

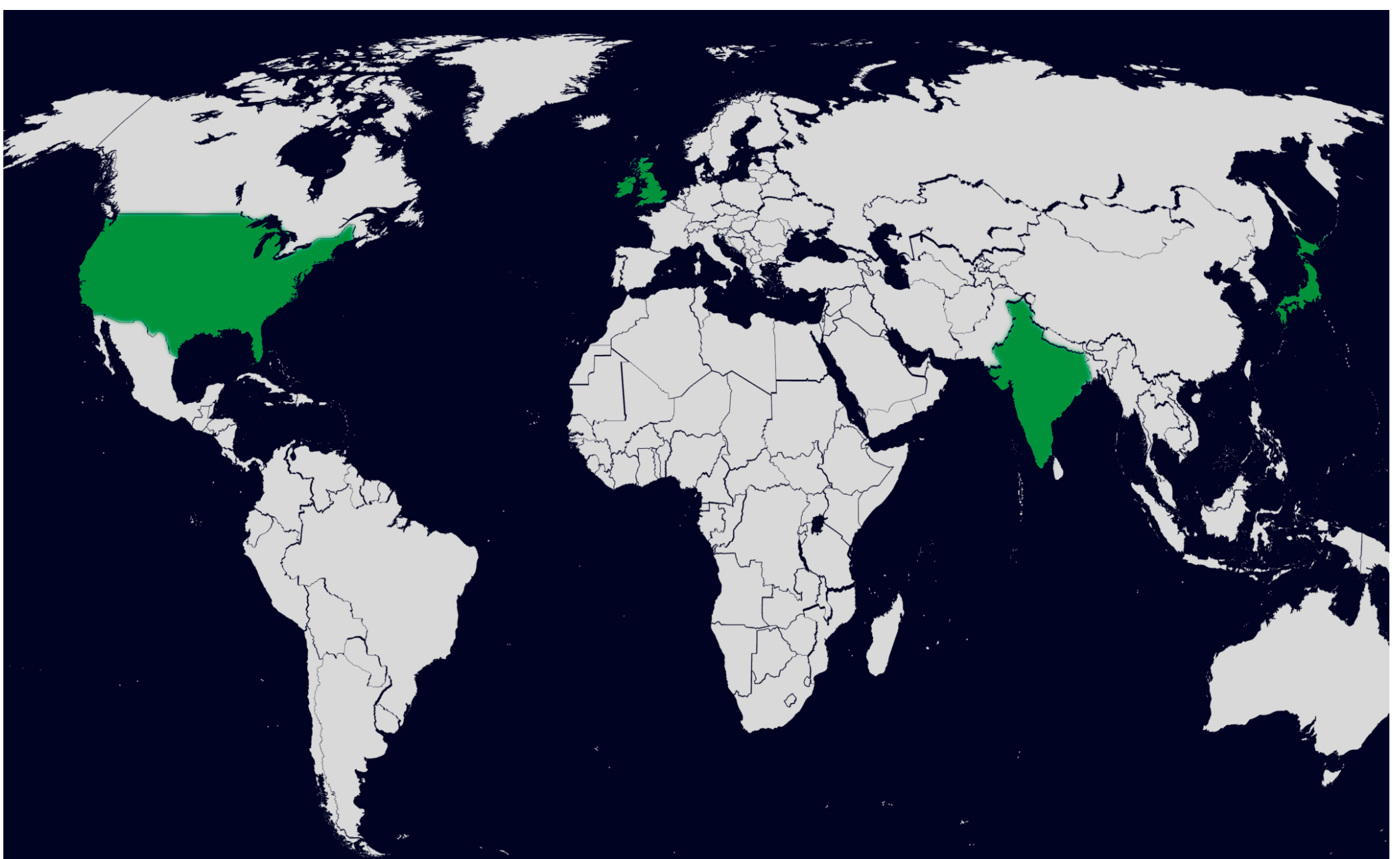


# TASTING BRIEF

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## Whiskies of the World

Whisky can be defined as the fermentation of grains, distillation and maturation in oak casks, but this loose description leaves plenty of room for creativity. The varied types and flavors of whisky produced around the world attest to this. Whisky is, most famously, produced in Scotland, but also in more than 100 countries, with Ireland, America, India and Japan, having their own unique kinds of whisky. We will taste expressions from each of these countries tonight.





# YELLOW SPOT

Single *Pot Still* Irish Whiskey

AGED **12** YEARS

**Region** Ireland

**ABV** 46%

**Price** \$108.28

**Cask** *Spanish sherry butts, Spanish malaga and ex-bourbon*

Irish pot still whiskey is triple distilled, rather than double distilled like scotch. It is also made from both malted and unmalted barley. The fresh barley adds a light, delicate, fruity flavor, a characteristic Irish whiskey is known for.

