



# TASTING BRIEF

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## The Distillery

Lagavulin is said to be one of the oldest distilleries on Islay and is world-renowned for its smoky, peaty whiskies.

The distillery of Lagavulin officially dates from 1816, when John Johnston and Archibald Campbell Brooks constructed two distilleries on the site. One of them became Lagavulin, taking over the other—which one is not exactly known. Records show illicit distillation in at least ten illegal distilleries on the site as far back as 1742. In the 19th century, several legal battles ensued with their neighbor Laphroaig, brought about after the distiller at Lagavulin, Peter Mackie, leased the Laphroaig distillery. It is said that Mackie attempted to copy Laphroaig's style. Since the water and peat at Lagavulin's premises was different from that at Laphroaig's, the result did not match.

The Lagavulin distillery is located in the village of the same name. Lagavulin is known for its producer's use of a slow distillation speed and pear shaped pot stills. The two wash stills have a capacity of 11,000 liters and the two spirit stills of 12,500 liters each.



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## Lagavulin 8

*Region* Islay

*ABV* 48%

*Price* \$65.99

*Cask* American Oak

### About the Bottle

Released to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Lagavulin distillery by John Johnston in 1816, this eight-year-old Single Malt Scotch Whisky is big and smoky.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Clean, fresh notes, faint hints of milk chocolate and lemon and then developing fragrant tea-scented smoke alongside nose-drying, maritime aromas, with subtle cereal. Softly sooty. Softer, fuller and more rounded with water.

**Taste** Sweet, smoky and warming, with a growing, smoky pungency, then dry, with more smoke. Charred, with minty, dark chocolate. Beautifully balanced midpalate then salty, oven-charred baked potato skins and smoke.

**Finish** Clean, very long and smoky. Smoothly, subtle minted smoke surrounds chocolate tannins, leaving a late drying note to emerge in time.



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## Lagavulin 16

*Region* Islay

*ABV* 43%

*Price* \$81.99

*Cask* Oak

### About the Bottle

Since 1816, Lagavulin Single Malt Scotch Whisky has been made in a picturesque huddle of buildings on Lagavulin Bay looking onto Dunyvaig castle. Revered by connoisseurs and experts, Lagavulin is known as “the king of Islay”.

The San Francisco World Spirits Competition, gave the 16-year four consecutive double gold medals between 2005 and 2008 and has awarded it gold medals in the years since.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

- Nose** Peat smoke with iodine and seaweed with a rich, deep sweetness
- Taste** Dry peat smoke that fills the palate with a gentle but strong sweetness, followed by sea and salt with touches of wood
- Finish** Long, elegant peat-filled finish with lots of salt and seaweed



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## Distillers Edition 2021 2006 Whisky

*Region* Islay

*ABV* 43%

*Price* \$118.05

*Cask* American Oak &  
Pedro Ximenez Sherry

### About the Bottle

The Distillers Edition 2021 features classic Islay notes of heavy peat. This is paired wonderfully with further maturation of the liquid in Pedro Ximenez Sherry casks, bringing rich, full bodied sweetness to the fore.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** medicinal peat, alongside tar, dark chocolate and red berries.

**Taste** Stewed and stoned fruits, almonds, bonfire smoke and toffee intermingle

**Finish** More peat and smoke with a touch of red grape linger on



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## Offerman 3rd Edition Charred Oak Cask 11

*Region* Islay

*ABV* 46%

*Price* \$92

*Cask* Charred  
Ex-bourbon and  
Ex-red wine

### About the Bottle

This 11 year old Single malt Scotch Whisky has been aged in heavily charred ex-bourbon and ex-red wine casks creating the perfect whisky to accompany any medium-rare steak. With hints of vanilla, red berries, sea salt brine and Lagavulin's signature smore, this whisky not only shines on its own, but highlights and accentuates those perfect steak flavours.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Peaty, chocolate, treacle, with some red berry notes. A little bit of creaminess comes through, without taking over.

**Taste** Pungent, peaty, woody and spicy, cocoa. Sweet berry notes. Chocolatey and warming on the palate.

**Finish** Warm, lingering, spicy, sensational.



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## 2021 Special Release Islay Single Malt 12

*Region* Islay

*ABV* 56.5%

*Price* \$140.43

*Cask* Ex Bourbon

### About the Bottle

Every year since 2001, Diageo have released a series of Special Releases featuring rare, limited edition whiskies from some of Scotland's finest distilleries. The 2021 Special Releases are the 20th set in this highly collectable series, and includes 8 Single Malt whiskies, bottled at cask strength, and released in limited quantities. The 2021 series has been titled "Legends Untold" and features striking illustrations and design work from digital illustrator Ken Taylor.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Maritime sea air, salt, fragrant smoke and mineral

**Taste** Oily, sweet at the start and then lemon, sea salt and char

**Finish** Long peppery finish with spice and smoke.

