

## Four Distilleries & One Company

Inver House Distillers HQ is at Airdrie, where it once operated a malt and grain distillery complex, as well as the largest commercial maltings in Europe. It currently operates five malt distilleries in the Highlands and Speyside, including Balblair, Balmenach, Knockdhu, Pulteney and Speyburn, & produces Hankey Bannister, Catto's & MacArthur's blends.

**SPEYBURN** Speyburn's stillhouse runs with worm tub cooling. Like most worm sites this method of condensing produces a deliberately sulphury new make which changes in cask to reveal the delicate, fragrant character which lies underneath.

**BALBLAIR** The aim here is to produce a richly fruity new make character, meaning clear worts, long fermentation in wooden washbacks before distillation in small, stumpy stills.

**KNOCKDHU** The new make is heavily sulphury as little reflux is encouraged in the stills, but when that cooked vegetable element both flies off and is absorbed into palate weight, the dominant character is citric and intense. Fresh and vibrant when young, its weight allows it to mature well.

**OLD PULTENEY** equipped with a single pair of highly individual stills, with condensing taking place in a pair of stainless steel worm tubs. Both stills boast large boil balls, and the wash still has a unique, truncated, flat-topped appearance. Sweet, fruity and malty, with an edge of salt.

## TASTING METHOD

### 1st AROMA / NOSE

\* Breathe over your glass with mouth & nose open to allow as much air as possible to reach your olfactory nerves! Swallow the air, and then slowly exhale and let your mind wander while deciding on the flavors you taste.

### 2nd PALETTE / TASTE

\* Take a sip to your mouth, swirl & "chew" the spirit as you coat the inside surfaces of your mouth, again breathe through, swallow and exhale, again decide on tastes, flavors & textures.

### 3rd DILUTE & RE-TASTE

\* Take the straw in your water glass and put your finger over the top, transport the water to your whiskey glass and drop in. The addition of a drop of water is known as "cracking" the spirit. This allows molecular bonds to break, freeing up a new range of aromas & flavors to be tasted and noted!

### SPEYBURN ARRANTA 46%

Arranta Casks Single Malt has been crafted using specially selected, first fill ex-bourbon casks in American Oak, to give this spicy Scotch whisky a uniquely bold and characterful flavor profile. A USA market Exclusive

COLOUR Rich and golden

NOSE Toffee, vanilla, honey, coconut & spices

TASTE Bold and full bodied with a long

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**BALBLAIR 2003 (10 Year) 46%**

The 2003 vintage single malt whisky from the Balblair distillery. They were matured in second fill bourbon casks until 2013 when the whisky was popped in stylish bottles.

**Nose:** Bright aromas of delicate flowers, light citrus blossom a trickle of honey.

**Palate:** Oranges and lemons, fresh and fruity. More honey? Yes indeed!

**Finish:** A fairly spicy finish.

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**anCNOc 12 Year 43%**

Knockdhu renamed their whiskies anCnoc to avoid confusion with the nearby Knockando distillery.

**Nose:** Aromatic, quite robust. Honey-suckle, fresh flowers, cereals, barley.

**Palate:** Medium, good sweetness. Madeira, winter spices, mocha, Crème de Cacao, herbal hints and toasted granary bread.

**Finish:** Medium length, great interplay between oak and barley.

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**OLD PULTENEY 12 Year 43%**

Matured in ex-bourbon casks for 12 years, this Old Pulteney malt was a Double Gold winner at the 2006 San Francisco World Spirits Competition

**Nose:** Crisp and clean. Great balance reveals notes of herbs and grist. Parsley, almond.

**Palate:** Balanced with medium body. Musty, nutty, sultana, toffee, spices. Oak.

**Finish:** Medium, oak, spices.

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**BALBLAIR 1999 (15 year) 46%**

Matured in a combination of American ex-bourbon barrels and Spanish ex-Sherry butts from 1999

**Nose:** Thick slices of warm Christmas cake and juicy raisins.... apple peel and honey'd malt.

**Palate:** Sherry spices, vanilla sweetness shines through & warm oak notes

**Finish:** Full and long.

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**anCNOc 18 Year 46%**

Whisky from Knockdhu distillery was matured in a combination of European oak ex-Sherry and US oak ex-bourbon casks.

**Nose:** Unrefined sugar, satisfying raw honey with blood orange segments

**Palate:** Honey'd and spiced. Vanilla, lemon, gooseberry and fig rolls.

**Finish:** A long finish with warming Sherried spice.

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**OLD PULTENEY 17 Year 46%**

Old Pulteney 17 won double gold at and was matured in Spanish Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez casks

**Nose** clean, fresh, well balanced, fruit salad, honeydew melon and pear to dried fruits...

**Palate** is quite full and very sweet with sugared citrus peels and toffee, some notes of beeswax and honey-comb

**Finish** Quite full, sweet, herbally

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