

# **TASTING BRIEF**

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#### **LOWLANDS**

Comprising roughly the southernmost third of Scotland's mainland, the Lowlands region, filled with rolling hills, includes the fewest of Scotland's distilleries. With some notable exceptions, Lowlands distilleries produce generally light spirits made from large stills.



#### The Distillery

The name Auchentoshan is from Gaelic Achadh an Oisein and translates as "corner of the field". The brand is sometimes known as "the breakfast whisky" due to its sweet and delicate nature.

The Auchentoshan distillery was built in 1823. The original distillery was built by a corn merchant named John Bulloch and managed with his son. A German bomb raid severely damaged the distillery during WWII, destroying a warehouse. A bomb crater behind the distillery now acts as a pond for cooling water.

#### **Triple Distillation**

in Scotland

Unusual for a Scottish distillery, Auchentoshan practices triple distillation. Generally the final stage of Scotch whisky production involves distilling the fermented mash in two copper stills. At Auchentoshan, a third still (known as the "Intermediate Still") helps to give a final spirit strength of 81% ABV (162 proof). This triple distillation, in addition to an unpeated malt, gives Auchentoshan a more delicate and sweet flavour than many Scotch whiskies. Maturation is mainly in ex-bourbon barrels and ex-sherry butts, though some Auchentoshans will mature in French wine casks. Auchentoshan new make spirit is the highest distillate produced by any Single Malt distillery



# **Auchentoshan 18**

Region Lowlands ABV 43%

Price \$104.35 Cask Oak ex-bourbon

#### **About the Bottle**

A triple distilled 18 Year Old single malt from Auchentoshan that has spent over 18 years maturing in American oak casks. Smooth, delicate, and approachable with rich vanilla, ripe citrus, flaked almond, green tea, and a touch of spice. "This whisky is a curious and very pleasant mix of light, almost floral cereal, cut with toasted pine nuts and fine tobacco. The distillery's signature twist of lemon is now a darker marmalade and there is a very addictive peppery rumble at the end."

#### **Distillery Tasting Notes**

**Nose** Fresh tobacco leaf, then some sweetness, layered with a hint of caramelised

sugar, green tea and almonds.

**Taste** Smooth with a floral freshness and a

burst of sweet barley at first. This gently ebbs, revealing a tangy zest.

**Finish** A long, lingering well balanced Single Malt.





# **Auchentoshan 21**

Region Lowlands ABV 43%

Price \$195.10 Cask Oak ex-bourbon

#### **About the Bottle**

Triple distilled and aged perfectly for over twenty one years in American bourbon and Spanish sherry casks. This creates a refined Lowland Single Malt whisky, ripe with gooseberries, sweet creamy vanilla, a hint of oak, warm honey and the signature smooth, delicate taste you would expect from Auchentoshan.

#### **Distillery Tasting Notes**

**Nose** Ripe gooseberry notes together with

sweet vanilla and oak, combined with a

freshly cut barley flavour.

**Taste** Light chocolate and soft, green fruit,

with a twist of old oak and honey for a satisfying, smooth whisky taste.

Finish A long and lasting finish with

depth and character.





## The Independent Bottler

Independent whisky bottlers buy casks from distilleries and bottle the whisky themselves. Independent bottlers experiment. They play around with different maturation times. They test different casks and finishes. They usually bottle their whiskies at cask strength, avoid chill-filtration and artificial colouring.

Independent whisky bottlers tend to bottle limited edition single casks. They will also make small-batch craft whisky. They use their experience to bring out the whisky's flavour, enhance the character and create twists to traditional single malt scotch whisky. It's an exciting adventure of discovery.

## **Single Cask Whiskey**

A bottle of whisky from a distillery will be a combination of casks. That's how they maintain their consistency. They mix different casks together to make sure the whisky they bottle all tastes the same.

A single cask whisky is unique. By their nature, single cask whiskies are always limited releases. When they're gone, they're gone. That's part of the fun. Single cask whisky is bottled from one individual cask. This makes it a unique, limited edition, and often top quality, whisky.

### **Chapter 7 and their Monologue Series**

Chapter 7 Whisky is an Independent Bottler. We don't make whisky, we discover it. We find exceptional casks that mature extraordinary whiskies. In our Monologue Series, a single cask takes the stage. A Monologue whisky is a unique expression. It tells the story of the distillery that produced the whisky and the cask where it matured. There will never be a repeat performance; when all the bottles are sold there will never be any more. We usually bottle our Monologue whiskies at cask strength. But sometimes we'll discover a younger malt that reveals itself at a lower strength.



# CHAPTER 7<sup>™</sup>

#### A WHISKY ANTHOLOGY

## Auchentoshan Chapter 7 Monologue #10 Single Cask #100155 1998 22 year old Whisky

Bottler: Chapter 7 Cask Number: 100155

Range: Monologue Bottle Size: 700 ml

Distillery: Alcohol by Volume:

Auchentoshan 51.8%

Age: 22 years Distilled: February 1998

Cask Type: Bourbon Bottled: September

Barrel 2020

Limited Edition: 199 Cost: \$218.80

Bottles

#### **Distillery Tasting Notes**

**Nose** Grapefruit, banana skin, cantaloupe

melons, tangerine, honeysuckle and

vanilla biscuits.

**Taste** Pepper and tangy ginger, alongside

pears and lemon sweets, resinous oak.

Finish Zesty, lemon balm, fruit tea, light

vanilla.

