



FINN
THOMSON
300 YEAR WHISKY LINEAGE

2023 PRODUCT
RELEASE FOUR

The Bottler's Art

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

When has a whisky reached its potential?
When has time finished its alchemy and the
angels had their share?

As Master Bottler, Finn Thomson decides.

With 300 years of family whisky history and
personal tutelage from some of the most
respected names in the Scottish whisky
industry, Finn may stand on the shoulders of
giants. But the weight of decision rests on
his own.

Finn is responsible for calling the moment
when a whisky's flavours are at their finest;
quirks and eccentricities at their most
beguiling. Whether it's a decades-old cask
from the family collection or an entirely new
creation, this is as much art as science. *Wood,*
water and weather have had their say. The only
guides that count now are taste, scent and
intuition.

The result is unique. Every time. By design.





The
Core

GLASGOW DISTILLERY

AGE 5 YEAR OLD
SINGLE MALT

CASK VIRGIN OAK

ABV 56.2 %
CASK STRENGTH

YIELD 280 BOTTLES

THE STORY OF THIS CASK

I first tried this sample when it was just 4 years old on a dramatic rainy ascent of Ben Cruachan. As we approached the Cruachan Dam at the foot of the mountain, the heavens opened and we stopped for our first dram of the day.

An initial swig revealed an intensely sweet and smoky dram albeit the high alcoholic strength clouded our ability to taste the finer qualities of the whisky. However, as we poured the sample into our Glencairns, the thunderous Scottish rain flooded into our glasses diluting the drams in hand. The fresh rain water softened the alcohol and created a whole new level of fruitiness that wasn't apparent before.

For this reason I have decided to reduce this release from 61% down to 56.2% to replicate that effect of the rainwater falling in the glass. The intensity of the peat remains but it is balanced with a vanilla sweetness and overripe banana note that make this dram the perfect one to warm you up next time you are caught in the Scottish rain.



DAILUAINE

AGE 9 YEAR OLD
SINGLE MALT

CASK OLOROSO EUROPEAN OAK

ABV 58 %
CASK STRENGTH

YIELD 311 BOTTLES

THE STORY OF THIS CASK

Ahead of launching Finn Thomson Whisky I spent hours scrolling through the old family archives that documented the history of the family business. My favourite find was the original cask purchase book of Alexander Thomson who noted down every cask he bought and sold between 1897 and 1904. There were some incredible finds within. Purchases of Grandtully single malt from his cousins further up the Tay and sales of Lagavulin and Clynelish to John Walker and Sons. The whole book offers a fascinating insight into the distilleries that were in highest demand for the blends of the time.

Dailuaine, as it still is today, was clearly a blender's favourite as it appears regularly within the book. As I began purchasing casks for the FT project I wanted to replicate an order from my 3x Great Grandfather. In 1903 he purchased 5 hogsheads of 6 year old Dailuaine. In 2020, 117 years later, I did the same. Upon purchasing I decided to re-rack this particular cask into a Oloroso European Oak cask to bring out the nutty rich character of the Dailuaine spirit.

100 years ago my family used this whisky in their blend. I am now honoured to resurrect a family tradition by bottling as a single cask.



GLEN GARIOCH

AGE 11 YEAR OLD
SINGLE MALT

CASK FIRST FILL BOURBON

ABV 58.4%
CASK STRENGTH

YIELD 247 BOTTLES

THE STORY OF THIS CASK

I love finding casks like this. To me, this whisky shows the skill of a whisky maker who really knows what they're doing. The desired style of Glen Garioch is a meaty, robust and boisterous whisky that over time should create a rich depth. Often described as a 'whisky drinkers whisky' this is a distillery that thrives in cask strength form and has multiple layers of flavour.

This is why I have recently acquired five sister casks of 2011 Glen Garioch. This cask is ready for bottling but the other four are now destined for 4 different styles of 're-racking' and will mature in different directions showing the versatility of this wonderful distillery.

With a full maturation in a first fill bourbon barrel, that trademark richness is balanced with a sweetness from the cask. There is finesse here alongside that bold style that the Glen Garioch distillers are so adept at creating. A second sip reveals an earthy 'funk' that is reminiscent of my Dailaune 11 year old release from last Winter - one of my favourite casks I have bottled.

This is a confident whisky for a whisky drinker who knows what they like.



ARDMORE

AGE 14 YEAR OLD
SINGLE MALT

CASK BOURBON BARREL

ABV 57.3 %
CASK STRENGTH

YIELD 193 BOTTLES

THE STORY OF THIS CASK

This cask of Ardmore is a throwback to my first ever whisky 'lesson'. As I began to develop more interest in the family story, my Grandfather Michael organised a trip to Speyside to visit some of our casks.

Wanting to ensure that his grandson would not embarrass the Thomson name in front of his industry colleagues, he conducted a mini tasting the night before our meetings to go over the basics of Scotch whisky. He brought 3 bottles along - single malts from Speyside and Islay and a blend - so that he could breakdown the differences between them. The blend he chose was Teacher's as it was one of the most popular whiskies from his time as a wholesaler at Peter Thomson's.

Ardmore Distillery has been the backbone of Teacher's for many a year giving the peaty character that made it so popular in the 1980s. As a single malt, Ardmore offers a unique style of smokiness that is far apart from the better known Islay styles. A building up of smoke combines with a creamy texture and soft fruit notes of banana, melon and peaches.

This is a whisky that is a delight to showcase as a single cask release, and it offers a good reminder as to why the blends of my Grandfather's era were held in such high regard.





FINN THOMSON
WHISKY

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
14
AGED
ARDMORE
BOTTLED BY
04/06/2009 BOTTLED DATE 25/09/2023
57.3% CASK TYPE BOURBON BARREL
PRODUCT OF SCOTLAND

Finn Thomson

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