

Whisky Guide

No visit to Achray House is complete without a dram of malt whisky.

Since its earliest reference in The Scottish Exchequer Rolls for 1494 (eight bolls of malt to Friar John Cor), whisky has been synonymous with Scotland.

Whilst blended whiskies are popular the world over, it is the single malts (a pure malted barley whisky from one distillery) which are the finest.

At Achray House as well as offering a range of single malts from all of the main distilling regions of Scotland we also stock premium single malts, as well as a selection of specialist rare single malts from limited edition bottlings.

For the whisky novice and expert alike, we offer *Whisky Journeys*. Each is a tasting of three malt whiskies chosen to highlight and contrast their key characteristics.

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Whisky Regions

The main influence on the character of Scottish malt whiskies is the water used to make them. This has led to a broad categorisation of whiskies by the area in which they are produced.

The main areas are Highland, Lowland, Campbeltown and Islay. Two specific regions within the Highlands, Speyside and The Islands are also often listed as their whiskies have defined characters.

Speyside is the heart of Scottish whisky distillation. Its whiskies are noted for their elegance and complexity. Highland whiskies in general have a firm, dry character, with a hint of peatiness. The peat is more pronounced in the Island whiskies, which also have a hint of the sea. Islay whiskies have the most pronounced peat and iodine flavours. Lowland whiskies tend to be the softest, without peat or seaweed flavours. Campbeltown has only two distilleries, but is identified as a separate region on account of the distinct briny character.

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Malt Whisky List

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House Malt

The “A” is a ten year old Speyside single malt whisky. Rich and mellow with ripe fruit and fudge aromas, the fruitiness continues on the palate with vanilla sweetness and delicate hint of smoke.

The “A” costs £3.50 for a 35ml measure.

Standard Malts

Speyside

Balvenie (12)
Glenfarclas (10)
Glenfiddich (12)
Glenlivet (12)
Macallan (10)

Islay

Bowmore (12)
Bruichladdich
Bunnahabain (12)
Caol Ila (12)
Laphroig (10)

Highland

Aberlour (12)
Edradour (10)
Glengoyne (10)
Glenmorangie (10)
Glenturret (12)
Old Pulteney (12)

Lowland

Auchentoshan (12)

Island
Highland Park (12)
Jura (10)
Ledaig (10)
Talisker (10)

Campbeltown

Springbank (10)

Each standard malt costs £4.00 for a 35ml measure.

Premium Malts

Speyside

Glenlivet (15)
Mortlach (15)

Islay

Ardbeg (10)
Lagavulin (16)
Secret Stills 1999

Highland

Dalwhinnie (15)
Oban (14)
Secret Stills 1988

Lowland

Secret Stills 1991

Each premium malt costs £5.00 for a 35ml measure.

Rare Old Malts

Ardmore 1993 (Highland)	£5.30
Dallas Dhu 1975 (Speyside)*	£16.50
Glendronach 15 Year Old (Speyside)	£5.50
Glenfarclas 15 Year Old (Speyside)	£5.50
Glenfarclas 21 Year Old (Speyside)	£9.00
Port Ellen 1982 (Islay) *	£16.50
Scapa 1993 (Island)	£5.00
St Magdalene 1975 (Lowland) *	£15.00
Tomatin 1988 (Highland)	£5.00

Each Rare Old Malt measure is a 35ml .

* denotes a whisky from a distillery which is no longer in production.

Whisky Journeys

What is a whisky journey? It is a tasting of three whiskies that, like a good journey is enjoyable, informative, and memorable, introducing you to places you may revisit in the future.

Achray House offers 4 whisky journeys:

The Scottish Classic £9.00

Three single malts, from the three definitive Scottish whisky regions: Speyside, Islay and the Lowlands.

Island Hopper £10.00

Single malts, from Islay, Skye and Orkney.

A Journey through time £13.00

Side by side, 10, 15 and 21 year old Glenfarclas Speyside malt whiskies from the same distillery.

Ghosts of the past £39.00

Three rare whiskies, a Speyside, Islay and Lowland each from a distillery no longer in production, and each at least 30 years old.

Each whisky journey consists of three 25ml measures of whisky.