



Spirit Single Malt Whisky

Discovery Range – Balblair aged 12 years

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Edderton - Ross-Shire - Highland
Producer:	Gordon and MacPhail
Range:	Discovery Range
Bottling:	Gordon and Macphail Bottling
Style:	Single Malt Whisky
Water Source:	The Allt Dearg, a burn 4 miles from the distillery
Age:	Distilled 2006 - Bottled 2018
Cask Type:	Bourbon
Colour:	Lightest Yellow
Flavour Profile:	Fruity
Allergens:	not known
Bottle size:	70cl - abv: 43.0%



The Discovery Range

An introduction to Gordon & MacPhail's impressive portfolio, this range is curated to offer an utterly dependable and consistent choice of their finest single malt whiskies.

Each expression sits within the bold flavour profiles of either 'Sherry', 'Smoky' or 'Bourbon', making these single malts the perfect match for the whisky-lover who enjoys exploration through flavour and character.

Highlands

The Highlands: two words which have undoubtedly come to represent, for other cultures, the passion and uniqueness of Scotland's rich heritage. The Highlands, the largest Scotch whisky production region, successfully demonstrates a fine and diverse flavour balancing act.

Geographically, this region an enormous part of Scotland's awe-inspiring terrain: from the northern most tip of John o'Groats to the River Clyde, where the Lowlands region begins; from the craggy west coast with its spine-tingling drives and sea lochs to the gentle slopes and continuous coastline of Aberdeenshire and Angus. Technically, Island and Speyside distilleries are also Highlanders; Islands distinguish themselves with their remoteness whereas Speysiders are unique for the sheer number of distilleries within a small area.

As diverse as the landscape, so is the body of breathtaking single malts, each with undisputed character, flavour, and personality. In the North, within two hours of one another are the distilleries of Pulteney, Chynelish, Balblair, and Dalmore.

Each is unique and together, they exemplify the diverse character of the Highland spirit: from the meaty robustness of Pulteney to the complex treasure of Dalmore; from Chynelish's waxy and fragrant spirit to the gentle delicacy of Balblair.

A journey from east to west or north to south will discover a number of other styles and flavours that complement the varied Highland portfolio exemplified by Ardmore's rich, dry smokiness counterpointed by the bold, dried fruitiness of Glenglassaugh.

The region is not without its long, lost Highlanders, many of which are now beginning to receive the attention they truly deserve. One of the lost gems is the increasingly scarce and highly sought after Brora spirit. Equally deserving of mention are the spicy and mysterious bottlings from Glen Mhor and Glenesk, the aromatic beauty of Banff, and the luscious, intensely tropical fruitiness of Lochside.

All Highland whiskies make a true feast for the senses, represented across all of our ranges.

Balblair

Established in 1790, Balblair is one of a few distilleries in Scotland that can trace their roots back to the eighteenth century. Set in a beautiful location in Edderton, Ross-shire, it was one of the first distilleries to embrace the rail revolution. The distillery moved a little later in its life to a location right next to the tracks of the Balblair line.

As a single malt, Balblair heads into a sweet, buttery territory, working extremely well in a variety of casks - from refill hogsheads to more robust puncheons.

Balblair 12 Years Old 43%

Tasting Note

NOSE:

Aroma Ripe pear and stewed rhubarb steeped in honey and decadent raspberry jam mature into sweet meadow grasses complemented by underlying fresh lemon and lime edge.

PALATE:

Taste Balanced, crisp green apple wrapped in salted dark chocolate accompanied by hints of peaches and cream and gentle menthol nuances.

BODY:

Light

FINISH:

Light aniseed and warming white pepper develop on the finish whilst highlights of fresh lemon zest adds depth.

STYLE:

Light and delicate

