

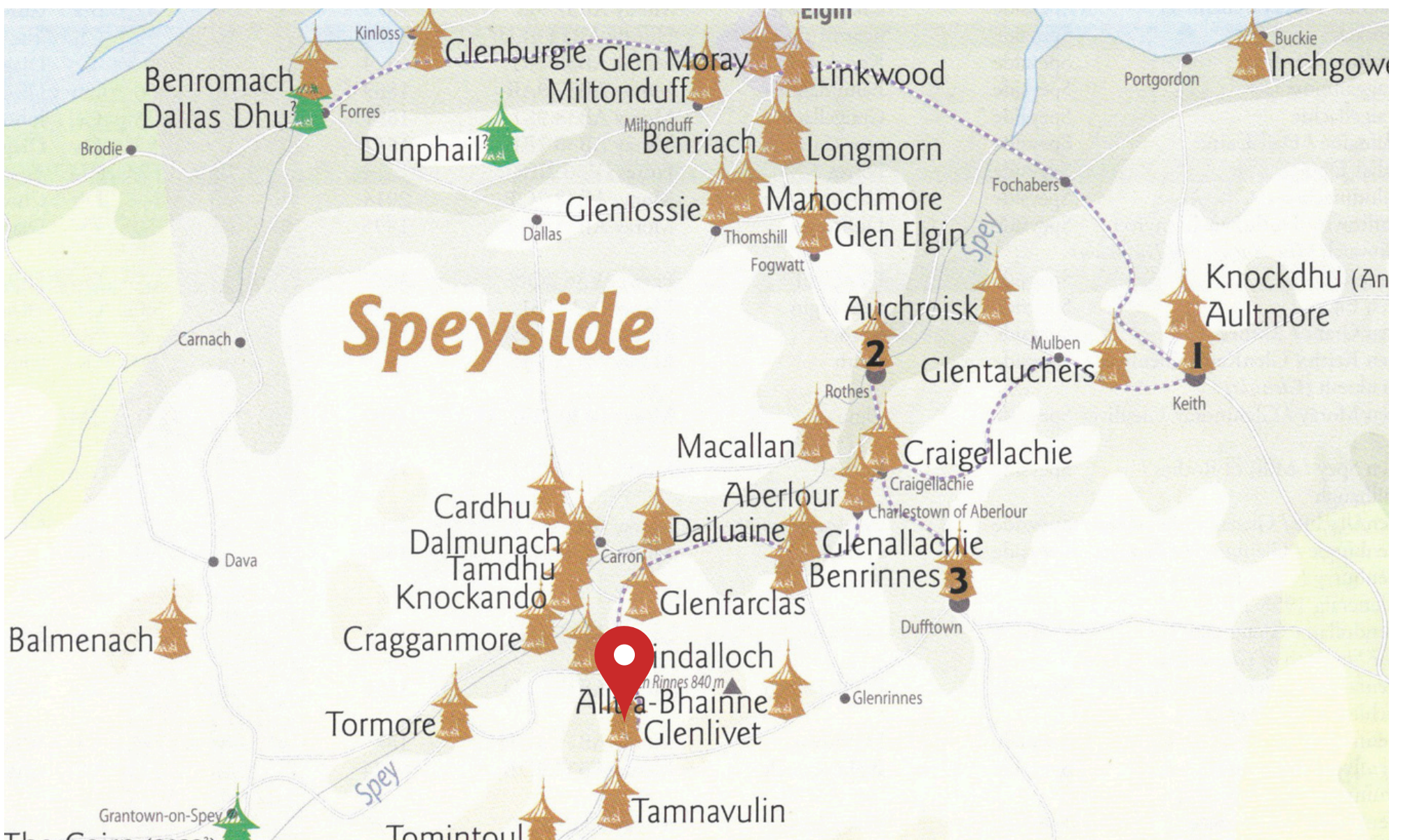


# TASTING BRIEF

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# THE GLENLIVET®

Located in the remote Speyside region of Scotland near the River Livet within the Cairngorms National Park, The Glenlivet sits in an area long known for its ideal whisky-making conditions, including pure spring water, cool climate, and access to quality barley.



# THE DISTILLERY

The isolated glens and rolling Highlands once made the region a center for illicit distillation, but it would eventually become one of the most respected whisky-producing areas in the world. Founded in 1824 by George Smith, The Glenlivet became the first licensed distillery in the Glenlivet valley following the Excise Act, helping establish the foundation for modern legal Scotch whisky production.

