling



Malting

- Barley is soaked in water to begin the germination process which will convert the starch within the grain to sugars
- Spread out over malt floorings and raked to rotate the grains
- Dried in kilns to stop the germination continuing
 - Peat can be added to the kiln giving smoky flavours
- The barley is now called “Malted Barley”



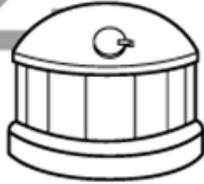
Industrial Maltings



Traditional floor maltings

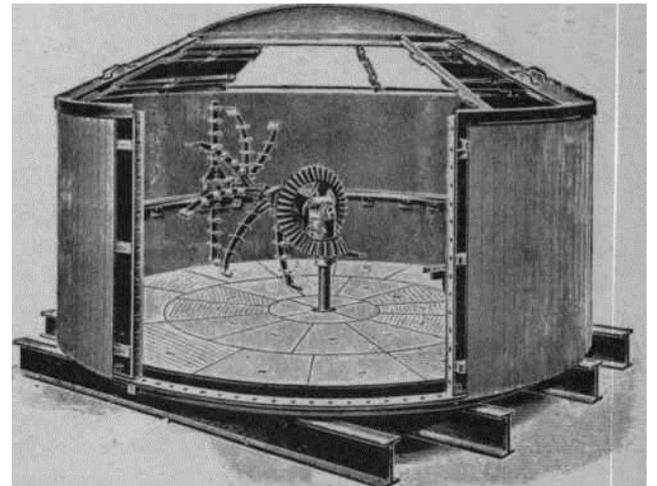


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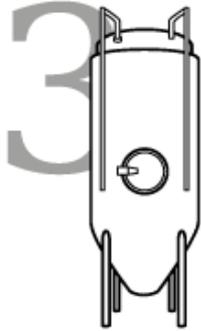
Mashing

- The Malted Barley is then ground down to a specific consistency in a mill and is now known as Grist
- Hot water added to the Grist, the sugars are dissolved in a large vessel known as a Mashtun
- This sugar-rich liquid is now called Wort





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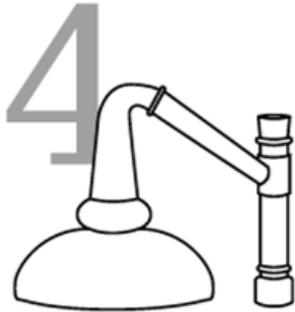
Fermentation

- The Wort is mixed with yeast for fermentation in a vessel called a Washback
- The yeast converts the sugars in the Wort to alcohol (about 8% alcohol) and the liquid is now called Wash
- This process takes 48-100 hours
- Types of Washback
 - Wooden (Oregon Pine)
 - Stainless Steel





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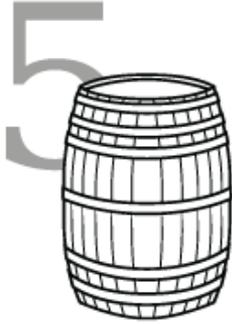
Distillation

- Single Malt – Batch distillation in copper potstills
 - Grain whisky is distilled in continuous stills called Column or Coffey stills
- The Wash goes into the “Wash Still” and is boiled, with the steam rising up and over the lyne arm into a condenser. The resulting liquid is now known as Low Wines (about 24% abv)
- The Low Wines are distilled a second time in the Spirit Still.
- The liquid now runs through a Spirit Safe and is separated, with the “middle cut” moving onto maturation. Now called “New Make Spirit”.
- The shape and size of the stills influence flavour





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Maturation

- The New Make Spirit is filled into oak casks, about 68% alcohol
- Final quality, colour and flavour of whisky are influenced by:
 - Type of wood – usually European or American oak
 - How many times the cask has been used and previous contents (e.g. Sherry)
 - Warehouse and climate
- Minimum maturation is 3 years in order to be called Scotch whisky





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Bottling

- Bottled at a minimum of 40% alcohol
- Filtration systems – Chill filtration & Paper filtration
- Bottling can take place on a production line, or in smaller quantities, by hand
 - For example, single cask bottlings

