

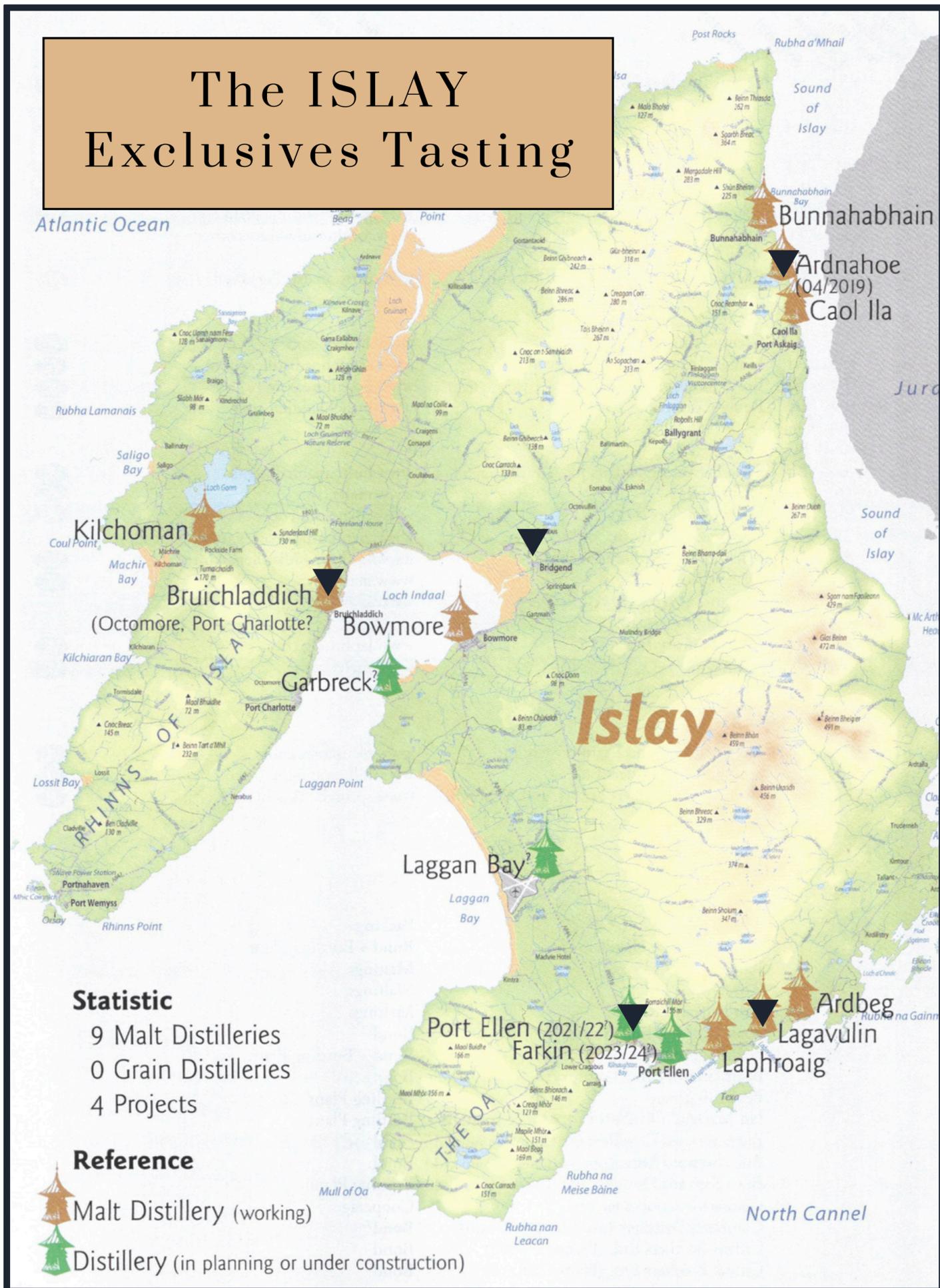


FULLERTON SCOTCH SOCIETY

TASTING BRIEF

JULY 26, 2024

The ISLAY Exclusives Tasting





ISLAY RUM SMALL BATCH & BARREL AGED

Region Islay

ABV 46%

Price \$62.52

Cask Second fill Oak

Bottle Release 25th of May, 2024

The Islay Rum is the first and only rum distillery to date on the Isle of Islay, situated between Kilnaughton Bay in Port Ellen and the Borraichill. The building once belonged to Hastie's Lemonade and is referred to by locals as "The Old Lemonade Factory".



Using the traditional copper pot still, twin retort and triple distillation and having fun with flavours that are evocative of the island we have focused on the ethos of quality over quantity and produced an authentic and outstanding small batch island rum.

