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Just a brief stroll down High Street will bring you to the door of Sonny Molloy's Irish Whiskey Bar. The once famous drapery shop was run by the legendary Galwegian, Sonny Molloy. Sonny was a man of considerable achievement, though very modest, he was a larger than life character. The building itself was part of a Medieval property built in the 1600's, some of which formed part of the old Galway city walls. The counter of the bar is still the very same as when Sonny himself worked behind it! With beautiful old world architecture and original furnishings Sonny Molloy's is a lively local at the heart of the Galway community.

The bar itself is brimming with cabinets of the finest Irish Whiskeys with selections such as the Midleton Pearl, Inish Turk Beg and the Jameson Vintage Reserve. Sonny himself could appreciate a good pint of Guinness and a

whiskey. His personal favourite being Redbreast 12 year old or on special occasions he would choose a dram of Jameson 18 year old.

In Sonny Molloy's you will always be guaranteed a warm welcome by the staff and no visit would be complete without having the ultimate high stool experience. Locals often take to the high stool or tuck up in a snug by the fire with a whiskey taster board. It is one of the best ways to unwind away from the hustle and bustle of Galway's busy streets. This authentic Irish local also offers a full menu of traditional Irish dishes with popular choices such as Herterich's of Galway Bangers and Mash. Before you leave, be sure to ask staff about the long standing tradition of "A Toast To Sonny" whereby you will receive a personalised certificate in salute to the bars namesake and a true Galwegian hero, Sonny Molloy.

Brian Dator

Galway  
Whiskey  
Trail



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Slí uisce beatha  
na Gaillimne

Benny Crockett.

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### PERSSE'S GALWAY WHISKEY

While Galway has always been noted for its wine trade, it was also famous for its whiskey production. The best known whiskey in Galway during the nineteenth century was distilled at the Nun's Island distillery. This distillery was established by Patrick Joyce in 1815. His product was called Joyce's Whiskey. The distillery was large for its time being five storeys high and was situated on a small island formed by a fork in the River Corrib. It seems to have been successful and was later bought by another Galway businessman named John Lynch. However, the distillery closed sometime during the 1830s and was taken over by the Encumbered Estates. In 1840, the distillery was purchased by Burton Persse of Newcastle. Persse was a member of an ascendancy family that had properties throughout County Galway. These houses included Roxborough House, notably the birthplace of Isabella Augusta Persse, who later became Lady Gregory of Coole. Isabella Augusta, Lady Gregory was an Irish dramatist, folklorist and theatre manager. With William Butler Yeats and Edward Martyn, she co-founded the Irish Literary Theatre and the Abbey Theatre, and wrote numerous short works for both companies. Lady Gregory produced a number of books of

retellings of stories taken from Irish mythology. Born into a class that identified closely with British rule, her conversion to cultural nationalism, as evidenced by her writings, was emblematic of many of the political struggles to occur in Ireland during her lifetime. Lady Gregory is mainly remembered for her work behind the Irish Literary Revival. Her home at Coole Park, County Galway, served as an important meeting place for leading Revival figures

Burton Persse lived in Newcastle House during the early nineteenth century and had inherited the family distillery close to his home. Both the house and remains of the distillery were later acquired by University College Galway (NUIG), but they no longer exist. The only indication of their existence is in the name Distillery

Road and some remains of the waterways associated with the business which can still be seen today. Persse also owned another distillery in Newtownsmith. The Newtownsmith distillery is depicted on the 1818 map of Galway by Michael Logan.

Following the purchase of the Nun's Island distillery, Persse decided to convert it into a woolen mill. Sometime during the mid-1840s the Newcastle Distillery lapsed and finances suffered. It seems that about the same time, the woolen industry also went into decline. Obviously concerned over this situation, Persse decided to convert the Nun's Island premises back into a distillery. He concentrated all his efforts on this distillery and shortly afterwards he closed his Newtownsmith business. Persse's Galway Whiskey as it became known was a huge success, but it was not without competition.

Also during the 1840s another whiskey distillery opened in Galway. It was located approximately where Jury's Hotel stands today. This was Burke's Distillery, but it was more commonly known as the 'Quarter Barrel Distillery'. Despite the best efforts of the owners it only survived until the 1860s and posed no real treat to Persse's Galway Whiskey.

Persse's Galway Whiskey was noted for its quality throughout Ireland and the United Kingdom. The label proudly displayed "as supplied to the House of Commons". Evidence of its success was an annual production of 400,000 gallons of Galway Whiskey by the 1880's. This was good news for the people of Galway as the distillery employed over one hundred people directly. Many others found employment with the various businesses that supplied the distillery with materials and commodities required to run the business. It is believed that a contributing factor in the closure of the Persse Distillery in 1908 was the tendency of Galway publicans to try and sell off their own cheaper brands of whiskey under the Persse label.



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## POT STILL WHISKEY

### WHAT IS A POT STILL WHISKEY?

Single pot still whiskey is a phrase used by the Irish whiskey industry and in Irish whiskey criticism to describe a particular style of whiskey made at a single distillery from a mixed mash of malted barley and unmalted 'green' barley in a pot still. This type of whiskey has also been referred to as pure pot still whiskey, Irish style pot still whiskey, or, especially in Ireland, simply as pot still whiskey.

### Green Spot

Green Spot is a 100% pure pot still whiskey that can trace its roots to the early 1900's, when Jameson sold whiskey to wine merchants Mitchell & Son. Full spicy body. Fresh with the fruity sweetness of green apples, a hint of cloves rounded off with toasted oak. One of the lighter whiskeys in the Midleton pot still range.

### Powers Three Swallows Release

A revival of the old style of Powers once made at the old distillery off Thomas St in Dublin. This is a no-age statement release which has been aged in ex-Bourbon barrels with a small amount of Oloroso Sherry casks. On the nose you get barley sugar sweets, honey, sweet spices, orange peel and toasty oak. On the palate you get bananas, juicy tropical fruits, spices and raisins along with the toasty oak & barley sugar sweets you get on nosing. The finish is not very long but smooth and fruity.

### Redbreast 12 Year Old

This is a firm favourite with the staff. It benefits from a strong contribution from distillates which have matured in Oloroso sherry casks giving it its trademark Christmas cake character. This is full flavoured and complex, with a harmonious balance of spicy, creamy, fruity, sherry and toasted notes. The finish is satisfyingly long.

### Micil Madeira Cask

A rich, spicy Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey that has sweet, crisp, dark and stone fruit notes from a Madeira wine cask finish. Ex-peated quarter casks lend their distinct gentle turf smoke, evoking the sweet, subtle peat of the finest Connemara fuisce. Inspired by the Galway distilleries of the past and the city's historical trade links with France, Spain and Portugal.

### Micil Earls Island

A fruity, spicy Single Pot Still Irish whiskey enriched by Bordeaux red wine casks, with hints of soft turf smoke from ex-peated whiskey casks. This whiskey pays homage to the great Galway distilleries of the past, and to the Latin wine merchants of old who made the city their home. Wondrously spicy, full of boiled sweets, apple drops, touches of maraschino cherries and slightly tart redcurrants and rhubarb.

