



THE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Perfection Enriched

CAOL ILA DISTILLERS EDITION 2020

Description: 2009 Caol Ila double-matured in ex-bodega Moscatel cask wood for a rich fruitiness and complex sweetness to enhance the smoky, fresh aromas and tastes of the regular release.

Region: Islay

ABV: 43%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Moscatel-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



CAOL ILA DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Brilliant, clean and refined with great balance.

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Clear gold
- **Nose:** Concentrated pure, peaty and fresh-clean, with rich fruit; spicy and fragrant
- **Body:** Medium
- **Palate:** Sweetness and maltiness are overwhelmed by peat smoke and intense, clean, crisp flavours. Caol Ila's signature smoky bonfires build. Overall, drying, in a balanced, complex, elegant development with cinnamon
- **Finish:** Long, rounded, robust and multi-layered.

AWARDS

Caol Ila Distillers Edition won Best Single Malt Scotch, Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2011. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2008 and 2009 (Best in Class), Gold at the International Spirits Competition in 2009 and 2010, and Gold at Scotch Whisky Masters in 2010.

CAOL ILA DISTILLERY

Established in 1846 near Port Askaig on Islay, by Hector Henderson, Caol Ila means “Sound of Islay” in Gaelic. A fresh water supply was one reason for its siting and water has been important in many ways - a waterfall supplied power for the barley hoists and pressure for the fire hydrants.

Today, a novel heat exchanger uses the sea to cool hot process water before returning it to the condensers, which for many years all supplies arrived and casks departed by sea, on a small coaster called the *Pibroch*.

CAOL ILA has been regularly available as an award winning 12 year old and 18 year old only since 2002. In 2010 regular new 25 year old and Moch bottlings further extended the range. Caol Ila has a sweet starting, maritime style with a characteristic lingering, smoky finish.



CRAGGANMORE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2009 Cragganmore double-matured in ex-bodega Port cask wood for succulence and rounded depth of flavour to enhance the complex smoky aromas and tastes of the regular release.

Region: Speyside

ABV: 40%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Port-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



CRAGGANMORE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Sweet and deeply fruity oak-smoked malt; long, dry finish..

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Warm gold
- **Nose:** Sweet and malty. Fruitier, juicier than the regular bottling. A hint of smoke
- **Body:** Light to medium, with rich undertones
- **Palate:** Firm and sweet, with smoky undertones and fruitiness. Malt, oak and smoke. Intriguingly layered.
- **Finish:** Medium to long and dry, with fine expressions of oakiness from bananas and vanilla to cocoa.

AWARDS

Cragganmore Distillers Edition won Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2006, 2008 and 2009. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2004, 2007 (Best in Class), 2008 and 2009. It won Gold at the International Spirits Competition in 2005 and 2008, and won Gold at Scotch Whisky Masters in 2009; it was a Master there in 2011. Not forgetting Best Speyside without an age statement, at the World Whiskies Awards in 2009.

Cragganmore Distillery

Founded in 1869, Cragganmore was built at a time when no new distilleries had risen on Speyside for twenty years. It was the brainchild of whisky legend John Smith.

His timing was good; this was the first distillery purpose-built to take advantage of railway transport and could easily take its whisky to market.

The stills, unique in Scotland, were and are flat-topped - a Smith design to encourage reflux. Only the lighter, more subtle vapours pass through the lye pipe to be condensed in the traditional worm tubs outside, and the spirit is clean, serious and complex.

The regular release of Cragganmore is highly praised by experts and deserves to be far better known. It matures very well, particularly in American oak.



DALWHINNIE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2006 Dalwhinnie double-matured in ex-bodega Oloroso cask wood for a rich sweetness and spicy complexity to enhance the heathery, honeyed aromas and tastes of the regular release.

Region: Highland

ABV: 43%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Oloroso-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



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Highly Confidential

DALWHINNIE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Spicy, peaty malt and Sherry-sweetness with a dry finish.

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Pale amber
- **Nose:** Fresh notes of Oloroso embrace malty, honeyed Dalwhinnie. Peaty and still heathery. Spicy yet grapey.
- **Body:** Light to medium
- **Palate:** A big, spicy buzz, with very clear, well defined malt. A quick burst of sweetness then rich and grapey
- **Finish:** Tons of oak. Very, very dry, with vanilla dominating.

AWARDS

Dalwhinnie Distillers Edition won Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2006. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2006 (Best in Class), 2008 and 2010. Gold at Scotch Masters in 2010 and Master at Scotch Whisky Masters in 2011.

DALWHINNIE DISTILLERY

“Madly sited”, was one early description to hint at the bleak nature of this place, perched high between two mountain ranges on a pass once a meeting point for cattle drovers on their way to market. The name Dalwhinnie translates from the Gaelic as Plain of Meetings.

