



# TASTING BRIEF

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## THE DISTILLERY

Aberfeldy was built by the Dewar family. Initially intended as an ingredient for their Blended Scotch, a team of 12 operators craft a Single Malt with fruity and honeyed aromas. The Distillery was founded by John Dewar & Sons, Ltd. and opened in 1898. The distillery is located on the eastern outskirts of Aberfeldy, on the southern bank of the upper Tay.

## DISTILLERY CONT...

The demand for barley as a basic foodstuff during World War I and II led to the distillery being closed from 1917 to 1919 and for a time during WWII. In 1925, the distillery passed to The Distillers Company when Dewars amalgamated with it.

In 1972 the distillery was enlarged, and the old stills were replaced by four new steam heated stills. Ownership later passed to Grand Metropolitan, which became Diageo in 1997. In 1999, an Aberfeldy 12 Year Old Single Malt brand was introduced.

Aberfeldy is known as The Golden Dram due to the alluvial gold that is rumored to lie in our water source, the Pitilie Burn. 7.5 tons of lightly malted barley is used per batch and allows a gentle fermentation over 70 hours to give plenty of time for sweet, fruity flavor development. Tall stills are heated slowly for plenty of copper contact to retain these bright flavors.





12 YEAR

**Region** Highland

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$39.99

**Cask** ex-Bourbon

After 12 years the fruity flavors are still bright and fresh, making this a great dram to enjoy year round or as a base for exciting cocktails. This whisky is carefully crafted then left to rest in a combination of cask types to showcase honey, vanilla and spice flavors with a whiff of smoke at the end.

A great introduction to the distillery style. Rich and moreish with sweet heather honey, a hint of vanilla and citrus.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Sweet vanilla and subtle honey

**Taste** Mild honey, vanilla and sweet spice

**Finish** Subtle smoke





# 16 YEAR

**Region** Highland

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$89.99

**Cask** ex-Bourbon, Sherry

This whisky was laid to rest for 16 years giving dark chocolate flavors and more roundness to the whisky. Finished for 6 months in Oloroso sherry casks to layer fruitcake and dried fruit flavors, Stephanie Macleod describes this as a gentle kiss of sherry. There is still plenty of citrus and honey flavor coming through.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Sweet, honeyed and vanilla, then the nutty, clove and spicy dark fruit notes come through, reminiscent of Christmas.

**Taste** Sherried and full like fruitcake, then dabs of rich dark chocolate

**Finish** Soothing, mouth-coating finish







# 18 YEAR

**Region** Highland

**ABV** 43%

**Price** \$129.99

**Cask** *ex-Bourbon, Red Wine*

Every year Aberfeldy releases a dram finished in a different red wine cask. Aberfeldy 18 Year Old Limited Edition is first matured in a combination of refill casks, and then finished in ex-Cabernet Sauvignon Wine Barriques, sourced from the world-famous Napa Valley, California’s best known wine-producing region.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Green apple and Aberfeldy’s signature honey floral notes with hints of ripe berries

**Taste** Decadent, more syrupy versus jammy, and has a softening of the spice notes – the tannin notes, which come across as cinnamon in the 15, dissipate leaving a velvety and more mellow dram

**Finish** Dark chocolate and wine tannins





# 25 YEAR - EXCEPTIONAL CASK SERIES, OLOROSO SHERRY

**Region** Highland

**ABV** 46%

**Price** \$299.99

**Cask** ex-Bourbon, Oloroso

Laid to rest in our warehouse for over two decades, the beautifully aged whisky has been finished in Oloroso sherry casks to augment its rich and fruity character and bestow a delightful spiced note.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Sherried fruit and honey

**Taste** Spice, initially shy, with just a hint of cinnamon coming through, the dram eventually grows bolder on the palate, with tropical vanilla, allspice, dark chocolate, and nuts all showing themselves, along with a freshening undercurrent of sweet ripe berries.

**Finish** long, rounded finish of ripe banana bread

