



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



LAGAVULIN

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.