### Redbreast Lustau

A unique collaboration between the prestigious Bodegas Lustau in Jerez, Spain and the Midleton Distillery in County Cork. Initially matured in traditional bourbon & sherry casks for a period of 9-12 years. It is then finished for one extra year in first fill sherry butts which have been seasoned with oloroso sherry from the prestigious Bodegas Lustau in Jerez, Spain. The nose is of rich infusion of dark fruits, prunes, dates & figs with liquorice, marzipan, toasted oak and Redbreast spices. On the palate you get creamy Pot Still with Redbreast spices balanced with richness of Sherry finish and contribution of fresh Spanish oak. Its finish is sweet, spicy with sherry and oak having the last word.

### Powers John's Lane

Named after the address of the original Powers Distillery where two the giant pot stills rest. An abundance of earthy aromas, leather, tobacco with layers of charred wood, dark chocolate and treacle toffee. Taste is a full bodied spice front followed by vanilla, honey and dried apricots.

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### Green Spot Château Léoville Barton

This is the first ever Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey to be finished in Bordeaux wine casks, Green Spot Château Léoville Barton. Set in the heart of the Saint Julien appellation in Bordeaux, one of the most revered winemaking regions in the world, Léoville Barton is a grand cru Château renowned for producing world class wine. Léoville Barton is overseen today by Anthony and Lilian Barton, direct descendants of Thomas Barton, a 'Wine Geese' winemaker who founded a wine merchant company in 1725, after migrating from his native Ireland. Initially matured in a traditional mix of ex-Oloroso sherry, new Bourbon and ex-Bourbon barrels the whiskeys were then transferred into the ex-Bordeaux wine casks for between 12 and 24 months. This imparted distinctive, floral flavours of varying intensity, resulting in a perfectly balanced whiskey.

### Yellow Spot

This contains single pot still whiskey that has been matured for 12 years in three oak cask types, American bourbon barrels, Spanish sherry butts and Spanish Malaga casks. Tastes of honey sweetness with pot still spices. Flavours of fresh coffee, creamy milk chocolate & crème brûlée. Notes of red apples and toasted oak.

### Blue Spot

A smooth mouthfeel with a subtle mix of fruit, a hint of clove oil and cracked black pepper corns. Sweet spices, vanilla and cinnamon add to the wood's nutty contribution. A light mix of pineapple, kiwi, green banana and lime zest followed by Pot Still spices, baked apple, hazelnut and toasted wood. A lasting and distinctly palatable balance of exotic fruits and spices

### Method & Madness Single Pot Still

Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey Finished in French Chestnut has been matured in a combination of ex-oloroso Sherry and ex-Bourbon barrels, before being transferred to chestnut casks sourced from the Isère region in France. Method and Madness reinforces Irish Distillers' "continued commitment" to experimentation and innovation at the Midleton Distillery.

### Paddy Centenary Edition

This is a special one-off release of Paddy which was introduced to celebrate 100 years of the famous brand. It is a single pot still whiskey that has been aged in a similar way to the original Paddy, predominately in 1st fill bourbon and sherry casks. The palate is lively with a classic pot still prickle. Flavours of dried oranges, cloves, dried raisins with some oily pot still character. Very good, definitely a cut above the regular Paddy!

### Method and Madness Japanese Cedarwood Cask

A release from Midleton's Method and Madness range that has had quite the journey! Matured in bourbon and sherry casks before receiving a finishing in Japanese cedarwood casks from Kyoto Japan to create an Irish whiskey alike no other! On the palate, this one offers delectable flavours of herbal tea, caraway seeds, clove spices, delicate fruits, sweet-scented wood, and rich spices.

**Finish:** Delicate fruits, sweet-scented wood, rich spices

### Method and Madness Japanese Chestnut Cask

A Single Pot Still whiskey made for the curious of mind! For this release, the masters and apprentices at Midleton's Method and Madness have finished Single Pot Still Irish whiskey in Japanese chestnut casks to create a whiskey alike no other. Sweet on the palate with flavours of liquorice, orange zest and cooling menthol and a lingering finish with notes of herbs, spices and roasted coffee

**Finish:** Aromatic green tea, dissipating fruit and spice, rich wood farewell

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### Redbreast 12 Year Old Cask Strength

This won Irish Whiskey of the Year in the Irish Whiskey awards 2013. Most of the maturation is done in sherry casks but with careful selection so that the sherry character does not overpower the whiskey. The pot still content really shines through. A fruit explosion on the nose. On the palate there is deep full dried fruit, a touch of citrus with aromatic oils and spices. Vanilla sweetness leads to toasted oak and barley.

### Redbreast 15 Year Old

Originally launched as a limited edition but is now a permanent expression in the Redbreast family. It is matured in a combination of Oloroso sherry casks and American bourbon barrels. It is fully rounded and mellow with succulence of fleshy fruit combined with spices and toastedwood with a long and sophisticated finish.

### Red Spot 15 Year Old Pot Still

This Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey has matured for over 15 years in a combination of American Bourbon casks, Spanish sherry butts and Sicilian Marsala wine casks, all contributing rich and complex flavours, making it the top spot in the range. On tasting you get mix of ripe fruit sweetness, sweet red pepper and cracked black pepper, finished by notes of American oak and barley.

### Redbreast 21 Year Old

This is aged for 21 years in a combination of ex bourbon barrels and 1st fill Oloroso sherry casks. It has a remarkable aroma. On the palate you get soft vanilla, toasted oak, sherry nuttiness with a dusting of Pot Still spices. Luscious fleshy fruit notes complete the creamy mouth feel. Simply fantastic!

### Redbreast 27 Year Old Single Pot Still

The newest Redbreast family member that will be the oldest permanent part of the range. This expression has been matured in both bourbon and sherry casks as well as including ruby port casks for the first time to bring even more complexity and depth. Rich flavours of exotic fruits, wood spices and wonderful sweet treacle notes.

To taste, it is powerful, rich and complex. Great mouthfeel and depth of flavour. Amazingly the oak isn't too forceful and the overall impression is one of richness and power in harmony. Flavours of dates, prunes and other dried fruits leading to chocolate caramels, mocha coffee, roasted spices and chicory.

### Midleton Barry Crockett Legacy

Named after Midleton's long serving Master Distiller, Barry Crockett. Barry himself helped formulate this single pot still whiskey using pot still elements drawn from light, medium and heavy styles. It is matured in 1st fill bourbon casks and small amount in American virgin oak. There is no age statement but some of the whiskey is around 25 years old. On the palate light pepper carries onto fresh citrus, limes and mandarin sweetness. A hint of cinnamon with vanilla and oak reveal its years spent in American oak.

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### Midleton Dair Ghaelach Grinsell's Wood

Midleton Dair Ghaelach was named 3rd in Jim Murray's world whiskey's of the year for 2016, it is the first ever Irish whiskey to finish in the top three. Midleton Dair Ghaelach is the first Irish whiskey to be finished in virgin Irish Oak Hogsheads. This involves the use of Irish oak (or Dair Ghaelach in Gaelic) in the maturation of whiskey. At Midleton, a selection of traditional Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey distillates, matured for between 15 and 22 years in ex-Bourbon casks, were married together before being filled into native Irish Oak Hogsheads harvested from 130 year old oak trees from Grinsell's Wood, within the Ballaghtobin Estate in Co. Kilkenny. This special whiskey is the true and unique flavour of Ireland. Its provenance as individual as its fragrance, its journey from grain to glass as distinguished as its finish. Each bottle has the tree number in which it was matured.

The typical Pot Still spices are fortified by the Irish oak character. Robust yet mellow, clove and cinnamon give way to dairy fudge and milk chocolate sweetness combining with a touch of stewed apple. An exceptionally long finish, with some sweet spices slowly fading, leaving the final bow to the Irish oak.

