



## Spirit Single Malt Whisky

### Discovery Range – Bunnahabhain aged 11 years

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Port Askaig - Islay
Producer:	Gordon and MacPhail
Range:	Discovery Range
Bottling:	Gordon and Macphail Bottling
Style:	Single Malt Whisky
Water Source:	River Margadale
Age:	Distilled 2006 – Bottled 2017
Cask Type:	Sherry
Colour:	Golden
Flavour Profile:	Fruit, Toffee and spices
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.

#### Islay

Islay is unique; this island, the fifth largest in Scotland, has been designated in its own right a Scotch whisky producing region. A ferry ride west of the Campbeltown region, this Inner Hebridean island boasts an impressive eight operational distilleries. Each distillery has its own character; all have the wonderful and distinctive Islay style: aromatic, peated, and smoky.

Islay is abundant with peat. Peat, partly decomposed vegetable matter, is distinctly different in each part of Scotland as it is made up of the local flora. Pre 1960s, in the days of floor maltings, local peat was used to dry the germinating barley and thus imparted a regional quality to the final whisky flavour. In Islay, this peat and its briny ocean surroundings lends a flavour that is renownedly Islay. Port Ellen Maltings, once a distillery of the same name, is a key fixture to Islay's whisky industry, malting barley for most of the island's distilleries with the local peat.

The island's distilleries cluster in three different areas: east, west, and south: three producers make up the Kildalton distilleries on the south shore; Bruichladdich and two others reside on the west; and, overlooking the Paps of Jura lies Caol Ila and Bunnahabhain (distinctly unusual for producing mainly a non-peated new-make spirit). All but one of Islay's distilleries, Kilchoman the newest, were built seaside. This is testament to the importance of the ocean and the transportation links it provided. In the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early

*twentieth centuries the only way for casks (and other necessities) to arrive or leave the island was by small cargo boats*

## ***Bunnahabhain Distillery***

*Based on the north-west coastline of Islay on the Sound of Islay, Bunnahabhain Distillery is an anomaly amongst its Islay peers: its main distillate spirit is non-peated*

*Bunnahabhain's whisky production is large scale with a capacity of 2.7 million litres per year and, despite being a 'smoke free zone' it remains hugely popular Islay malt. Visitors to Islay, especially during the Feis Ile festival each May, flock to the distillery where the gorgeous coastal views are the perfect place to sit, sip single malt, and eat freshly caught oysters.*

*It is worth noting that the Bunnahabhain Distillery distils a small batch of peated spirit yearly. Luckily, both types of spirit are available .*

## ***Tasting Note***

### ***NOSE:***

*Sherry aromas mingle with orange marmalade. Dried fruit notes develop; subtle spices weave through creamy vanilla toffee.*

### ***PALATE:***

*Taste Deliciously smooth and creamy; a gentle warming cinnamon spice matures into flavours of chewy dates and stewed plums with walnut undertones. Finish Smooth milk chocolate with lingering dried fruit and hints of nuts*

### ***BODY:***

*Medium*

### ***FINISH:***

*Finish Smooth milk chocolate with lingering dried fruit and hints of nuts*

### ***STYLE:***

*Fruity*

