

Diageo Special Releases 2017

This year's much-anticipated Special Releases from Diageo has finally been unveiled! They are a series of limited edition whisky with small annual release featured by their natural cask strength. A collection represents the peak of whisky making.



LAGAVULIN SINGLE MALT 12 YEARS OLD

PRODUCTION TYPE
Single malt whisky

REGION
Islay

AVAILABILITY
Limited quantities worldwide

FLAVOUR CAMP
Smoky & Peaty

ABV
56.5%

NOSE

A reassuringly robust whiff of smoke, but not enough to obscure the scents of fish oil and sweet black fruits. Autumnal – an impression encouraged by adding water, which brings smouldering grass and bracken, or the burning of distant stubble. In time, Fuzzy-Felt.

PALATE

Thick, unctuous, oily. There's a peppery, maritime note and great breadth. Beach bonfires and smoked fish on the grill. Water brings out a hedonistic sweetness, with smoke grabbing at the back of the throat, and that oiliness morphs into syrup.

FINISH

Long, balanced, with a pinch of pepper.

\$1,230 / btl

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GLEN ELGIN SINGLE MALT 18 YEARS OLD

DISTILLED 1998

PRODUCTION TYPE

Single malt whisky

REGION

Speyside

AVAILABILITY

Limited quantities worldwide

FLAVOUR CAMP

Fruity & Spicy

ABV

54.8%

NOSE

It's typical of Glen Elgin's intensely fruity distillery character. From the off there's fruit-flavoured confectionery – Maoam chews and cola bottles – then more natural orchard fruit combined with a light green grassy character – a result of the Pombe yeast used during fermentation. Water draws out vanilla.

PALATE

Thankfully, that fruitiness continues on the tongue, with notes of red apple skin and caramelised stewed apples. Things take an oak-afflicted turn as baking spices appear in the mid-palate, before brittle butter pecan and just a touch of sulphur. Water enhances the sweetness and inspires a creamy texture.

FINISH

The vanilla-rich oak has had its way, as things end on well-cooked piecrust and crème anglaise.

\$3,600 / btl

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BLAIR ATHOL SINGLE MALT 23 YEARS OLD

DISTILLED 1993

PRODUCTION TYPE
Single malt whisky

REGION
Highland

AVAILABILITY
5,514 bottles worldwide

FLAVOUR CAMP
Rich & Round

ABV
58.4%

NOSE

It's big, it's bold, it's Blair Athol. The Sherry butts are front and centre, but there's a pleasing contrast of eucalyptus and star anise. Water relaxes things, ushering in dark chocolate, a whiff of roasting coffee and that well-known Auld Alliance dish, venison à l'orange.

PALATE

Explosive and mouth-filling. Rich fare indeed, bringing a new fusion between Dundee cake and Jamaica ginger cake. A hint of the vegetal (in a good way) and of game on the turn balances all this opulence. Water soothes the beast further, conjuring up an almost syrupy sweetness.

FINISH

Now that venison is drenched in crème de mûre.

\$5,300 / btl

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BRORA SINGLE MALT 34 YEARS OLD

DISTILLED 1982

PRODUCTION TYPE

Single malt whisky

REGION

Highland

AVAILABILITY

3,000 bottles worldwide

FLAVOUR CAMP

Fragrant & Floral

ABV

51.9%

NOSE

Gentle, restrained, delicate, urging you to slow down and be patient. Marzipan. An elusive green character that resolves into lime cordial. Water, and time, helps enormously, injecting vibrancy into the fruit – just-ripe tangerine, fully ripe Amalfi lemon. Hay seeds, hedgerow flowers and a lightly creamy texture

PALATE

There's smoke, but it's in a supporting role, adding a charred touch to the fruit, and reminiscent of green wood snapping and popping in the flames. The lemon's now so ripe that it's almost on the turn. With water, the fruit sweetness takes centre stage, while the smoke smoulders away in the distance

FINISH

Waxy

\$18,800 / btl

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**PORT ELLEN SINGLE MALT
37 YEARS OLD
(17TH RELEASE)**

DISTILLED 1979

PRODUCTION TYPE

Single malt whisky

REGION

Islay

AVAILABILITY

2,988 bottles worldwide

FLAVOUR CAMP

Smoky & Peaty

ABV

51%

NOSE

Ah, the smell of the English countryside in summer: damp hay bales, manure, the sweet unmistakable aroma of bonfire smoke in the neighbouring field. But then comes lush, mouthwatering fruit – dried apricot skin, apple chews. Take your time, it's worth it.

PALATE

Given the savoury nose there's an unexpected sweetness – sugar cubes, more of those sensational apple chews – then a rush of prickly spice in the middle. A damp earthiness emerges, alongside a waft of bonfire smoke (dying campfire embers extinguished with water) before both recede, revealing a platter of charred juicy fruits like kiwi, pineapple and orange segments.

FINISH

As the fruit and smoke die away, the countryside rears back into life.

\$30,800 / btl

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(From: scotchwhisky.com - Richard Woodard & Becky Paskin)

Wine	Vintage	Region	Price (HKD)
Lagavulin Single Malt 12 Years Old	1982	Islay Scotland	\$1,230 / btl
Caol Ila Single Malt 18 Years Old	-	Islay Scotland	\$1,450 / btl
Collectiv XXVIII	-	Scotland UK	\$1,850 / btl
Glen Elgin Single Malt 18 Years Old	1998	Speyside Scotland	\$3,600 / btl
Teaninich Single Malt 17 Years Old	1999	Highlands Scotland	\$3,600 / btl
Blair Athol Single Malt 23 Years Old	1993	Highlands Scotland	\$5,300 / btl
Convalmore Single Malt 32 Years Old	1984	Speyside Scotland	\$15,600 / btl
Brora Single Malt 34 Years Old	1982	Highlands Scotland	\$18,800 / btl
Port Ellen Single Malt 37 Years Old (17th Release)	1979	Islay Scotland	\$30,800 / btl

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