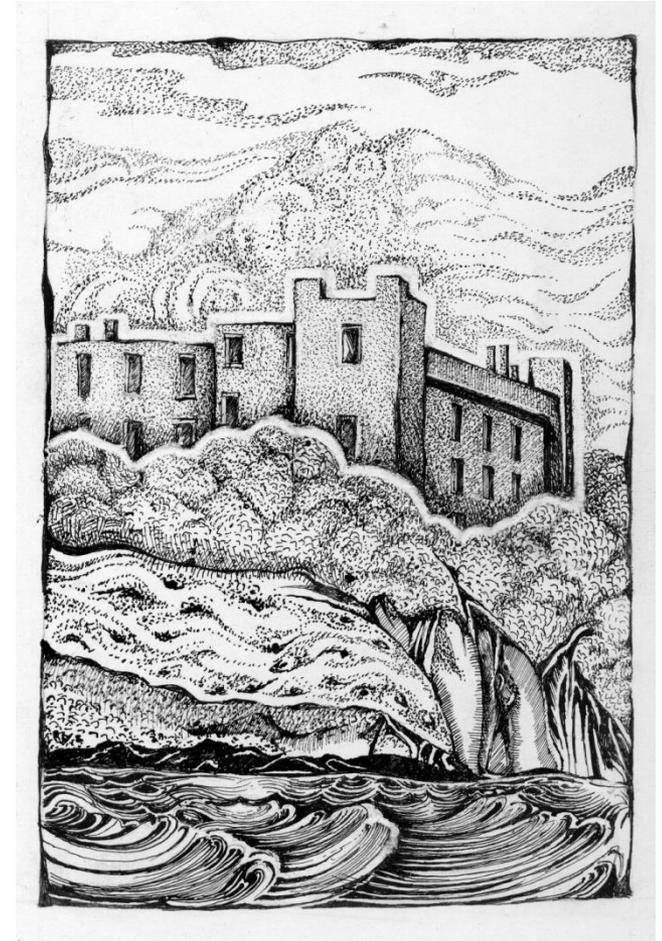




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Wemyss History

- Wemyss is pronounced “Weems”
- It’s the Scots word for caves
- Named after the caves on the rocky shore of Fife beside Wemyss Castle which is the historic family home of the Wemyss family
- This picture is on all the Wemyss whisky labels



Wemyss Castle on the company logo



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Wemyss History

- The Wemyss family has a long association with whisky
- John Haig (founder of Haig's) built his first distillery on Wemyss land at the turn of the 19th century
- Barley from the Wemyss Estate is still used by many leading distillers
- Cameron Bridge distillery is only a few miles away from the Estate



Wemyss Castle



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Wemyss History

- The chairman and founder of the Wemyss group is William Wemyss
- William is directly descended from the 3rd Earl of Wemyss (1678-1720)
- The Earl's signature is used on the Wemyss range packaging

A stylized, cursive signature of the name 'Wemyss' in black ink.





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Wemyss Philosophy

- Wemyss understands that much of the malt whisky terminology can be confusing – even for the knowledgeable consumer
- The Wemyss malts range aims to be more accessible and understandable
- Wemyss uses the taste and aromas of individual whiskies to identify each bottling



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Charlie Maclean

- Today, Wemyss uses the unsurpassed knowledge and expertise of Charlie Maclean
- Charlie is an authority on malt whisky having written many books on the subject
- He has developed the whisky recipes for the blended malts and oversees the cask selection for the single cask bottling range
- He may look familiar from the film *Angel's Share*!





Blended Malts – A Definition

- A Blended Scotch Malt Whisky is a blend of different single malt Scotch whiskies
 - Single malts are distilled only from malted barley in a single distillery
- There are no grain whiskies in a Blended Malt, unlike a Blended Scotch which contains malt and grain whiskies
- Wemyss blended malts contain up to 10 different single malts Scotch whiskies
- There are 3 different Blended Malts in the Wemyss range





Our range of blended malts take you on a journey through the whisky making regions of Scotland.

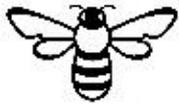
Rather than place the emphasis on the distillery, the whiskies are named after their natural tastes and aromas, acting as a tasting note for what you might expect inside.

These are non age statement whiskies, bottled at 46% abv and non chill filtered. The range is also available as a 12 year old expression.





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The Hive

A blend of single malt whiskies with a signature Speyside malt

Nose: Heavy with the scent of floral orange blossom and ripening apples.

Palate: A tingling spice dances over the tongue with zesty orange peel and the warmth of a honey toddy.

Finish: The citrus juiciness lingers with a whisper of applewood smoke.





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Spice King

A blend of single malt whiskies with a signature Highlands & Islands malt

Nose: Reveals succulent stewed plums and raisins and well polished wood.

Palate: Hot pepper prickles with spicy orange zest and cinnamon. Leather mingles with damp heather buffeted by a coastal sea spray.

Finish: As the peppery heat fades, a subtle smokiness is left smouldering.