### Midleton Dair Ghaelach Kylebeg Wood 1-7

These seven whiskeys have been finished in casks made from virgin Irish oak grown in Kylebeg Wood on the Ballykilcavan Estate, near Stradbally in Co. Laois. The oak influences these special whiskeys with the unique flavour of the heart of Ireland. Each of these Irish oak casks has then matured selected Midleton Whiskies between 13 and 26 years old. These are single pot still whiskies, first matured in our traditional American Oak Bourbon Barrels before being transferred to this native Irish oak. Full set includes seven bottles Trees 1-7..

### Midleton Dair Ghaelach Knockrath Trees 1-7

For this 3rd release in the series- the team have worked with Knockrath Estate in Co. Wicklow to sustainably harvest 7 Irish Oak trees. Each of which has matured selected Midleton Whiskies between 13 and 26 years old. These are single pot still whiskies, first matured in our traditional American Oak Bourbon Barrels before being transferred to this native Irish oak. Full set includes seven bottles Trees 1-7 and are displayed beside the bar in Sonny Molloy's.

On tasting those classic pot still spices give a luscious texture to the fore, while the influence of the Irish oak adds a medley of sweet notes including chocolate and honeycomb.

### Redbreast Dream Cask 20 Year Old PX Edition 2

To celebrate World Whiskey Day 2019, the folks at Redbreast Whiskey have launched Midleton Distillery's first ever Pedro Ximénez cask finished whiskey. The Redbreast Dream Cask PX Edition is a 20 year old, single cask, Single Pot Still Irish whiskey, the 2nd Dream Cask release that has been created by Master Blender, Billy Leighton, in collaboration with blender, Dave McCabe. It was created from a vating of bourbon, Oloroso sherry and Pedro Ximénez sherry casks which has been re-casked and finished in a specially selected Pedro Ximénez cask. It is a coming together of three exceptional casks, originally destined for Redbreast 21, and a rare Pedro Ximénez butt, a first for Midleton. It is a careful balance of sweet, spice and sherry flavours and offers a new and complex take on the classic Redbreast Christmas cake flavour profile.



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### Redbreast Dream Cask 32 Year Old

This whiskey was first tasted during a Facebook Live tasting with Billy Leighton and Dave McCabe in May 2017. At the end of the stream, a question was asked that was on a lot of people's minds; "What would happen to the remaining liquid of approximately 450 litres?". With a laugh, Billy suggested that if fans lobbied the marketing team, then maybe it would become a release. And so.... the lobbying started and in May 2018 it was launched to much fanfare and excitement. Some say this is the best whiskey they have ever tasted! It is all but chewable. Really thick and oily mouth feel. Ridiculously smooth for the ABV. Loads of orchard fruits with the blackcurrant there again proud as can be. Nice oakiness with a helping of leather in there.

### Redbreast Dream Cask 28 Year Old Ruby Port Cask

**Nose:** a generous dose of varnished wood up front – always a good sign. Beeswax, perhaps a hint of nail polish remover (which is an asset in this case). Reminds me of a late 1960s Longmorn so far. However behind it is the kind of tropical fruitiness I always hope for in Redbreast. Mango, classic pink grapefruit, cherries and raspberries. Subtle vanilla cake. A little peppery oak and mint in the background. Gorgeous so far.

**Mouth:** definitely not a disappointment. Red fruits and plums, mixed with more tropical notes (passion fruits, mango, guava). There's a big hint of peppermint and eucalyptus (a slightly funny combination with the passion fruits perhaps). Plenty of varnish again, as well as some pine needles and white pepper. Slightly darker towards the end, think cinnamon and roasted nuts.

**Finish:** very long, with the mint, herbs and polished oak lingering on.

### Redbreast Dream Cask 29 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Cask

**Nose:** Forest fruits, with plenty of blueberries and a hint of blackberries. Honey. Then some vanilla. Followed by spices such as cinnamon and nutmeg. An oak note as well as leather. Later also oranges. Then an earthy note, like wet black earth and walnuts.

**Taste:** A hint of tropical fruit. Honey and blueberries. Creme brulee. Sweet raisins and dark chocolate. An oak note here as well. Followed by spices, such as black pepper, nutmeg and cinnamon.

**Finish:** Long with lingering spices and a hint of oak. Oranges and blueberries too.

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## GRAIN WHISKEY

### Teeling Single Grain

A small batch release from the Teeling Whiskey Company. This is single grain whiskey that has been partly matured in Californian red wine barrels. To nose you get spice and fruit notes mingling with an underlying sweet nose. On the palate there is a sweet and fruity style of whiskey with prominent flavours of vanilla, butter and honey. This is very smooth, soft and very easy going.

### Hyde 1916 Single Grain

The Hyde 1916 is a special celebratory bottle released on the anniversary year of the 1916 rising. This is entirely matured in bourbon casks and has the typical smooth, vanilla, and popcorn flavours you would expect from a single grain whiskey.

### Method and Madness Single Grain

This is the first official release of a single grain whiskey from Irish Distillers. Method and Madness reinforces Irish Distillers' "continued commitment" to experimentation and innovation at the Midleton Distillery. Single Grain Irish Whiskey Finished in Virgin Spanish Oak has been matured in ex-Bourbon barrels and finished for 12 months in toasted, virgin Spanish oak from Galicia. The process adds "complexity, cask character and a spicy note" to the liquid.

### Method and Madness 31 Year Old Single Grain Cask

The limited edition Single Grain Irish Whiskey 31 Year Old has been matured in an ex-Bourbon cask for 31 years. The rare single cask release has developed a "full deep grain character" and on the palate notes of "honey, juicy mango and ripe melon with an endless dark wood and spicy finish".



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## MALT WHISKEY

### WHAT IS A MALT WHISKEY?

Malt whisky is whisky that is made from a fermented mash produced primarily from a malted grain. Unless otherwise indicated, it is generally assumed that the primary grain is barley, although whisky is also made using malted rye or other grains. A whisky made from malted rye is usually called a rye malt whisky instead of just a malt whisky. If the product is made exclusively from a single grain at a single distillery (along with other restrictions), it is called a single malt whisky. Although this ordinarily refers to whisky made from malted barley, at least one brand of 'single malt' whisky is made from rye.

### Tyrconnell Single Malt

The brand was previously owned by the Watt Distillery, which (according to the company) dates back to 1762. The Tyrconnell was their flagship brand, and was named after a racehorse owned by the Watt family. The horse was a chestnut colt that won at 100 to 1 odds in 1876 in the Irish horse race called The National Produce Stakes. Hence the reason a racehorse is depicted on the label. This historic whiskey brand has been kept alive by the Kilbeggan Distilling Company. On the palate there are flavours of fresh fruit salad with hints of ripe green apples and vanilla and a little sweetness on the finish.

### Connemara Peated Single Malt

Connemara is the most decorated Irish Whiskey with a huge collection of Gold Medals and has been honoured as the "World's Best Irish Single Malt" Its silky smooth with a honey sweet start, followed by malt and fruit flavours giving away to full bodied peat.

### Bushmills 10 Year Old

This has been the standard single malt release from Bushmills for many years and is drawn from triple distilled malt that is aged in both bourbon and sherry casks. A taste of melted chocolate that rest on the tongue, before releasing a hint of honey in your cheeks. Finish is crisp and clean and gently dies off.

