



Spirit Single Malt Whisky

Distillery Label – Linkwood 25 yo

<i>Country:</i>	<i>Scotland</i>
<i>Region:</i>	<i>Speyside - Lossie - Elgin, Morayshire</i>
<i>Producer:</i>	<i>Gordon and MacPhail</i>
<i>Range:</i>	<i>Distillery Label Range</i>
<i>Bottling:</i>	<i>Gordon and Macphail Bottling</i>
<i>Style:</i>	<i>Single Malt Whisky</i>
<i>Water Source:</i>	<i>Springs near Millbuies Loch</i>
<i>Age:</i>	<i>25 years - bottled 2018</i>
<i>Cask Type:</i>	<i>First Fill and Refill Sherry Casks</i>
<i>Colour:</i>	<i>Dark Gold</i>
<i>Flavour Profile:</i>	<i>Sweet and Spicy</i>
<i>Allergens:</i>	<i>not known</i>
<i>Bottle size:</i>	<i>70cl - abv: 43.0%</i>



The Distillery Label Range

The history of this range heralds back to the very beginning of Gordon and MacPhails - to the days when distillery spirit was produced primarily to be used in blends. Because of the strong working relationships they had with distillery owners, they were allowed to bottle and sell the spirit they created as single malt on the condition that we used their 'house' label with the caption "bottled by Gordon & MacPhail".

These relationships have culminated in today's 'Distillery Labels' - a showcase of historical label design.

Speyside

All Speyside whiskies are Highland whiskies; but, not all Highland malts are Speysiders. What is the difference, why the distinction of the Speyside region? The answer is quite simply the River Spey. From its source in the Cairngorms National Park, the river meanders 107 miles, disgorging into the Moray Firth at Spey Bay. Speyside, located in the middle of the Highland region, is also considered by many the heartland of Scotch production. Today, more than half of Scotland's working distilleries are located in this region.

Geographically, Speyside encompasses the area east and west of the River Spey, partly in tandem with the Morayshire county lines. There are several key towns in region. Forres, to the east, is home to Benromach Distillery and a short drive from Dallas Dhu, a mothballed distillery now transformed into a visitor destination. Westerly are the distilleries of Strathisla, Strathmill, Glen Keith, and Aultmore, all located in Keith. Centrally situated are Gordon and MacPhail's shop, offices, and warehouses in the Royal Burgh of Elgin, also known for its mediaeval cathedral ruins.

Along the River Spey, as world-renowned for its salmon fishing as its whisky distilleries, lie the whisky towns of Rothes, Craigellachie, and Dufftown: combined these house the Speyside Cooperage and thirteen distilleries, including Glen Grant and Mortlach.

With a variety and depth of flavours to experience, explore the diversity of Speyside throughout our ranges. Journey from the lesser known distilleries in the 'Connoisseurs Choice' range to the exceptionally well-matured malts in the 'Rare Vintage' range.

Linkwood Distillery

An unsung hero in the world of single malts, Linkwood Distillery was established by Peter Brown in 1821, but wouldn't see production for another four years. Located on the outskirts of Elgin in the Speyside region, the distillery remained in the Brown family until the end of the nineteenth century. The distillery changed hands on only one other occasion, in 1933, when it was sold to Scottish Malt Distillers Ltd. (SMD), now a subsidiary of Diageo.

During the years Roderick MacKenzie worked as Distillery Manager (1945-1963), Linkwood Distillery saw very little change – from the in-house floor maltings to the cobwebs in the warehouses. Although MacKenzie oversaw the rebuilding of the distillery in 1962, SMD saw the building of a second four still Linkwood Distillery in 1971. The adjacent sites were renamed Linkwood A (the older distillery) and Linkwood B. The older Linkwood A site ceased regular production in 1985. Aside from some experimental distillation runs in the 1990s, the stills remained silent until the old buildings were demolished in 2012.

Gordon & MacPhail and the Linkwood Distillery have been close for more than a century, and not only in proximity (two miles as the crow flies). Linkwood has been a part of the Gordon & MacPhail stable for generations

Tasting Note

NOSE:

Hints of baked apple, stewed raisin, and cinnamon enhance rich sherry influences. Sweet liquorice aromas develop enhanced by light floral nuances. A polished oak edge remains.

PALATE

Sweet and spicy; date, prune, and raisin flavours complement warming pepper. Hints of cinnamon and clove add spice. Tangy blackcurrant notes mix with sweet cherry jam and candied citrus fruit.

BODY:

Medium.

FINISH:

A nutty edge balances the lingering oak notes.

STYLE:

Sweet and spicy