Scotland's maritime climate means this rum matures very differently to those from the tropics. Islay Rum Barrel Aged has been carefully rested in oak casks previously used for maturing heavily peated Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky. The result is a rum with a delightful smoky flavour combined with notes of vanilla and a lovely coastal salinity.





THE BOTANIST RESTED GIN

Region Islay

ABV 46 %

Price \$63.85

Cask ex-Bourbon

Gin is made by distilling a neutral grain alcohol, such as wheat or barley, and infusing it with juniper berries and other botanicals. The botanicals, also known as aromatics, release their flavors into the spirit. There are several methods for distilling gin, including steeping, vapor infusion, and vacuum distillation. The Botanist is copper pot distilled by “Ugly Betty.”

The Botanist Cask Rested Gin is newly released in the US and embodies Bruichladdich Distillery’s Whisky-making heritage and botanical expertise. This Islay dry gin has been matured for a minimum of six months in a selection of fine casks. The fragrant notes of 22 hand-foraged botanicals combined with wood spices create a vibrant and complex cuvée that redefines what gin can be.

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Warming spices and candied citrus peels, a sweet, enticing bouquet of perfumed juniper, baking spices and oak. The delicate floral, herbaceous notes of The Botanist combine with the subtle hint of dried fruits from the wood.

Taste The cask influence brings extra viscosity to the palate while the botanicals combines with the spices of the wood to create a deep and velvety mouthfeel.

Finish On the finish, the oak influence begins to fade as the heart of The Botanist reveals itself in a rush of fresh herbal notes, juniper, coriander and citrus.



ISLAY GIN NERABUS HEATHER NAVY

Region Islay

ABV 57%

Price \$49.50

Cask none

The inspiration for our brand and botanicals stemmed from the abundance of wild Islay Heather, Islay Gorse and the wild deer that roam. The wild gorse for our second gin is all over the island, beautiful in a yellow bloom from February onwards. The Heather blooms once a year during August and September.

Our first release, launched in 2017, combines 9 core botanicals and is infused with hand-foraged, wild Islay Heather. Expect subtle floral aromas on the nose, gentle juniper notes, earthy undertones and a long smooth finish, courtesy of the pure Islay water. This bottling features the Navy or “cask strength” version of the original Heather release. The earthiness of the Heather comes through stronger in the Navy Strength. First try a little on the front of your tongue where you will taste the sweetness of the gin. Then sip to feel the strength of the Navy Gin in your throat.

Extra Credit:

Why Navy Strength? The British Royal Navy would often keep their gin on board their vessels below deck where they also stored their gunpowder. To ensure that the merchants providing the gin were not selling diluted spirits. It is thought that they would test out how strong their gin was by testing it on a small sample of gunpowder soaked in spirit. If the gunpowder didn't light then the gin had been diluted down, if the gunpowder still lit then they knew that the gin was at least 57% abv (114 proof); it became therefore known as Navy Strength Gin.





LAGAVULIN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2022

Region Islay

ABV 55.4%

Price \$312.84

Cask American oak, finished in
brandy

A fourteen year old whisky matured in refill american oak then finished for a full five years in brandy seasoned hogsheads, the 2022 jazz festival distillery exclusive release brings to life the sultry, late night vibe of the jazz age.

Deep fruity briny top notes swirl around savoury aromas and pungent wood smoke. The texture smooth and soulful, the taste richly rounded yet powerfully smoky, each spicy note trumpets character. Complexity to savour, smoothly in tune. This is a memorable riff true fans will play over and over.

Tasting Notes (unofficial)

Nose Notes of sea coal, oil, white flowers, and dark fruit

Taste Deep fruity briny top notes swirl around savoury aromas and pungent wood smoke. Rich and balanced peat, seaweed, and dark fruits

Finish Long lasting and dry with notes of firewood and a touch of salty bitterness



ARDNAHOE 5 YR CASK STRENGTH FÉIS ÎLE 2024

Region Islay

ABV 59%

Price \$108

Cask 1st Fill & Refill
Bourbon Barrel

At the beginning of May 2024, Ardnahoe Distillery finally unveiled its long-awaited first release: the Ardnahoe Inaugural Release 5 Year Old. Ardnahoe marks the first opening of a new scotch distillery in over two decades, shortly followed by the re-opening of Port Ellen. Islay now clocks in at 10 operational scotch distilleries on the small island. Ardnahoe Distillery was built in 2018 and production began in October of that year.

Matured for 5 years in a combination of first-fill & refill bourbon barrels and bottled at a natural cask strength of 59.3% abv. This Feis Ile 2024 release is a real gem of a whisky, not to be missed!

This bottle was available only at the distillery on Fèis day of Wednesday 29th May and is now sold out!

Distillery Tasting Notes

Nose Shortbread, baked apples and Islay peat smoke on the nose

Taste Spice, Custard, ginger, lemon zest and baked apples

Finish Wood smoke finish

