



Spirit Single Malt Whisky

Distillery Label – Mortlach 15 year old

<i>Country:</i>	<i>Scotland</i>
<i>Region:</i>	<i>Speyside - Dufftown - Banffshire</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 in the Conval Hills</i>
<i>Age:</i>	<i>Ages 15 years</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>Malty, complex ideal as an aperitif or with deserts</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.

Mortlach Distillery

An undisputed star of Speyside, this is a distillery which has previously shunned the limelight, being a highly coveted 'cult status' dram, thanks to its bold flavour profile and maturation within predominantly European oak sherry casks.

Founded in 1823, this Speysider was the playground for George Cowie - and after that, Alexander Cowie, who pioneered the distillery's famed technique of '2.81 times distillation', rather than the traditional method of double distillation, which is still in practice today: resulting in a spirit full of character and power.

Mortlach continues to be one of the region's most mysterious distilleries and will no doubt retain its cult status for many years to come. Known as the 'Beast of Dufftown', the whisky is legendary robust. So much so that the Generations 75 year old came from this distillery, a feat only achievable when great casks and great spirit are truly well matched.

Tasting Note

NOSE:

Distinctly malty initially with fresh aromas of a woodland hedgerow. Delicate Sherry notes linger and weave with rich indulgent toffee, sweet liquorice, and orange marmalade

PALATE

Taste Reminiscent of a Black Forest cake; the initial sweetness develops into fruity blackcurrant jam, maraschino cherry, and creamy vanilla. Freshly peeled orange notes add a fresh lift

BODY:

Medium.

FINISH:

Finish Well rounded; hints of candied citrus fruits and oak complement the lingering malty edge.

STYLE:

Delicate fruit flavour.