### Teeling Single Malt

A newly released single malt that is drawn from various ages of whiskey from a single Irish distillery. The oldest malt in this dates back to 1991 and the various components have been matured in different types of barrels including Sherry, Port, Madeira, White Burgundy and Cabernet Sauvignon. Packed with flavours of bittersweet chocolate, quince, orange marmalade, cloves, ginger and other spices. There's a slight hint of smoke, but not peat smoke, more like charred oak and vanilla. Water opens up some delicious tropical fruit flavours of mango and pineapple with hints of red berries.

### Glendalough 7 Year Old Single Malt

This was released as a 7 year old single malt because of the history behind the man on the bottle, St Kevin. Before he built his "City of 7 Churches" at Glendalough, Kevin spent 7 savage years in the wilderness. You see the number 7 has always been associated with the seekers, the thinkers and the searchers of truth. St Kevin was all of these and more. This whiskey was made in the traditional style its character shaped by 7 years. Have a look on the bottle, you'll see 7 silver crosses. These will lead you to each of the 7 churches, should you ever be stirred into going to Glendalough.

The taste. A silky velvety smooth palate with the returning orange zest tones to the fore, with rich creme brulee and dark chocolate notes and just enough cinnamon and white pepper spice to keep it interesting, followed by the beautiful robust malt and oak influenced flavours, almost butterscotch, which mix wonderfully as the warmth expands through.

The finish is luxurious and lingering; the spicy, sweet notes elegantly marry on the finish and stay an eternity. Everything you'd expect from the perfect sipping whiskey.

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### **The Irishman Single Malt €7.80**

This is a classic Irish Malt, triple distilled and aged in Oak Bourbon and Oloroso Sherry Casks to give exceptional flavour and complexity. On the palate it has vanilla sweetness, granola, toasted almonds and honey, a little oak, digestive biscuits, apricots, and a hint of coca.

### **Writers' Tears Red Head**

A staff favourite! It's a superb single malt from Walsh Whiskey. This has been matured in Oloroso Sherry casks which have added some richness and depth as well as a slightly reddish tinge. A contender for one of our favourite new releases in 2016. Non-chilfiltered and bottled at 46%. Please note that due to the non-filtering of this product there may be some natural and completely harmless haze or sediment in each bottle.

### **Knappogue Castle 12 Year Old**

This is the first Knappogue Castle Single Malt to have an age statement. This is triple distilled in a Northern Irish distillery and is matured in bourbon casks for twelve years. Nicely balanced on the palate with its rich viscosity being countered by fresh and light fruity characters. It has flavours of lemon, fresh apples, candied fruits and delicate spices. It is rich and spicy on the finish.

### **Method and Madness Single Malt**

Single Malt Irish Whiskey enhanced with French Limousin Oak, has been initially matured in ex-bourbon barrels, imparting flavours of "malt and biscuit", and in a first for the category, has been part-finished in French Limousin oak for one year to add a "lighter, floral and herbal note". Method and Madness reinforces Irish Distillers' "continued commitment" to experimentation and innovation at the Midleton Distillery.

### **Hyde 10 Year Old Single Malt Presidents Sherry Cask Finish**

Hyde 10 Year Old single malt is a limited edition single malt that has been finished in Oloroso Sherry casks. This is a double distilled single malt that was initially matured in ex-Bourbon barrels. It is non-chilfiltered and bottled at 46%. This is named after Douglas Hyde, the first president of Ireland. Lots of juicy fruit aromas, with hints of boiled sweet and pear drops. There's also a woody note, similar to pencil shavings and workshops then some spice and cola notes. Mouth-filling and viscous. Lots of juicy fruit to start with then evolves into dried vine fruits, dates and caramel flavours. Some warm, spicy oak adds a peppery note, which persists to the finish.

### **Hyde 10 Year Old Single Malt Presidents Rum Cask Finish**

This is a 10 year old single malt expression in vintage dark rum casks that once contained premium dark Caribbean rum, delivering a very distinctive and complex flavour. It is non-chilfiltered and bottled at 46%. This is named after Douglas Hyde, the first president of Ireland.

The aroma is rich with note of tropical fruits from the Caribbean, passion fruit, vanilla and butter toffee. Notes of sweet rum, vanilla, ginger and lime on the palate alongside hints of apple mango and orange in the background. A rich, spicy and buttery vanilla finish with an exceptionally long ending.

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### **Tyrconnell 10 Year Old Madeira Finish**

This was awarded 'Irish Whiskey of the Year 2009' in Jim Murray's Whisky Bible where he described it as one of the finest Madeira finishes he had ever come across. This has a rich yet silky smooth mouthfeel with delicious flavours of crème caramel, malt, barley sugars, chocolate, toffees and pineapple. Very well balanced.

### **Tyrconnell 10 Year Old Port Finish**

This was awarded and incredible 93/100 by Jim Murray in the 2009 Whisky Bible. Like the other whiskeys in this range the Port Finish was initially matured in ex-bourbon casks before being transferred in Port casks for a final maturation period. Its sweet and fruity on the palate, with flavours of dried fruits, roasted nuts, caramel and toffee. Quite light and soft.

### **Tyrconnell 10 Year Old Sherry Finish**

The Tyrconnell Sherry Finish was a deserved top prize winner at the 2010 World Whiskey Awards and again in 2012. This has a rich, but smooth texture. It's fruity and sweet with lovely old oak flavours along with flavours of caramel toffees, exotic spices, dates, walnuts and raisins. Despite the warm and earthy flavours it remains fresh and fruity keeping within the distillery's character.

### **The Irishman 12 Year Old Single Malt €9.80**

Single Malt is a timeless Irish Malt which is matured in first fill, flame charred Bourbon barrels. The initial sip is a burst of rich flavours, sweet with Vanilla delicately bolstered by Black Peppercorns, reluctantly giving way to a succulent fruity mid-section before slowly fading to leave a very satisfying grassy cereal conclusion.

### **Teeling Brabazon**

Brabazon is a single malt that comes from a range of barrels of different ages. The youngest being from 2008 and the oldest 2002. 95% of the malts have been matured entirely in ex-Sherry barrels with the remaining 5% being finished in either PX or Oloroso sherry casks. Batch No.1 is limited to 12,500 bottles and is bottled at 49.5%, other batches will follow and Batch No.2 matured in port casks. Brabazon is named after Lord Brabazon the 3rd Earl of Meath who was responsible for the development of the Newmarket Square area where the Teeling brothers built their new distillery.

### **Bushmills 16 Year Old**

The whiskey is initially aged separately for 15 years in both Bourbon and Sherry casks then these are married together into port wood for around a year of extra finishing. A warm port sweetness on the back of the throat that drifts up to form an almond, marzipan fusion with hints of honey and praline. The finish is deep, jammy and dark chocolate.

### **Bushmills Causeway Series Pomerol Cask €16.50**

Aged in oloroso sherry butts and bourbon barrels before being finished in rare Pomerol wine casks for a further four years. Flavours of Wild berries, green apple, lemon zest

### **Bushmills 21 Year Old**

The 21-year-old Bushmills is the oldest whiskey in the standard distillery range. It is a remarkably fresh and lively tasting malt, given its advanced years. Like the rest of the single malts from Bushmills, this is initially aged in both bourbon and sherry casks. These are then vatted together and married into madeira wine casks for two years. We would go as far to say that this is, thankfully, quite a subtle wood finish. The Bushmills malt is very delicate and elegant and this strikes a nice balance of fruit, spice and sweetness. A top notch whiskey that is dangerously easy to drink!

