

WORLD
WHISKY
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2023

A perfect opportunity to discover your new favourite or answer that age old question; is whisky for me?

Since 2001, each year, a new cask-strength collection of around eight to ten limited edition special releases from Diageo makes whisky headlines.

Each one introduces a world of flavour, rarity, beyond the everyday, an opportunity to explore and enjoy the diversity of the Scotch Whisky world.

These are above all magnificent and unusual whiskies to drink and enjoy, perfect for enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike, as well as those exploring the world of whisky.

Welcome to the cask-strength special release

TALES OF POWERFUL AND SMOKY CREATURES 60

Clynelish, 12 Years Old

Talisker, 11 Years Old

Lagavulin, 12 Years

Old, Mortlach, NAS

LEGENDS OF ELEGANCE AND ETHEREAL FRUITS 60

Cardhu, 16 Years Old

Singleton of Glen Ord, 15 Years Old

Oban, 10 Years Old

Cameronbridge, 26 Years Old

EPIC FLAVORS OF HEARTH AND FIRE 80

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Clynelish, 12 Years Old

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Mortlach, NAS

BY THE DRAM	50 ml	
Clynelish, 12 Years Old		35
Talisker, 11 Years Old		24
Lagavulin, 12 Years Old		27
Mortlach, NAS		49
Cardhu, 16 Years Old		32
Singleton of Glen Ord, 15 Years Old		22
Oban, 10 Years Old		23
Cameronbridge, 26 Years Old		55

CLYNELISH, 12 Years Old THE WILDCATS GOLDEN GAZE

Oak: Matured in refill American Oak, then in PX/Oloroso seasoned casks

Appearance: Liquid sunlight. Bright gold.

Nose: Creamy, light yet complex fruity and herbal aromas; mincemeat, tinned pears, honey. Spicy scents of oak. Water increases the herbal note.

Palate: A very smooth, mouth-filling texture introduces a lively taste that is rich and wine-sweet, well-balanced by snarling peppery, oaky spice. Little water enhances the sweetness, steers the smoothness of the texture towards waxiness and rounds the flavour.

Finish: Quite long, chilli-spiced, and appetisingly drying, with lingering pepper

ABV: 58.5%

TALISKER, 11 Years Old
THE LUSTROUS CREATURE OF THE DEPTHS

Oak: American Oak ex-bourbon first fill, and wine-seasoned casks

Appearance: Deep, glowing gold.

Nose: Maritime in feel, light spice-prickle, beach bonfire of dry seaweed, deep-seated notes of maritime saltiness and marine engines take over.

Palate: Smoothly oily in texture, gloriously sweet throughout and smoky-spicy, with a distinct fruity hint. A fine salty balance in the middle leads the spiciness on into a powerful chilli pepper. With a drop of water, the sweet fruitiness and saltiness come into their own.

Finish: Long, sustained and lightly smoky, with lingering warming spice

ABV: 55.1%

LAGAVULIN, 12 Years Old
THE FLAMES OF THE PHOENIX

Oak: Heavily peated American Oak refill and virgin oak casks.

Appearance: Gleaming, iridescent gold.

Nose: Immediate powerful smokiness; much more so than is usual with Lagavulin, with charcoal and fragrant peat, backed by a clean fresh base-note that suggests sea air and mineral scents.

Palate: Oily texture shines with sweet richness with a lemony acidity and a sprinkling of sea salt to add freshness. Mid-palate the fire dries the taste, salty-smoky intensity. Water rounds and sweetens but it's the smoke that dominates.

Finish: Long, peat-smoke, spiced and smoky intensity that lasts wonderfully in the after-taste.

ABV: 57.3%

MORTLACH, NAS
THE LURE OF THE BLOOD MOON

Oak: Matured in refill American Oak then in virgin, Tawny Port and Red Muscat casks.

Appearance: Gleaming gold with ruby lights.

Nose: Robust savoury, hearty cassoulet with haricots, tomatoes, spicy sausage, and crisp pork belly. Intriguing aromas of grape and red wine. Water lowers the spiciness and brings up more rounded, wine- accented sweet red fruit.

Palate: Rich and smoothly mouth-filling in texture, sweetly fruity rather than meaty, and spicy-dry, as the virgin oak makes its presence felt. Magnificently lively, with a richly layered taste, in which hints of ginger lead a spicy dance.

Finish: Long and deeply impressive, fruit and black pepper, a spicy kick as it goes down and a warming glow spreading across the palate.

ABV: 57.8%

CARDHU, 16 Years Old
THE HIDDEN PARADISE OF BLACK ROCK

Oak: American Oak, then finished in Jamaican Pot Still Rum-seasoned casks

Appearance: Clear Gold

Nose: Sweet fruitiness of lemon zest and white grape enriched by exotic notes of pink grapefruit and ripe mango. Water introduces a pinch of white pepper and spice.

Palate: Smooth texture. Tingling on the tongue, malty sweetness, home-made rum toffee and exotic hints of spiced pineapple and green banana, appetising spicy drying oak. Water creates a delightful and even smoother texture, still strong in peppery spice.

Finish: Quite short, sweet, and peppery with an oaky spiciness.

ABV: 58%

SINGLETON OF GLEN ORD, 15 Years Old
THE ENCHANTRESS OF THE RUBY SOLSTICE

Oak: Matured in refill American & European Oak, then double matured in wine casks.

Appearance: Deep, lustrous amber.

Nose: Gentle nose gives a vinous first impression, backed by spicy, woody notes of oak shavings and beech. Aromas of tart red berry fruit and creamy vanilla.

Palate: An ultra-smooth, mouth-filling texture prefaces a lively, intense taste; barley-sugar sweet, with a pinch of salt. Gooseberry and crisp grape. At reduced strength, the sweetness is highlighted yet the appetising spicy heat remains.

Finish: Lengthy and palate-drying, as pepper-heat lingers in a last kiss of silken spice.

ABV: 54.2%

OBAN, 10 Years Old
THE CELESTIAL BLAZE

Oak: Matured first in refill and new American Oak, then in Amontillado casks

Appearance: Pale, ethereal gold.

Nose: Gentle, with no prickle. Maritime hints of salt crystal, edible seaweed, and ozone-fresh sea air. Light smokiness, infused with mere suggestions of lint and light olive oil, and a light note of lemon citrus fruit.

Palate: The texture is soft and creamy-smooth, the taste shines brightly with wine-fruit notes that carry hints of sweet violet and spiced plum. A lively spiciness first met as saltiness mid-palate, then in a blazing dash of chilli pepper. Water softens the taste, and spiciness without altering the balance overall.

Finish: Quite long and surprisingly peppery, leaving a smooth memory of chilli in the after

ABV: 57.1%

CAMERONBRIDGE, 26 Years Old THE KNIGHT'S GOLDEN TRIUMPH

Oak: Matured in refill American Oak casks.

Appearance: Gleaming gold with amber lights.

Nose: Subtly spiced cereal hints and sweetness to suggest ripe tropical mango, papaya, and pea pods. Hard toffee and light of oak hints. A splash of water reveals notes of cinnamon bun and salted toffee.

Palate: Silky and smooth-flowing in texture with an intense butterscotch-sweet taste, which mellows into rich caramel toffee. A balancing spicy-dry, oaky intensity appears mid-palate. Adding water softens the honeyed sweetness to creamy-smooth Swiss milk chocolate, with just a little salt mid-palate. Gentle spice now holds the sweetness in check.

Finish: Short and quite intense, with considerable warming chilli spice

ABV:56.2%