The distillery had three different owners in its first decade, before being purchased by Leith blenders, Macdonald Lees, in 1919. Surviving periods of closure after a fire in 1934, then during WWII, it has produced its distinctive single malt since 1947, only being completely modernized in 1996.

Dalwhinnie has the coldest annual mean temperature of any inhabited place in Scotland (6.6 degrees C) and in winter it is so cold (the record is minus 16 degrees C) that the water in the outside worm tubs can freeze.

That very coldness lends an intensity to the spirit that is even more marked in winter.



GLENKINCHIE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2009 Glenkinchie double-matured in ex-bodega Amontillado cask wood for a nuttiness that rounds and deepens the sweet, grassy and dry aromas and tastes of the regular release.

Region: Lowland

ABV: 43%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Amontillado-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



GLENKINCHIE DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

An intriguing malt whisky; fascinating and very enjoyable.

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Golden brown
- **Nose:** Brisk and brittle. Complex and excellent; astonishing balance between sweet and dry. Firmer, drier notes from soft and crisp grape; sweeter, nuttier ones from malted barley and cask wood.
- **Body:** Firm, light to medium
- **Palate:** Dry, after early biscuit sweetness. Enormous malt character contrasts with thin fruitiness of the grape.
- **Finish:** Very long, dry, oaky. Very faint peppery notes add spice.

AWARDS

Glenkinchie Distillers Edition won Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2008. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2002, 2006 (Trophy & Best in Class), 2008 (Trophy & Best in Class) and 2011. It took Gold at Scotch Whisky Masters in 2008 and 2011. And last but not least, it was judged World's Best Lowland Single Malt Whisky at the World Whiskies Awards in 2009.

GLENKINCHIE DISTILLERY

Founded in 1837 on farmland twenty miles from the heart of Edinburgh by farmers George and John Rate, Glenkinchie was completely rebuilt to become a large model distillery in 1890s.

Unusually it has worked almost continuously ever since, even, with a brief pause, through two world wars.

It occupies a sylvan setting with its own bowling green, yet possesses two of the largest stills in Scotland, the last replacement of which necessitated the removal of the still house roof when the buildings converted to steam heated still in 1981. The wash still alone holds some 32,000 litres.

One of the last working Lowland distilleries for many years, Glenkinchie is known as “The Edinburgh Malt” for its proximity to Scotland’s capital city. Yet it seems to take its light, grassy character from the rolling green fields that surround the distillery.



LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2006 Lagavulin double-matured in ex-bodega Pedro Ximenez cask wood for an intense, raisiny sweetness that marries beautifully with the smoky power of the regular release to create a massive, rich tasting power-house of a malt

Region: Islay

ABV: 43%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Pedro Ximenez-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



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LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

A very enjoyable malt, the winner of more prestigious awards than any of its peers.

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Rich, deep amber
- **Nose:** Satisfying and enticing; intense peat, vanilla. A raisiny sweetness checks the smoke. Crisp, roasty malt.
- **Body:** Full, rich
- **Palate:** Sweet and luscious; clear malt, smoke fills the mouth. Very salty tang; coffee, vanilla, a glimmer of fruit.
- **Finish:** Incredibly long, even for Islay. Fruit, peat, and long-lasting oak. Very engaging and enjoyable.

AWARDS

Lagavulin Distillers Edition won Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2008, 2009 and 2011. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 1999 (Trophy), 2003, 2006 (Best in Class), 2007 (Two Trophies & Best in Class), 2008 (Best in Class), 2009 (Trophy & Best in Class), 2010 and 2012. It took Gold at the International Spirit Competition in 2004 (Trophy) 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2010. At Scotch Whisky Masters it won a Master in 2008 and 2010, and Gold in 2009, 2011 and 2013. And last but not least, it was judged Best Islay (Peated) Single Malt & Best Islay (Peated) Vintage Single Malt Scotch Whisky at the World Whiskies Awards in 2007 and Best Islay Peated Single Malt Scotch Whisky no age statement there in 2008.

LAGAVULIN DISTILLERY

Crafted with passion and skill on historic Lagavulin Bay since 1816, iconic Lagavulin Single Malt Scotch Whisky celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2016 and is for many the pinnacle of Islay malts; intense in flavour, smoky and rich.

It's quite a legacy to carry in a bay enshrouded by the mists of time, a bay from which the sons of Somerled, Lord of the Isles, sailed to war; a bay guarded still by his ruined castle, Dunyvaig. Barley malted over local peat smoke imbues Lagavulin with its rich mix of shoreline airs and scented, smoky dryness.