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## MALT WHISKEY

### **Bushmills Causeway Series Vermouth Cask**

Matured in oloroso sherry butts and bourbon barrels for over 18 years, then aged for nearly two years in unique vermouth casks from the Piedmont region of Italy.

Flavours of Rose petal, mandarin orange, fruitcake

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### **Knappogue Castle 36 Year Old**

Often described as “the oldest and rarest single malt Irish whiskey in the world,” the whiskey was distilled in 1951 and aged in sherry casks for 36 years, before being bottled in 1987. It has a big, booming start. Very rich from the off: attractively oily and mouthwatering, immediately showing an unmalted pedigree to the clean barley and perhaps a hint of oats. Long, quite hard and brittle—as one would hope from a whiskey of this genre—and some of the deeper vanillas one might expect to find in an old bourbon. A truly awesome display of flavour profiles ranging from traditional Irish pot still to bourbon via old Jamaican pot still rum.

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### **Bushmills 25 Year Old**

The Bushmills 25 Year Old is patiently matured in bourbon barrels and sherry butts for between four and six years before finishing in first-fill ruby port pipes for 21 years to give generations of luxurious dark fruit flavours.

Intense dark fruit on the nose give way to honey and toasted wood. The palate is elegantly sweet with cherry and blackberries. Dark chocolate lingers long on the palate. An exquisite whiskey.

### **Method and Madness 28 Year Old**

An incredibly rare whiskey release as part of the Method and Madness range. This combines rich and spicy pot-still spirit with a dark and fruity port pipe to create an almost unique bottling. Matured initially for six years in American-oak barrels, the whiskey was reroaked into a single port-seasoned cask for 22 more. It's taken a long time, but the result is worth the wait.

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### **Bushmills 30 Year Old**

Patently matured in bourbon barrels and sherry butts for 14 years, and finished in first-fill Pedro Ximénez sherry casks for 16 years

Long complex finish that reminds you of the amazing years this whiskey has spent gaining its individual character. The dried fruit and toffee sweet notes are left lingering. The elegance and refinement of this exquisite single malt is enticing and demands a second sip

Exquisite, velvety, and smooth mouth feel. Sweet hints of dates, raisins, and figs followed by praline and orange peel before developing into vanilla and warm pastry notes. A truly delightful experience for the palate.

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## BLENDED WHISKEY

### WHAT IS A BLENDED WHISKEY?

A blended whiskey is the product of blending different types of whiskeys and sometimes also neutral grain spirits. It is generally the product of mixing one or more higher-quality straight or single malt whiskeys with less expensive whiskey blends. However, blended whiskey is not necessarily a less than premium whiskey. There are many examples of exceptionally high quality exquisite tasting blended whiskeys many of which are available in Sonny Molloy's Irish Whiskey Bar.

### Bushmills Caribbean Rum Cask Finish

This whiskey has then been blended with triple-distilled grain whiskey to create a whiskey packed full of tropical fruit and dry spice flavours. This release is the first in a line of new cask finish whiskeys from the distillery.

Finish: Long, soft and smooth, the Caribbean rum cask imparts a lingering, sugary sweet finish to this whiskey.

### Kilbeggan

Kilbeggan is the flagship blend from the Kilbeggan Distilling Company (previously called Cooley Distillery). Kilbeggan is Light and soft with pear drops, apple, vanilla and popcorn notes. The finish is soft, smooth and delicate but with a very pleasant malty backbone.

### Jameson Crested

The brand was launched in 1963 and is Jameson's oldest bottled brand. Crested is a fuller, richer, spicy, sherried version of the regular Jameson with the majority of the blend being 7-8 years with approximately 60% of the blend being pot still and 40% grain. Full-bodied with soft, delicate sherry undertones, toasted wood, perfectly balanced with fruit, spices and chocolate.

'A whiskey of great finesse which is balanced beautifully between sweet and dry, light notes and heavy ones. Like all great Irish whiskeys, for the most satisfying results, this should not be sipped but taken by the mouthful and swallowed slowly.' Jim Murray, A Taste of Irish Whiskey.

### Bushmills

Bushmills Original is also known as 'White Bush' and is the flagship blend from Bushmills distillery. It is vatted from triple distilled malt aged for 6-7 years along with some younger grain whiskey. On the palate it has a gently warming, mouth coating texture with a touch of honey sweetness. The finish is crisp and fresh, with a touch of spice.

### Jameson

Jameson is by far the best selling Irish whiskey in the world. Jameson Original was crowned 'Irish Blend of the Year' for the third year running in the recently-released 2014 edition of Jim Murray's Whisky Bible. It has a nice balance of spicy, nutty and vanilla notes. It is quite hot and light in body with some peppery alcohol and some bittersweet chocolate.

### Paddy

Paddy is named after the famous salesman Paddy Flaherty who was very generous with tasting samples!! Its relatively low pot still content and uniquely high proportion of malt whiskey ensures Paddy is one of the softest of all Ireland's whiskeys. You get some warmth from the alcohol. It has flavours of honey, citrus, apples and vanilla oak. The finish is quite oaky and a little hot.

### Powers

Described in Jim Murray's whiskey bible as "classic stuff" Powers is a classic Irish whiskey that was once made in the old John's Lane Distillery in Dublin. Light and zesty with some good pot still flavour characters. Deliciously fruity and honeyed.

### Slane Whiskey

If your new to whiskey this a good starting point. It is the second release under the Slane Castle Whiskey brand, this is an interesting blend that we think will become very popular. It has been aged via what they call 'Triple Casked Whiskey', meaning it was aged in three varieties of casks: virgin American oak, seasoned bourbon casks and ex-oloroso sherry casks. This recipe creates an exceptional smooth and robust flavour. We believe the use of sherry barrels has rounded this whiskey out nicely, and offers good value for money.

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## BLENDING WHISKEY

### The Irishman Founders Reserve

The Founder's Reserve is a unique take on the old Irish Pot Still Whiskey and is the original and signature blend created by founder Bernard Walsh. It is a blend of two styles, Single Malt and Single Pot Still. This was formerly called Irishman 70 and was so named because the proportions used are 70% Single Malt and 30% Single Pot Still. This is unusual in itself, as it is the only Irish blended whiskey to contain 100% whiskey distillates from the copper pot still and 0% Grain or Column still whiskey. This results in a much more flavoursome whiskey.

### Tullamore Dew

Tullamore Dew is a smooth, mellow whiskey that is a blend of Pot Still and Grain Whiskeys. It is aged in a combination of ex Bourbon and Sherry casks where it develops its distinctive smoothness. Light bodied, sweetish spices, buttery and rounded with light citrus fruitiness. The palate has a warming, pleasant maltiness with toasted wood and vanilla hints.

### Teeling Small Batch

A first release of Irish Whiskey for the Teeling Whiskey Company. This is a blend of Irish grain and malt whiskeys that have been married in rum casks before bottling at 46%. Sweet and fruity on the palate with good mouthfeel. Flavours of fresh apricot, pears and apples with some spicy vanilla infused oak. Drier towards the finish with some sappy, oak and cedar wood nuances coming through. A young whiskey and surprisingly soft at 46%, a great starting point.