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Peat Chimney

A blend of single malt whiskies with a signature Islay malt. Islay malts are known for their smoky and peaty characteristics which comes from the peat used in the malting process

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Blended Malts Awards



San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2014
The Hive 12 years old – Double Gold

Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2014

Peat Chimney 12yo – Excellent/Highly Recommended



World Whiskies Awards 2014

Peat Chimney 12 yo – Best Blended Malt Whisky - Bronze

Wizards of Whisky 2014

The Hive 8yo – Gold Medal



International Wine and Spirits Competition 2013

Peat Chimney 12yo – Gold

San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2013

Spice King 12yo - Gold





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World Whiskies Awards 2013
Spice King 12yo – Best Scotch Blended Malt



International Spirits Challenge 2013
Peat Chimney 12yo - Silver



Spirits Business Scotch Whisky Masters 2013
Peat Chimney 12yo - Gold

International Wine and Spirits Competition 2012
The Hive 8yo - Silver



San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2012
Peat Chimney 8 years old – Double Gold Medal

World Whiskies Awards 2012
Peat Chimney 8yo – Best Scotch Blended Malt



Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2012 – Excellent/Highly Recommended
Peat Chimney 8 years old



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Wemyss Single Casks

- Single Malt whisky is matured in oak casks and a single cask bottling is malt whisky from a single cask
- Wemyss truly exceptional single casks are chosen by Charlie Maclean
- Typically, between 300 and 600 bottles come from a cask
- Usually bottled at 46% abv, the whisky is neither coloured nor chill filtered
- The range celebrates the different regions – Islay, Speyside, Campbeltown, Lowlands and Highland





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Single Cask Reviews and Awards



“We loved this. A great example of the distillery with bags of waxy character and fruity depth.” *Review of Apple Basket by The Spirits Bureau Blog*



“My god, this is one lovely dram and was unanimously crowned highlight of the twitter tasting. It’s now entrenched high in my wish list.” *Review of ‘Merchant’s Mahogany Chest’ by Whisky Gospel blog*



“Cool peaty seawater, with lemon sherbets, black pepper and cinnamon bark.” *Review of ‘Peaty Punch’ by Miss Whisky blog*



“A great dram all in all, delivers the peat punch, but with those lovely fruit , a salty edge and the smoky apples. Can’t ask for more. Peat with class.” *Review of ‘A Bosun’s Dram’ by Whisky Isreal*



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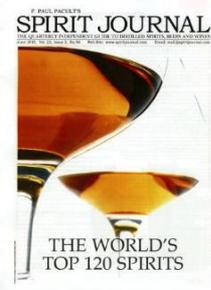
Single Cask Reviews and Awards



Independent Bottlers Challenge 2013
Strawberry Ganache - Bronze



Independent Bottlers Challenge 2013
Autumn Berries - Bronze



Single Cask, Winter Larder, 20yr old
(Glen Elgin) No 16, Paul Pacult's The
2013 Spirit Journal's World Top 120
Spirits

Single cask 'Whispering
Smoke' 94/100 Jim
Murray Whisky Bible
2014



Single Cask Lemon Grove,
Cragganmore, 1989
94.5/100, Jim Murray
Whisky Bible 2013



Single Cask 'Heather Smoke'
95.5/100, Jim Murray Whisky
Bible 2014



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Lord Elcho
PREMIUM BLENDED
SCOTCH WHISKY

Lord Elcho Blended Scotch

- Launched September 2012, Lord Elcho is named after a Wemyss family ancestor
- Lord Elcho was one of the army commanders in the Battle of Culloden with Bonnie Prince Charlie
- Lord Elcho is also a 15 years old blended Scotch
- “A first rate blend.” Charlie Maclean
- We launched Lord Elcho without an age statement in February 2014





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Lord Elcho
PREMIUM BLENDED
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Lord Elcho Blended Scotch



San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2014
Silver Medal – Lord Elcho NAS

Wizards of Whisky Awards 2014
Gold Medal – Lord Elcho NAS



International Wine & Spirit Competition 2014
Bronze Medal – Lord Elcho NAS

International Spirits Challenge 2014
Silver Medal – Lord Elcho NAS



International Wine & Spirit Competition 2013
Silver Medal – Lord Elcho 15 years old

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The Distillery & Visitors' Centre (the only VC in the region of Fife) includes a cafe, shop & tasting rooms.

The Still House contains 2 Stills and 4 Washbacks (room for 6) with initial production of 140,000 L (full capacity of 600,000L)

www.kingsbarnsdistillery.com





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