The distillery became especially important in shaping the modern Speyside whisky style. Unlike the heavily peated whiskies associated with some other Scottish regions, The Glenlivet focused on a softer and fruit-forward profile characterized by orchard fruits, floral notes, honey sweetness, and approachable elegance. The distillery's location near the Livet River provided access to exceptionally pure spring water from Josie's Well, which remains a key part of production today. Traditional copper pot stills with lantern-shaped tops and long necks help create a lighter spirit by encouraging greater reflux during distillation, contributing to the signature smoothness for which the brand is known worldwide.

What makes The Glenlivet particularly special is its balance between heritage and accessibility.

Expressions such as the 12 Year Double Oak, 14 Year Cognac Cask Selection, and 18 Year showcase how maturation techniques can build complexity while preserving the distillery's recognizable fruit-driven character. The Glenlivet has also played a major role in introducing new drinkers to single malt Scotch by offering whiskies that are refined and layered without being overly smoky or aggressive, helping define what many consumers expect from premium Speyside whisky.

# THE GLENLIVET®

## 12 YEAR DOUBLE OAK

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$41.99

**Cask** ex-bourbon  
European and American  
oak casks

Fruity, smooth, and balanced Speyside single malt matured in two types of oak.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Banana, pineapple, and fresh summer meadow aromas.

**Taste** Peaches, pears, vanilla, and toffee.

**Finish** Smooth, gentle, and long.



# THE GLENLIVET<sup>®</sup>

## FUSION CASK

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$72.99

**Cask** recrafted first-fill  
rum and bourbon casks

Innovative Speyside single malt selectively finished in recrafted first-fill rum and bourbon casks. The casks are created by dismantling and reassembling rum and bourbon barrels into bespoke hybrid casks — a category-first maturation technique for Scotch whisky.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Orange, vanilla custard, caramel, coconut, and lemon zest.

**Taste** Juicy apricot, peach, fresh apples, toffee-covered bananas, and subtle cinnamon spice.

**Finish** Sweet and smooth with lingering orange notes.



# THE GLENLIVET®

## 14 COGNAC CASK

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$57.99

**Cask** first-fill American oak and sherry casks, finished in ex-Cognac

Speyside single malt matured in bourbon and sherry casks, then selectively finished in Cognac casks for added richness and fruit character.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Honey, apricot jam, sweet cinnamon bread, subtle licorice spice, and fruity aromas.

**Taste** Ripe poached pears, mandarins in syrup, chocolate-covered raisins, and creamy citrus sweetness.

**Finish** Smooth and fuller bodied.



# THE GLENLIVET®

18 YEAR

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 40%

**Price** \$146.99

**Cask** first- and second-fill American oak, traditional oak, and ex-sherry casks.

Rich, elegant, and complex single malt aged for 18 years and crafted for special occasions.

## Distillery Tasting Notes

**Nose** Banana, juicy plums, dark chocolate, and sweet toffee.

**Taste** Charred orange, dried cranberries, cinnamon spice, dark chocolate, vanilla, and butterscotch.

**Finish** Long, rich, fruity, and warming with spice.



# THE GLENLIVET®

## SIGNATORY VINTAGE GLENLIVET 16 YEAR OLD 2006 CASK STRENGTH

**Region** Speyside

**ABV** 57%

**Price** \$159

**Cask** Single barrel first-fill sherry butt

**Cask** #900803

Independent bottling from Signatory Vintage featuring a heavily sherried Speyside profile with high-proof intensity and natural presentation. Distilled in 2006 and bottled in 2022 after 16 years of maturation. Non-chill filtered and natural color.

### Distillery Tasting Notes

- Nose** Toasted teacake, honey, frangipane, digestive biscuits, baked apples, ripe pears, vanilla, oak spice, and light floral notes.
- Taste** Plum skin, stewed apples, milk chocolate, sultanas, caramelized sugar, orchard fruits, cinnamon, nutmeg, butterscotch, dark cherry, and warming sherry spice. Full-bodied and intense at cask strength.
- Finish** Long and warming with ripe nectarine, figs, dusty cocoa, oak spice, leather, rum raisin, and lingering dark fruit sweetness.