### Black Bush

Black Bush is classed as the 'deluxe' blend from Bushmills. Compared to the standard blend this has more depth, richness but also some woody hints. Maybe not as smooth as the Original but packs more flavour. This floats across your tongue to the back of your throat where it rests as a slight sherry sweetness. Finishes with a lingering smooth sweetness that flourishes into your cheeks.

### Writers' Tears

Writers' Tears is the original member of the Walsh Whiskey family and is a unique blend of Pure Pot Still and Single Malt Whiskey with no grain whiskey added. Writers' Tears say that their whiskey harks back to the golden age of Irish writers when blended Irish whiskey were without a grain addition. On the nose it has hints of vanilla. A honey like sweetness and citrus notes from the grain give way to a warming tingle from the malt. It has a long lingering finish influenced by the pot still malt.

### Grace O'Malley

Grace O'Malley Blended Irish Whiskey uses a combination of multiple batches of whiskey of varying ages, ranging from three to ten years old. It also uses a variety of double distilled, triple distilled and grain whiskeys, creating complex balance which unfolds in a smooth, fruity finish.

### Jameson Caskmates IPA

This is a follow on from their first edition which was matured in stout barrels. This edition is finished in craft IPA barrels, for crisp hoppy notes. To taste you get hops and light citrus with sweet herbal notes and delicate spicy tones.

Jameson whiskey barrels are sent to a local brewery where they are used to mature an IPA, the casks are then returned to Jameson where the whiskey is finished again in the casks giving the whiskey gentle hop and fruit flavours with some spicy tones.

### Roe & Co

Diageo's first foray into Irish whiskey since they sold the Bushmills distillery. Roe & Co will eventually be the name of their new distillery at the Guinness complex in Dublin. This whiskey is a blend comprising of malt and grain whiskey. All of these have been entirely aged in ex-bourbon barrel with a strong emphasis on first fill casks. Bottled at 45% without chill filtration, it is well suited to cocktails where the extra alcohol helps carry the whiskey flavour across.



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### Jameson Caskmates

This release is a unique whiskey that has been made with the help of Cork's Franciscan Well brewery. Barrels that had been previously used for Jameson whiskey were taken to the Franciscan Well Brewery to use in the ageing of their full-bodied craft stout. Once used for beer maturation they were sent back to the distillery where Jameson whiskey that had already been aged was filled into them for a finishing period. There is the initial sweet mouth coating typical of the Irish Pot Still Whiskey inclusion. Then the effect of the beer cask finish becomes apparent with the subtle touch of hops and cocoa beans. Some marzipan and charred oak add to the complexity. Long and sweet on the finish with milk chocolate and butterscotch.

### Locke's

Locke's were the family that owned the Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey Distillery until it closed down in the 1950's. It is quite oily and full bodied. The palate has a pleasing sweetness and plenty of vanilla, toffee and honey flavours.

### Tullamore Dew 12 Year Old Special Reserve

Like Tullamore D.E.W. Original, this 12 year old Special Reserve is a triple distilled blend of pot still, malt and grain whiskeys. However it has a high proportion of pot still and malt whiskeys, matured in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks aged for 12 and 15 years. It has a deep robust taste with spice and linseed oil giving a creamy body and powerful flavour. Sherry notes are evident with a real depth of cinnamon and vanilla.

### Tullamore XO

Hand selected casks of Carribean Demerara Rum have been used to finish the Tullamore D.E.W Original and thus create the Tullamore D.E.W Carribean Rum Cask Finish. Flavours of tropical fruit and warm spices dominate the palate.

### Jameson Black Barrel

The term 'Black Barrel' was used because some of the spirit is matured in heavily charred 1st fill bourbon casks. This charring gives more cask influence with some butterscotch, dark chocolate and vanilla flavours coming through. The remainder of the casks used are 1st and 2nd fill bourbon barrels which add some balancing sweetness to the blend. Spice and dried fruits, mixed peel, apricots, marshmallow and burnt caramel. The palate ends with a spicy, bitter chocolate finish.

### Paddy's Share

The latest addition to Paddy's award-winning range of whiskeys. This release is triple-distilled in Middleton and matured in sherry barrels. Captures a bold charred wood character and nutty distinctiveness. Perfectly balanced with a smooth slightly sweet palate and a lingering finish.

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### Keeper's Heart Irish + American

Keeper's Heart presents the best of both worlds by blended American rye with Irish whiskey. Triple distilled, it's bright and floral on the nose with notes of spices, candy sweetness and charred oak on the palate and a long spicy finish with a hint of spice. A stunning dram!

**Finish:** Candied ginger, vanilla, lemon zest, sweet biscuits, stewed fruit. Long and lingering with notes of spices, candy sweetness and freshly charred oak. Long and pleasant spiced caramel.

### Keeper's Heart Irish + Bourbon

Keeper's Heart Irish + Bourbon brings you the characteristic sweet taste of bourbon we all know and love intertwined with notes of freshly charred virgin oak and the earthy spices of the single Irish pot still whiskey. It boasts caramel and pecan pie on the nose with vanilla malt shake, cocoa, tootsie? roll and a lingering finish. A unique tasting experience!

**Finish:** Lingering pleasant sweet rich wood.

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### Micil Inverin Small Batch

A five-part peated blend with a triple cask finish. Inspired by Micil's rich distilling heritage, it embodies the fruity spice of the finest Connemara 'fuisce' and the peat smoke of the illicit stills and kilns of Inverin. Expect lots of apples and pears, with a lingering smoked bacon and clove spice finish!

### J.J. Corry The Gael

Named after a Bicycle J.J. Corry invented, the first release of The Gael took just about two years to develop. This release was the distillery's first attempt at beginning to express the house style of whiskey they wished to make and was warmly received all round. It's juicy and lively with flavours of fresh oranges, apples, honey, mandarin, vanilla and ginger. A well blended whiskey with no harsh elements.

### Method and Madness Rye & Malt

The latest release in the Method and Madness range, distilled at the micro-distillery in Middleton under Distiller Katherine Condon. The Method and Madness Rye & Malt is an innovative mash bill of 60% Rye to 40% Malted Barley. This whiskey is double distilled and bottled at 46%.

**Finish:** Fading fruits, lingering spice, notes of cereal malt and barley.

### Kilbeggan 21 Year Old Limited Edition

Kilbeggan 21 year old is a limited edition bottling of the oldest blended Irish whiskey from the Kilbeggan Distilling Co. Specially selected by Master blender Noel Sweeney, this beautifully blended grain and malt whiskey has been matured in ex-Bourbon, Port, Madeira and Sherry casks creating complex sweet and smooth notes complemented by 21 years of patient ageing.

### Writers' Tears Cask Strength

There are only 200 bottles of this in Ireland. Writers' Tears is a blend of Pot Still Whiskey and Malt Whiskey produced by Walsh Whiskey in Carlow. It is a blend of Pot Still and Malt whiskey which are vatted together and bottled at cask strength. It is matured in first fill American Oak Bourbon casks. It has some nice creamy vanilla and caramel notes. On the palate it is sweet and powerful with some charred oak adding warm and peppery spice. Flavours of dried fruits, citrus peel, cloves and toasty oak. Complex and mouthfilling. Jim Murray says "you entertained from first to last".

### The Irishman Cask Strength

The Irishman Rare Cask Strength (53% alc) is Ireland's most exclusive Whiskey, distilled 3 times and carefully aged in American Oak Casks. Each year Bernard Walsh selects a handful of exceptional casks to make this the benchmark for Super Premium Cask Strength Irish Whiskey. It is available in strictly limited quantities with on average 2,000 bottles produced each year. Each bottle is uniquely numbered and signed.

