



TASTING BRIEF

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GAME OF THRONES™

In the shadow of bannermen and beasts, eight houses stand proud, their banners stitched not in thread but in smoke, honey, and flame. To lift each cup is to taste their triumphs and betrayals alike, a perilous feast of single malts where only the stout of heart may claim the final dram. Today we will accept the challenge Diageo has set before us and taste:

House Tully - Singleton of Glendullan Select
House Baratheon - Royal Lochnagar 12 Year
House Targaryen - Cardhu Gold Reserve
House Stark - Dalwhinnie Winter's Frost
The Night's Watch - Oban Bay Reserve
House Greyjoy - Talisker Select Reserve
House Tyrell - Clynelish Reserve
House Lannister - Lagavulin 9 Year

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The Game of Thrones Single Malt Scotch Whisky Collection was released in November 2018 by Diageo, comprising eight limited-edition single malts representing the Great Houses of Westeros and the Night's Watch. Some of the bottles are existing distillery expressions repackaged for the Game of Thrones branding (Cardhu, Dalwhinnie, Royal Lochnagar), while others are new or specially selected for this series (Clynelish, Oban, Talisker, Lagavulin, Glendullan/Singleton).

The collection was designed as a gateway for new drinkers: most bottles are lighter in strength (40–43% ABV) with approachable flavors like honey, fruit, and vanilla, while only the later ones (Talisker and Lagavulin) bring in bold peat and smoke. Tying each whisky to a House made the lineup more about story than intimidating whisky knowledge, and the original \$40–\$65 price point made them easy to try. The progression across the eight bottles creates a natural journey from light and sweet to rich and smoky, helping fans of the show explore Scotch in an accessible, engaging way.

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HOUSE TULLY – SINGLETON OF GLENDULLAN SELECT

Region Speyside/
Dufftown area

ABV 40%

Price \$35-55

Cask ex-bourbon casks,
with a portion matured in
re-charred American oak
hogsheads

House Lore and why this bottle?

Riverlands rulers from Riverrun, symbolized by the trout, loyal and family-driven.

Situated along the River Fiddich, Glendullan is tied to water and rivers — a direct link to House Tully's trout sigil and river dominion.

Tasting Notes

Nose Green apple, honey, vanilla and light sandalwood.

Taste Sweet orchard fruit, soft vanilla, clean dry finish — an easy, crowd-pleasing



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HOUSE BARATHEON
ROYAL LOCHNAGAR 12 YEAR

Region Highlands

ABV 40%

Price \$60-70

Cask refill European
and American oak casks

House Lore and why this bottle?

Stormlords of Storm's End, marked by their stag sigil and warrior's pride.

Royal Lochnagar earned its "Royal" name after being granted a warrant by Queen Victoria. The Baratheons, kings of Westeros, reflect this regal.

Tasting Notes

Nose Lemon zest, candied orange, melon, gentle oak.

Taste Citrus, pineapple, dry oak spice, subtle vanilla.



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HOUSE TARGARYEN CARDHU GOLD RESERVE

Region Speyside

ABV 40%

Price ~\$80-130

Cask American oak (ex-bourbon) and European oak casks

House Lore and why this bottle?

Dragonlords, survivors of Valyria, bearers of "Fire & Blood"

Cardhu's strong female founding history resonates with Daenerys's fire-born legacy

Tasting Notes

Nose Green apple, soft floral notes, light malt

Taste Toffee, honey, mild spice, short finish



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HOUSE STARK DALWHINNIE WINTER'S FROST

Region Highlands

ABV 43%

Price ~\$80

Cask Ex-bourbon
American oak

House Lore and why this bottle?

Noble lords of the frozen North, fierce defenders with the direwolf sigil

Dalwhinnie is one of Scotland's coldest/distal distilleries — fitting for House Stark's icy realm

Tasting Notes

Nose White grape, pineapple, vanilla, malt, light oak

Taste Honey, orchard fruit, warming spice, herbal waxiness



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THE NIGHT'S WATCH OBAN BAY RESERVE

Region *coastal*
Highlands

ABV 43%

Price ~\$100-160

Cask refill American
oak and new charred
oak casks

House Lore and why this bottle?

The sworn brotherhood guarding the Wall, championing vigilance in darkness

Oban lies between the Highlands and Islands — a “coastal frontier,” echoing the Wall’s boundary role

Tasting Notes

Nose Cocoa, dried cherry, sea spray, light smokiness

Taste Berry, liquorice, oak, cloves, salted wood tones



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HOUSE GREYJOY TALISKER SELECT RESERVE

Region *Isle of Skye*

ABV 45.8%

Price ~\$110-180

Cask *heavily charred
American oak hogsheads*

House Lore and why this bottle?

Iron Islands lords, ruthless sea-raiders, motto
"We Do Not Sow"

Talisker's maritime, briny, smoky character
mirrors Greyjoy's seafaring identity

Tasting Notes

Nose Sea air, embers, smoked paprika, mint

Taste Peat smoke, salt, charred citrus peel,
soot



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HOUSE TYRELL CLYNELISH RESERVE

Region Highlands

ABV 51.2%

Price ~\$100-160

Cask ex-bourbon and
refill American oak

House Lore and why this bottle?

Lords of the Reach, masters of fertility, plenty, and political might

Clynelish is drawn from springs in challenging terrain; its waxy, multi-faceted character fits Tyrell's ambition

Tasting Notes

Nose Lime zest, rose, candle wax, banana candy, milk chocolate

Taste Oily texture, honey, white pepper, vanilla, mineral chalk



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HOUSE LANNISTER LAGAVULIN 9 YEAR OLD

Region *Islay*

ABV 46%

Price ~\$80-120

Cask first-fill ex-
bourbon American oak

House Lore and why this bottle?

Rich, powerful, cunning rulers of Casterly Rock, bearers of a golden lion

Lagavulin is bold, smoky, uncompromising — fitting for Lannister ambition and might

Tasting Notes

Nose Charred oak, smoky peat, salted caramel, embers

Taste Intense peat smoke, seaweed, spice, dark chocolate, long smoky finish

