



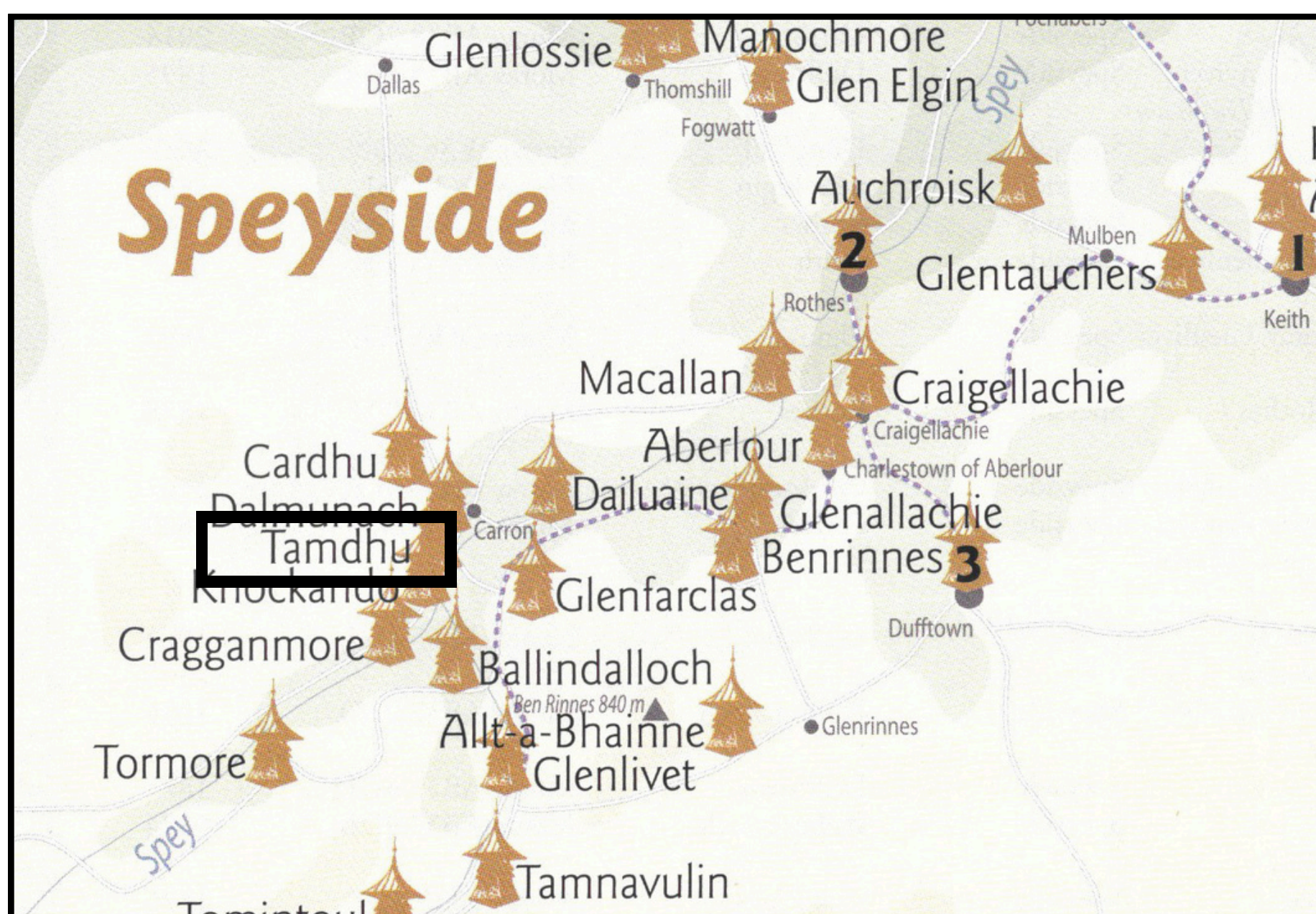
# TASTING BRIEF

MARCH 28, 2025

## TAMDHU

### SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

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## THE DISTILLERY

Tamdhu Distillery was founded in 1897 during Scotland's late 19th-century whisky boom. A group of whisky investors, including William Grant, recognized the potential of a distillery in Speyside, an area renowned for its high-quality whisky production. Designed by the famous distillery architect Charles Doig, Tamdhu was built with state-of-the-art equipment and innovation in mind.

The name "Tamdhu" comes from Gaelic, meaning "little dark hill," referencing the surrounding landscape. From the beginning, Tamdhu was distinguished by its use of sherry cask maturation, a tradition that continues to define its whisky today.

In 1899, Highland Distillers acquired Tamdhu, and for much of its history, the distillery primarily produced whisky for blending, contributing to famous brands like The Famous Grouse and Cutty Sark. Despite challenges such as World Wars and economic downturns, Tamdhu remained operational for most of the 20th century.

However, in 2010, its then-owner, the Edrington Group, mothballed the distillery. A year later, Ian Macleod Distillers purchased Tamdhu and revitalized it, refocusing on single malt production. Since then, Tamdhu has reestablished itself as a premium whisky brand, maintaining its commitment to sherry cask maturation in casks that are primarily imported from Spain.

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## 10 YEAR

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$44.99

**Cask** Sherry Oak

Tamdhu 10 Year Old is matured exclusively in sherry oak casks, the finest in the whisky industry. 10 long years are required to allow these fine casks to do their work, giving Tamdhu its wondrous natural colour and quality.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** On the nose, enjoy the softness of vanilla and sugared almonds, balanced by fresh oak and cinnamon.

**Taste** The taste finishes with a touch of fresh fruit, becoming pleasantly drying – slowly unveiling the wisp of peat smoke.

**Finish** The palate bursts with fruit and spice – gently revealing toffee and the richness of sherry oak.



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## 18 YEAR

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 46.8%

**Price** \$199.99

**Cask** Oloroso Sherry

Combining American Oak Oloroso and European Oak Oloroso casks, the 18-Year-Old unites Tamdhu's signature fruity spirit and 18 long years of full-term sherry maturation to deliver layers of indulgent flavour and a deep natural colour which reflects the quality of the oak.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Dry nutty sherry, cherry, milk chocolate, rum raisin, citrus, baked oats and plum.

**Taste** Long and warming, dried apricot and dates, soft spice and stewed apple.

**Finish** Sherry notes are rich, complex and mouthcoating with vanilla, brown sugar, red apple and dried fruits.





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## BATCH STRENGTH 008

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 55%

**Price** \$85.99

**Cask** Sherry

Batch Strength No. 008 encapsulates an unwavering commitment to crafting exclusively sherry-matured whisky, presenting a captivating deep natural copper hue and a complex flavour profile. With each Oloroso sherry cask carefully hand-selected, this expression delivers an exquisite and nuanced flavour.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Creamy vanilla and melting honeycomb

**Taste** Elegant sherry oak finish, with hints of figs lingering on the palate

**Finish** Sharp berries dance alongside sweet, candied lemon peel



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## CIGAR MALT II

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 53.8%

**Price** \$229.99

**Cask** Sherry

Our second exclusive Cigar Malt dram has been carefully crafted to perfectly complement the complex aroma and mouthfeel of a handmade cigar.

Created using a small selection of first fill European oak sherry casks with a suitably robust character and bottled un-chillfiltered at 53.8% ABV, this is a dram dedicated to richness and strength.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Crystallised ginger, sherry oak and rich golden syrup.

**Taste** Sherry-soaked winter fruits, giving way to rich malt loaf topped with vanilla cream.

**Finish** Honeyed apricots, then toasted nuts.