On the nose you get some soft bourbon notes and a hint of ginger. On the palate you get creamy oak and spice with a complexity that balances its considerable strength. It has a long, chocolate and rich finish that sophisticatedly spiced.

### Jameson 18 Year Old

A revamped version of the Jameson 18 Year Old. Unlike the old Limited Reserve his time there is no Port wood ageing and the components are aged in both ex-Bourbon and Sherry casks before being finished off in first fill ex-Bourbon barrels.

Wonderfully mellow and smooth, a mouthful of complex flavours – toffee, spice, hints of wood and leather, gentle sherry nuttiness and vanilla.

**Finish:** A long lingering finish carries the theme of the wood, spice and toffee right through to the end.

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### Jameson Bow Street 18 Year Old Cask Strength

Jameson Bow Street 18 Years is a special blend of rare pot still and grain Irish whiskeys produced at the Midleton distillery. After ageing for almost two decades, these whiskeys are married together and spend their final finishing period in our original home, at the Jameson Distillery Bow Street in Dublin. On the palate toffee and oak remain consistent with hints of leather and vanilla along with a subtle sherry nuttiness creating depth and complexity.

### Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve

Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve is the ultimate expression of Jameson distilling expertise. For this first vintage, fortified port pipe casks were used for maturing one of the pot still whiskeys imparting a glorious fruit rich character to the whiskey. The combination of the oldest and rarest parcels of whiskey by the Jameson whiskey Masters of Distillation, Blending and Maturation result in a whiskey with depth, complexity and a supremely lavish taste.

Thick and oily, immediately surprising with the weight and depth it delivers. Lots of pot still character. Complex and oaky with some deliciously gingery fruit, spicy pepper, toasty oak and thick honey. All the way there is a sweet and fruity character reminiscent of boiled sweets and rock candy. Great length and complexity.

*Unfortunately, this is another special blend from Midleton that has been discontinued. We have some of the last few bottles available, so go on..... treat yourself!*

## Jameson – The Whiskey Makers Series

### Jameson The Cooper's Croze

The Cooper's Croze is a whiskey created by our Head Cooper, Ger Buckley, showcasing the diversity of barrels at our Midleton distillery and the profound influence that wood yields. With knowledge passed down through 5 generations of his family, Ger selects, repairs, and maintains our treasured casks. The Cooper's Croze is a carefully crafted whiskey and is a blend of pot still and grain whiskeys that are aged between 12 and 16 years. It effortlessly carries vanilla sweetness, rich fruit flavours, floral and spice notes and the undeniable influence of oak. You can take whiskey out of wood but you can never take the wood out of whiskey.

### Jameson The Blenders Dog

We're not sure if Head Blender, Billy Leighton, has a musical note in his head but harmony is his main pursuit. The Blender's Dog is a whiskey that celebrates his craft the art of marrying whiskeys. A superbly balanced, complex whiskey, The Blender's Dog is a perfect balance of spirit, wood, and time; delivering butterscotch sweetness with a prickle of spice and tannins. Making whiskey requires a fair deal of science, but blending is an art. The whiskey is named after the 'dog' - a tool used to collect samples from maturing casks in a warehouse.

### Jameson Distiller's Safe

The Distiller's Safe is a whiskey that celebrates the craft of our Head Distiller, Brian Nation, and his mastery of the Irish Pot Still. The spirit safe is an instrument allowing him to sample what's going on inside the still, a confirmation of quality at every turn. It is a mix of three different distillate styles - grain whiskey, small batch grain whiskey and small batch pot still. Delivering a smooth mouthfeel and gentle notes of apricot, cinnamon and melon, The Distiller's Safe pays respect to the character of the distillate. Long before barrels make their mark, a pot still has the first say.

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## BLENDED WHISKEY

### *Midleton Very Rare*

Just two Master Distillers have had the privilege of preserving the legacy of the world's most sought-after Irish Whiskey. Created in 1984 by Master Distiller Emeritus Barry Crockett, Midleton Very Rare is the ultimate expression of his art and expertise. Once a year, Master Distiller, Brian Nation honours Barry's vision by handpicking the finest and rarest whiskeys available and carefully blends them to create each annual vintage of Midleton Very Rare. Only a select number of casks are deemed of sufficient excellence and rarity to bear the Midleton Very Rare name, making this The Pinnacle of Irish Whiskey. We are proud to say we are the home of Midleton Very Rare in the West of Ireland, with each bottle since 1984 on display in the bar!

#### **Midleton Very Rare 2019**

The 2019 edition to Ireland's most premium and beloved whiskey series: Midleton Very Rare. This whiskey has been matured in slightly charred ex-bourbon American oak barrels between 13-34 Years. Notes of vanilla, orchard fruits, particularly pear, and the quintessential pot still spice!

**Finish:** The fruits and gentle spice slowly fade, giving way to the oak foundation that leaves a mild roasted coffee and nutty character to linger until the very end.

#### **Midleton Very Rare 2020**

This addition to the Midleton Very Rare collection, this is the 37th instalment which was started by Midleton legend Barry Crockett. Brian Nation was only the second distiller to continue the legacy this bottling being his last. Initial burst of tangy fruit sweetness of orange peel and sweet pear creating a succulent texture while the pot still spices build overtime adding a mild prickle of chilli oil. The presence of the charred oak remains constant in the background adding balance to the fruits and spices.

**Finish:** Satisfyingly long finish with the fruits slowly fading, allowing the oak and spices to linger until the very end.

#### **Midleton Very Rare 2021**

The 2021 edition to Ireland's most premium and beloved whiskey series; Midleton Very Rare. This is the 38th installment and the first release under Kevin O'Gorman, appointed Master Distiller of the Midleton Distillery in 2020.

Opens with a delicate floral perfume closely followed by roasted coffee beans, salted caramel and honeycomb coming to the fore. Hints of nectarines that linger in the background evolve over time along with freshly grated ginger and nutmeg spice. The American oak provides structure throughout, ranging in depth from fresh woodland notes to aged charred oak.

#### **Midleton Very Rare 2022**

Dubbed 'the pinnacle of Irish whiskey', Midleton has released its latest offering from the Very Rare collection. Master Distillery Kevin O'Gorman has created a blend of rare and hand-selected single pot still and single grain Irish whiskeys from Midleton's exclusive inventory to create this superb and truly special release. It's a combination of whiskey aged between 12 and 33 years and matured in lightly charred ex-bourbon American oak barrels.

Rich and lasting finish in which the grain and pot still spices are the first to softly fade allowing the oak, after years of carefully maturing the spirit, to have the final say.

#### **Midleton Very Rare 2023**

The latest chapter of this renowned collection is adorned with the signature of our Master Distiller, Kevin O'Gorman. After months of exploration, O'Gorman crafted a balanced blend of rare and hand-selected single pot still and single grain Irish whiskeys from Midleton's exclusive inventory to create this truly special release.

Matured in lightly charred ex-bourbon American oak barrels, the Midleton Very Rare 2023 Vintage Release delights with decadent flavours and a tantalising aroma. The aroma, taste and finish of this whiskey will enliven the palates of those new to this collection while taking the seasoned whiskey collector on a journey through an exciting exploration of taste.