Here's a whisky so intense it turns away the cold; "time", say locals, "takes out the fire and leaves in the warmth". All this might please at last the leader who brought Lagavulin to fame, Sir Peter Mackie, known as "Restless Peter". With production limited by the cramped site demand for regular expressions has outstripped supply for decades, so special editions and older releases are vanishingly rare and highly sought after



OBAN DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2007 Oban double-matured in ex-bodega Montilla Fino caskwood for a rich fruitiness and maritime flavour that bond with the fresh, sweet aromas and tastes of the regular release in an explosive, rich and deep expression of Oban.

Region: Islay

ABV: 43%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Montilla Fino-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



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OBAN DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Hugely pungent and explosive!

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Amber, with a light hint of red
- **Nose:** Outstanding. Fruity and pungent; salty sea breezes, grapes, orange, hints of smoke - massively complex
- **Body:** Full, rich
- **Palate:** Most explosive Oban ever. Soft malt, wave upon wave of delicate yet rich fruit carried on a salty tide
- **Finish:** Sweetened Jamaican coffee and oak, with an attractive malt-biscuit effect as it dies down.

AWARDS

Oban Distillers Edition won Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2008 and 2011. It also won International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2002 and 2010 (Best in Class). In 2020, it won a third Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

OBAN DISTILLERY

The tiny distillery of Oban was founded by brothers Hugh and John Stevenson way back in 1794, and the town of Oban grew up around it.

Expansion is impossible, so Oban is one of Scotland's smallest distilleries, so small that there is no room for the worm tubs next to the still house - instead they can be found outside between the rooftops.

Oban was advertised to be "the finest sma' (*small*) still whisky in the Highlands" by new owner J. Walter Higgin in 1883. They are indeed two very small stills and an 1887 visitor, the whisky chronicler Alfred Barnard, agreed that it was "a fine self whisky" (single malt).

Although they are small, the stills do not run continuously - judicious rest is needed to maintain the spirit's light, fruity and spicy character.

Oban almost fell victim to its size but fortunately a reprieve was granted and in 1972 a new still-house was built. Oban in time became a beneficiary of the new trend towards single malts, and the current 14 year old is highly regarded.



TALISKER DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

Description: 2011 Talisker double-matured in ex-bodega Amoroso cask wood for rich and fruity sweetness that rounds out the peaty, peppery punch of the malty regular release, to create a richly rewarding and deeper style of malt.

Region: Island

ABV: 45.8%

First maturation cask: Refill American Oak & European Oak

Second Maturation Cask: ex-bodega Amoroso-seasoned re-charred American Oak with heavily re-charred new AO ends.



TALISKER DISTILLERS EDITION 2021

A brilliant, clean and highly-prized marriage of peat and rich sweetness.

TASTING NOTES

- **Appearance:** Chestnut brown
- **Nose:** Remarkable; the stuff of legend. Very well focused. Wonderful grapey sultana sweetness. Clean, tempting
- **Body:** Full, rich
- **Palate:** Magnificent; crisp peat softens to enormous richness, then wafts around sweet, roasted malt, leaving a heathland dryness.
Wood controls the pepper; luscious, slightly oily sweetness; ripe, juicy fruit
- **Finish:** Deep cocoa, vanilla and lingering, earthy peat. Very engaging; great sweet-dry balance, led by sweetness.

AWARDS

Talisker Distillers Edition won Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in 2007 and 2008 then Double Gold in 2009 and 2014. International Wine and Spirit Competition Gold in 2002 (Trophy), 2003, 2004, and Gold (Best in Class) in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 & 2010. Gold at the International Spirits Competition in 2005, 2008 & 2013. Master at Scotch Whisky Masters in 2008 and Gold in 2010 and 2013. Finally Best Island (non-Islay) Vintage Single Malt Whisky at the Word Whiskies Awards in 2007 and Best Island Single Malt again in 2013.

TALISKER DISTILLERY

The oldest working distillery on Skye, Talisker was founded 1830 by brothers Hugh and Kenneth MacAskill. By late Victorian times it had become one of the largest selling single malts and in 1880 was famously mentioned by the author and poet Robert Louis Stevenson in "A Scotsman's Return from Abroad" "The King o' drinks as I conceive it; Talisker, Islay or Glenlivet".

He meant to describe all Single Malt Scotch Whisky, but Talisker was the first name to come from his pen and it is interesting to note that then, as now, the whisky had its own distinct style.

Talisker went from strength to strength until in 1960 flaming whisky ran into Loch Harport, seeming to set the loch itself ablaze, as a fire destroyed the still-house.

The rebuilt distillery contained exact replicas of the old stills, featuring U shaped lye pipes that yield a form of double distillation and together with cooling in traditional worm tubs. These features still give Talisker unique texture and character.