In the 1880s the Mitchell Family matured their whiskey in their network of underground cellars. When their wine casks were filled exclusively with Jameson spirit they were marked with a daub or 'spot' of paint which identified how long the barrels would be matured for. Blue for 7 years, Green for 10 years, Yellow for 12 years and Red for 15 years—hence the name Spot Whiskey. Not finished but fully aged in three types of casks: Spanish sherry butts, Spanish malaga casks and ex-bourbon casks.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Mown hay & cracked black pepper. Red bell peppers, nutmeg, clove oil & green tea.  
Sweet honey & peaches

**Taste** Coffee, creamy milk chocolate & Crème Brûlée. Notes of red apples & toasted oak

**Finish** Sophisticated & complex with a sweetness throughout



# JEFFERSON'S

## OCEAN AGED AT SEA DOUBLE BARREL RYE

**Region** Kentucky/Sea

**ABV** 48%

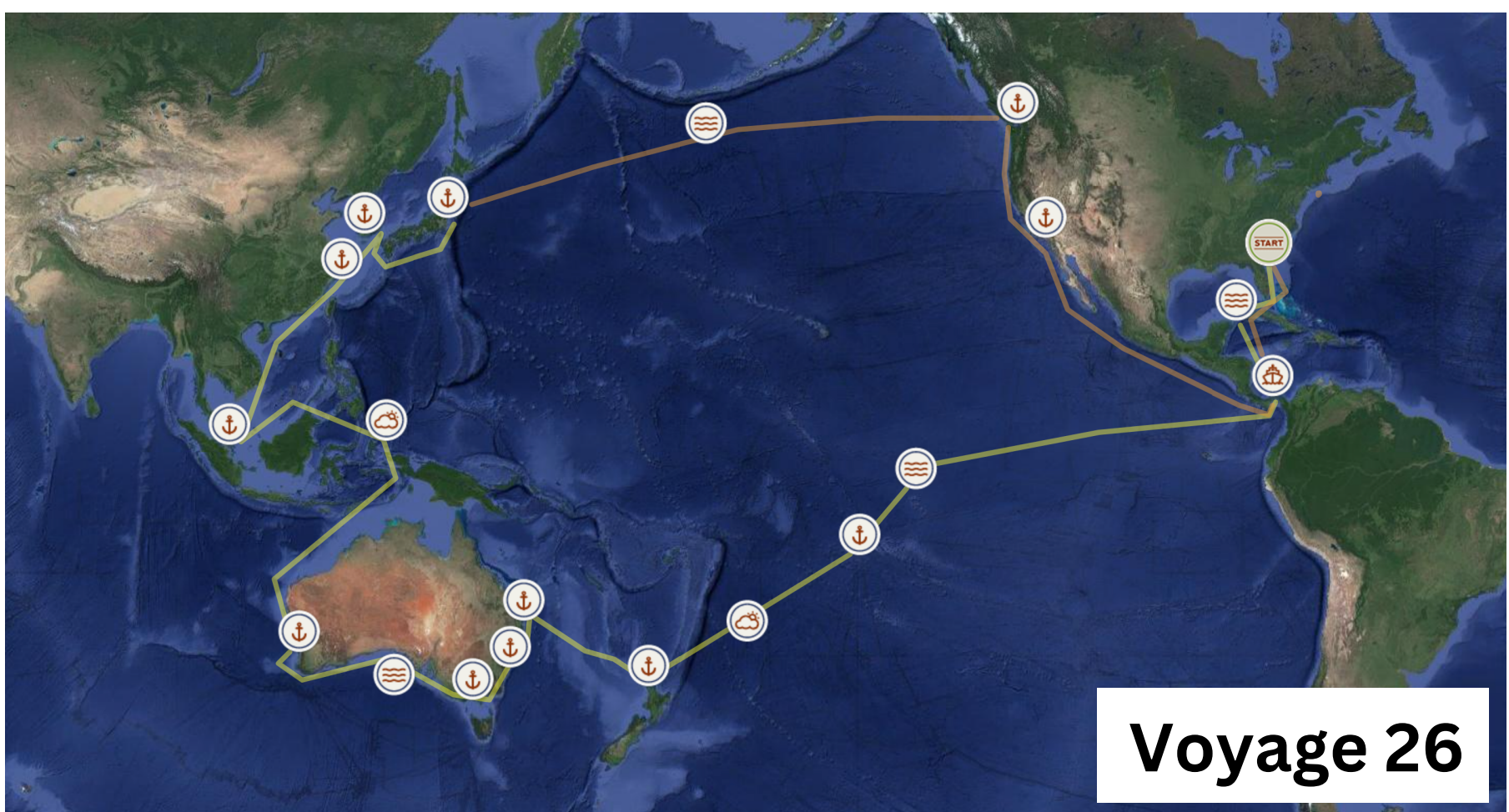
**Price** \$82.99

**Cask** Virgin Oak

Rye whiskey must be made from a fermented mash of at least 51% rye grain (the rest can be other cereal grains).

This double-barreled rye whiskey travels the world on ships at sea, blending the bold flavor of Rye with the rich caramelization that comes from the unique sea aging process.

Jefferson's is Kentucky-aged in both new char and toasted barrels before being placed on ships that travel the seas and to 5 continents. Non Chill Filtered. [Jeffersonsbourbon.com](http://Jeffersonsbourbon.com) allows you to track the exact voyage and conditions of each expression.



### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Toasted marshmallow, maple syrup, hint of spice

**Taste** Toffee, vanilla, hint of tobacco

**Finish** Baking spices, cinnamon, sea salt



# WIDOW JANE

## 10 YEAR SMALL BATCH STRAIGHT BOURBON

**Region Blend**

**ABV** 45.5%

**Price** \$64.00

**Batch** 724

*Bourbon* must be made from a fermented mash—meaning cooked grains mixed with yeast—that consists of at least 51% corn. The rest of the mash can be any other type of cereal grain, but some combination of malted barley, rye, and/or wheat are most common.

*Small batch* Bourbon typically consists of no more than ten selected single barrels, although the number of barrels varies from distillery to distillery from two to two hundred or more. The process is basically the same as standard Bourbon but made on a much smaller scale.

Widow Jane 10 Year Bourbon is a blend of the best barrels from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. It is hand assembled in Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY using the richest & rarest straight bourbons, only ever in 5 barrel batches, non-chill filtered & proofed with our Widow Jane mineral water from the Rosendale Mines of NY. This 10 year whiskey delivers unique intensity & complexity and has been awarded Gold level acellades for more than 10 years straight.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Vanilla, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Cream

**Taste** Orange, Maple, Cherry, Almond

**Finish** Charred Oak, Spice



# JAPANESE WHISKY

Whisky-making knowledge from Speyside and other regions was taken to Japan in the early 1920s, and whisky there is still mainly made from barley imported from Scotland.

## **Mars Japanese Whisky**

The Hombo family have been distilling for more than a century and added whisky to their repertoire in 1949. At that time the distillery was located in the Tsunuki region of Kagoshima Prefecture on the southern-most island of Kyushu.

Until 1984, it was the southernmost whisky made in Japan, which ended when the Hombo clan moved the distillery to the idyllic alpine setting of Miyada village in southern Nagano Prefecture, Central Japan. They chose this site for its cool temperature, which slowed maturation, and the plentiful soft granite filtered snowmelt fed aquifers. A beautiful choice.

In 2016, Hombo Shuzo reopened and introduced new pot stills to their first distillery location in Kagoshima now known as the Mars Tsunuki Distillery, once again Japan's southernmost distillery. They also built an aging facility on a tiny island known as Yakushima, a National World Heritage site, where they now age spirits from both Shinshu and Tsunuki distilleries.

Mars whiskies include the Iwai series, the YA, the TSUNUKI labels and limited releases like the Cosmo series.





**MARS**  
WHISKY

## MALTAGE COSMO

**Region** Japan

**ABV** 42%

**Price** \$114.65

**Cask** Ex-Bourbon, Virgin  
Oak, Manzanilla cask

The Cosmo series from Mars Hombo is a line of pure malt vatted whiskies using single malt from their Nagano distillery Komagatake that is blended with whisky from an undisclosed distillery in Scotland. This latest Manzanilla edition highlights the complexity of Japanese blending, utilizing the casks of dry manzanilla sherry to add salinic complexity to the whisky. The soft richness of dried fruit intermingles with maple candy and brown sugar, yielding to an almost bittersweet finish reminiscent of dark chocolate covered coconut.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Milk chocolate, raspberry, orange zest, and walnut.

**Taste** Still has a raspberry jam hint to it, now paired with raisin and prune. Nutty coffee, vanilla, and caramel.

**Finish** Quite long, with whispers of cassia and black pepper developing underneath the wine-like sweetness.





**GLEN SCOTIA**  
CAMPBELTOWN SINGLE MALT  
SCOTCH WHISKY

## SINGLE MALT 18

**Region** Campbeltown,  
Scotland

**ABV** 46%

**Price** \$159

**Cask** Bourbon Casks

Glen Scotia Distillery was founded in 1832, and has been operating for one hundred and eighty years. Today, the distillery still maintains much of its original design, including the mash tun, the stillroom and the dunnage warehouse which dates back to the 1830s.

Glen Scotia's range showcases the typical Campbeltown flavour profile of toffee, maritime influence and a hint of smoke. The higher peat content of the 18 year gives a more sweet and smoky character and a beautiful rounded finish.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Crips saltiness, perfumed floral notes and thick sweet toffee.

**Taste** Rich deep vanilla fruit flavours, apricot and pineapple, plump sultana.

**Finish** Long and dry with gentle warming spice.





# AMRUT

## PEATED CASK STRENGTH

**Region** India

**ABV** 62.8%

**Price** \$108.28

**Cask** European Oak and Sherry Casks

Amrut Distillery produced the first single malt whisky to be made in India and gained popularity in 2005 when it received a high rating from whisky connoisseur Jim Murray.

Amrut is beginning to impress with single malts that are on their way to become as popular as Japanese whiskey. This expression is a big, bold and powerful single malt that is said to hold its own against the likes of Laphroaig 18, Lagavulin 16 and Ardbeg Uigeadail.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Gritty smoked barley, kippers with a salted butter, and a peppered bite

**Taste** The delivery is youthful and barely reaching puberty then suddenly an intensely malty ascendance followed by a healthy dose of drier oaks

**Finish** Elegant peat, sugarless medium roast coffee, soft licorice and molassed sugar

