

KILCHOMAN

The Kilchoman distillery was founded in 2005 at the Rochside Farm, not far from Machir Bay at Islay's West Coast. Kilchoman is Scotland's most Westerly whisky distillery and draws its water from a spring on Cnoc Dubh, just above Rochside Farm.

Distillation commenced in Nov '05 and 1st Barrel was filled 12/14/05 80% of the spirit is matured in ex-bourbon casks, from Buffalo Trace distillery in Kentucky, the remaining spirit matured in Oloroso sherry butts.

The two stills at the Kilchoman whisky distillery proffer a total capacity of just 90,000 litres per annum, in terms of scale the Kilchoman distillery is of roughly equal capacity to the Edradour distillery.

The Distillery just auctioned its 1st 10 year old bottle, and expects to re-release a standard 10 year in a couple of years. Kilchoman continues to win awards on individual expressions!

TASTING NOTES FROM
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Tasting Spirits

Using this method you should look for three distinct sets of flavors or tastes in your whisky

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!

Remember that there can be a difference between Tasting & Drinking with friends. When you have an opportunity to try a new spirit, brand or label, try these steps.

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An Islay Farm Distillery
Established 2005



We are Dallas' Whiskey Pub
Over 250+ Whiskies available on the good
days, sometimes fewer after a busy
weekend and never "just before" a delivery!

MACHIR BAY

Bourbon & Sherry Cask
46 % No Age Statement

Nose: Citrus zests, crumbly vanilla biscuits and layers of elegant peat smoke.

Palate: A generous burst of tropical fruit and dried raisin opens the palate. Warming smoke continues to waft playfully.

Finish: Sherried fruits and sprinkle of cracked black pepper.

LOCH GORM 2014

46 % No Age Statement

Nose: Peat, earthy and rich. Followed by red berries and sweet citrus with a medicinal hint developing along the way.

Palate: Crumbly biscuits and vanilla. This is swiftly followed by smoky peat then Sherry soaked berries until the finish.

Finish: Sweet and smoky right to the end, cherries lasting.

MADEIRA CASK MATURED

50% ABV (D2011 / B2015)

Distiller's Bottle notes:

Nose: Strong, Lemon & Citrus notes

Palate: Sweet with a nutty dark chocolate character.

Finish: A rich texture with peat smoke and soft mixed fruits

2008 VINTAGE - 7 Years Old

46 % No Age Statement

Nose: Familiar territory here, golden barley, integrated peat, toffees, lemon peel.

Palate: Sweet vanilla and cocoa butter with wisps of smoke give way to greater fruitiness than has perhaps often been seen from Kilchoman, blueberries, apricot pieces.

Finish: Creamy and fruity, with soft peat too, naturally.

100% ISLAY - 5th Edition

50% (D2009 / B2014)

Nose: Oranges and ripe nectarines, crumbly pastry and a good swirl of peat.

Palate: Coastal peat comes through first, but this subsides to make way for rich vanilla, citrus and fragrant smoke.

Finish: Very subtle hints of cigar box on the finish, along with more citrus.

SPEC'S SINGLE CASKS

#1 PX SHERRY CASK	#2 BOURBON CASK
58.6 % ABV	60.5% ABV
(D2008 / B2015)	(D2008 / B2013)

These are both single casks purchased and bottled by Specs. Both at Cask Strength and bottled without chill filtration or added color. The Bourbon cask is described with vanilla toffee, dark chocolate & wood shavings. The Pedro Jimenez Sherry leans more on dried & cooked fruits, sweet with dry finish