



# **Scotch Whisky:** History & Tasting

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# What is Scotch Whisky: Definition

*"A liquor distilled from a fermented wort (such as that obtained from rye, corn or barley mash)."*

-- Merriam-Webster

# What is Scotch Whisky: Legal Definition

## Scotch Whisky Regulations (2009): Regulation 3

(1) In these Regulations "Scotch Whisky" means a whisky produced in Scotland—

(a) that has been distilled at a distillery in Scotland from water and malted barley (to which only whole grains of other cereals may be added) all of which have been—

(i) processed at that distillery into a mash;

(ii) converted at that distillery into a fermentable substrate only by endogenous enzyme systems; and

(iii) fermented at that distillery only by the addition of yeast;

(b) that has been distilled at an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 94.8 per cent so that the distillate has an aroma and taste derived from the raw materials used in, and the method of, its production;

(c) that has been matured only in oak casks of a capacity not exceeding 700 litres;

(d) that has been matured only in Scotland;

(e) that has been matured for a period of not less than three years;

(f) that has been matured only in an excise warehouse or a permitted place;

(g) that retains the colour, aroma and taste derived from the raw materials used in, and the method of, its production and maturation;

(h) to which no substance has been added, or to which no substance has been added except—

(i) water;

(ii) plain caramel colouring; or

(iii) water and plain caramel colouring; and

(i) that has a minimum alcoholic strength by volume of 40%.

# What is Scotch Whisky: Etymology

- Irish: "*Uisce Beatha*"
- Scottish Gaelic: "*Uisge Beatha*"
- Latin: "*Aqua Vitae*" (or "*water of life*")



# What is Scotch Whisky: Spelling

Why is there no "E" in Scotch Whiskey?





# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Maria the Prophetess
  - Alembic Still
  - Bain Marie



# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Islamic Alchemists
  - Perfumes
  - Medicine



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# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Italian Distillers







# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Monasteries
  - Across Europe
  - Into Ireland
  - Into Scotland



# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Private Homes in Britain

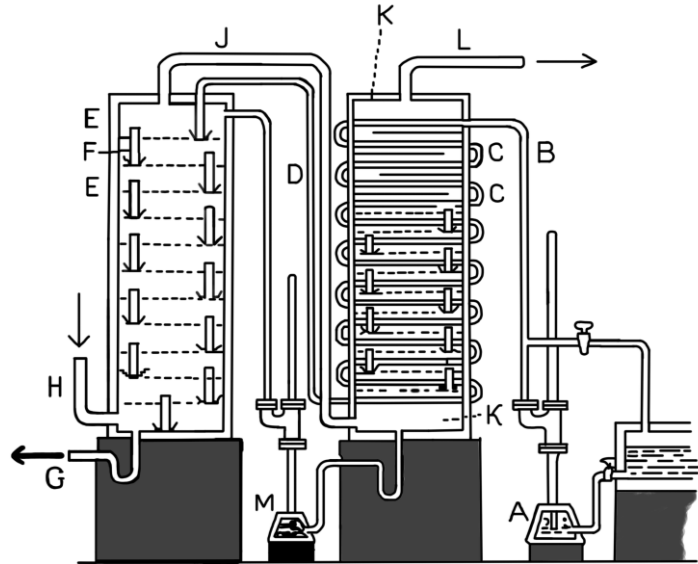




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# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- How Did Scotch Overtake Brandy to Be the #1 Spirit?



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# History of Distilled Spirits & Scotch

- Royal Popularity
  - King James IV
  - Queen Victoria



# How to Classify Scotch: Styles

- Single Malt Scotch Whisky

"Scotch Whisky produced from only water and malted barley at a single distillery by batch distillation in pot stills."

-- Scotch Whisky Association



# How to Classify Scotch: Styles

- Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

“[A] blend of two or more Single Malt Scotch Whiskies from different distilleries.”

-- Scotch Whisky Association

# How to Classify Scotch: Styles

- Single Grain Scotch Whisky

"Scotch Whisky distilled at a single distillery but which, in addition to water and malted barley, may also be produced from whole grains of other malted or unmalted cereals."

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- Blended Scotch Whisky

"[A] combination of one or more Single Malt Scotch Whiskies with one or more Single Grain Scotch Whiskies, which accords with traditional practice."

-- Scotch Whisky Association

# How to Classify Scotch: Regions

- Islay
- Highland
- Lowlands
- Speyside
- Campbeltown



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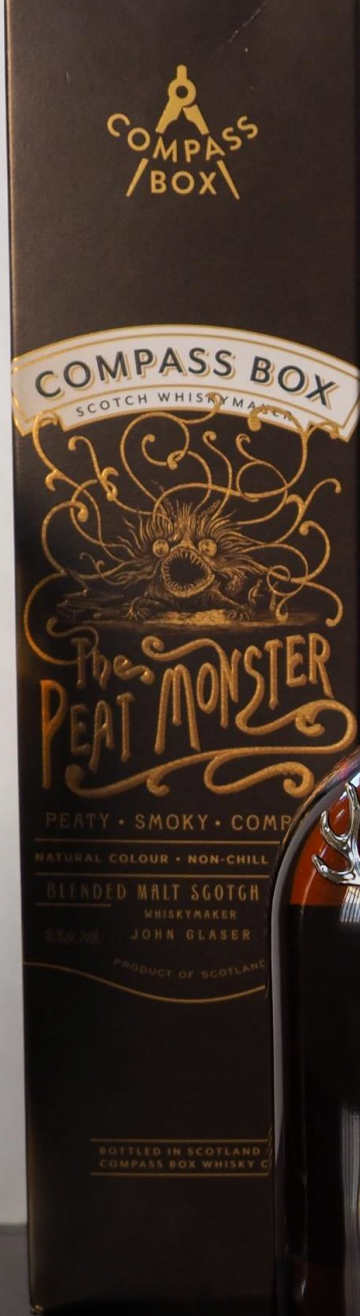
# Single Malts From Around The World

- Ireland
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Australia
- Wales
- India





# Whisky Tasting



# Tasting: A Blended Malt Scotch Whisky





# Tasting: A Single Malt Scotch Whisky



# Tasting: Whisky From Around The World





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