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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

### Midleton 1973 Master Distillers Private Collection

In 1973, the Master Distiller of the Old Midleton Distillery selected a number of casks to form part of his private collection. In 2003, 30 years after the whiskey was laid down, former Master Distiller Barry Crockett selected whiskeys from this collection and created Midleton 1973. This Single Pot Still whiskey has been matured in American barrels, Oloroso sherry butts and Port pipes resulting in a wonderfully mellow whiskey of great complexity and fullness of taste.

**Nose:** Spicy, nutty with hints of herbs and cedar.

**Taste:** Wonderfully complex flavours. Soft marshmallow sweetness, ripe summer fruits, toasted oak and dried herbs with hints of wood and leather.

**Finish:** There is a long finish with a suggestion of green apples.

### Midleton Very Rare 20th Anniversary

Midleton Very Rare 20th Anniversary was released in 2004 to commemorate 20 years of the renowned Midleton Very Rare brand. The bottle is presented in a beautifully crafted solid mahogany box and comes with two Waterford Crystal whiskey tumblers and a certificate of authenticity written on traditional parchment. A unique feature of this whiskey is that it contains some of the same whiskey which was used in the blending of the first ever batch of Midleton Very Rare in 1984.

**Nose:** Fruity, honeyed and spicy. Sherry notes with a touch of leather.

**Taste:** The distinctive and unique character of Old Midleton Pot Still unmistakable. Spicy, fruity, honeyed and slightly dry. A sherry nuttiness, vanilla and pleasant mild woody notes.

**Finish:** Subtle and intriguing. Sweet wine note evident.

### Midleton 25 Year Old Pure Pot Still

Reputed to be one of the best Irish whiskeys ever bottled. This is a pure (single) pot still whiskey that was distilled at the old Midleton plant in 1973 and bottled in the late 1990. Around 1000 bottles were released and they are becoming increasingly rare. Thankfully we're one of the lucky few to have one.

#### Tasting Notes:

Not many have tasted this so you'll have to find out what it tastes like for yourself. But it is said that this whiskey is "complex" with a "wild array of spicy, oily, fruity and warming flavours.

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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

### Midleton Very Rare 30th Anniversary Pearl Edition Inspiration

30 Years on from the launch of the first vintage of Midleton Very Rare, they present this remarkable limited edition whiskey, Midleton Very Rare 30th Anniversary Pearl Edition. Regarded as one of the ultimate expressions of Irish Whiskey, Midleton Very Rare, first launched in 1984, represents the finest single pot still and grain distillates of the year designated by the Master Distiller.

To commemorate this special Anniversary, our Master Distiller Brian Nation and Master Distiller Emeritus, Barry Crockett have personally chosen 2 remarkable whiskeys – a 1981 grain whiskey and 1984 single pot still whiskey, both matured in American oak casks for over 30 years. Following this lengthy maturation period, these individual whiskeys were brought together to deliver a true Irish masterpiece, Midleton Very Rare Pearl Edition, a masterpiece as unique as it is perfectly balanced.

**Nose:** The initial fresh herbal notes of crushed garden mint and rosemary are a testament to the quality of the ex bourbon barrels in which this whiskey has rested for many years. Soft honey sweetness along with beeswax shows its antique character, while hints of gingerbread combine with toasted oak to compliment some pot still spices.

**Taste:** The soft silky mouth coating is initially honey sweet, then the fresh herbal flowers follow through with a touch of menthol. The spicy notes concentrate, staying sweet with cinnamon and liquorice before the toasted oak adds to the complexity.

**Finish:** The succulence of the herbs and spice is very slow to fade.



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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

### Sonny Molloy's Redbreast 16 Year Old Single Pot Still, All Sherry, Single Cask

Redbreast Whiskey has chosen Sonny Molloy's Irish Whiskey Bar as the first on-trade establishment in the world to release a 16 Year Old Single Cask whiskey. Exclusively bottled for our award-winning bar in the heart of Galway City, it marks the first ever partnership between Redbreast Whiskey and a bar.

Aged in a 500 litre Spanish Oak sherry cask, only 570 bottles have been yielded from cask #10351. The result is a limited-edition and truly collectable whiskey.

Redbreast is the largest-selling Single Pot Still Irish whiskey in the world and one of the most decorated – it is regarded as the definitive expression of traditional Pot Still Whiskey.

**Nose:** The initial delicate aroma of dried fruits of raisins and prunes quickly move across the spectrum to a zesty lime character with deep rich notes of wood, leather and coffee, while the pot still spices build over time adding complexity and balance.

**Taste:** Full and rich with a luscious texture that evolves as the spices continue to build on the oak tannins. Lime zest with dark chocolate and a mild nuttiness work in tandem creating additional layers of flavour.

**Finish:** Rich and lingering with the pot still spices slowly fading allowing the toasted oak to continue until the very end.



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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

### Sonny Molly's Redbreast 19 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Single Cask

Sonny Molloy's Irish Whiskey Bar has just released their Redbreast 19 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Single Cask. Exclusively bottled for the award-winning bar located in the heart of Galway City, only 486 bottles have been yielded of this triple distilled single pot still whiskey.

Aged in a 500 litre Spanish Oak Oloroso seasoned Sherry cask (number #33015), this is one of the final ever releases of a Redbreast single cask, for the on-trade, resulting in an extremely limited edition and truly collectable whiskey for Sonny Molloy's.

Hand selected by Master Blender Billy Leighton and laid down to mature in the Middleton Distillery, this cask represents a unique and singular nuanced expression of Redbreast with the Oloroso Sherry Single Cask a joy to behold.

This is the second Redbreast release for Sonny Molloy's. In 2018, the now sold out Redbreast 16 Year Old Single Cask whiskey marked the first ever partnership between Redbreast and a bar. So, it is very fitting that the first bar to receive a single cask, is also selected to receive one of the last.

Steeped in Galway's rich whiskey heritage, Sonny Molloy's is one of the country's most popular whiskey bars and is a founding member of the Galway Whiskey Trail. The premises was formerly a renowned drapery shop run by the legendary Sonny Molloy. He was a larger-than-life character, famed for his friendly service and welcoming presence.

Indeed, Sonny himself appreciated a fine Irish whiskey. His favourite being a Redbreast 12 Year Old, which he regularly enjoyed as a nightcap, making it a natural choice for Sonny Molloy's to partner with Redbreast.

The Sonny Molloy's Redbreast 19 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Single Cask is now available to purchase by the bottle costing €595. It's also sold by the measure in the bar.

**Nose:** Begins with rich notes of walnut and hazelnut intertwined with dark berry fruits, black treacle and sultanas. The oloroso seasoning continues to impart additional dried fruits and balsamic sweetness while the toasted oak evolves with aromas of confectionary baked goods and sweet vanilla.

**Taste:** Soft tannic structure with dry notes of cocoa powder and ground almond at first, closely followed by waves of sweet, sugar glazed cherries and golden raisins. The delicate pot still spices work in harmony with the rich and flavoursome sherry seasoned oak.

**Finish:** Captivating finish where the dried fruits and soft spices gently fade allowing the oak to have the last word.





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## INTERNATIONAL WHISKY

### SCOTLAND

#### **Famous Grouse Blended Scotch Whisky**

Formulated by Matthew Gloag in 1896 this iconic brand has been the biggest selling blended Scotch in Scotland since 1980. A balanced, biscuit-laden palate with a core of thick creamy malt. Just a hint of spice and the vaguest whisper of smoke really bring a great deal of complexity.

#### **Teachers Blended Scotch Whisky**

All blended scotch whiskies are made of two kinds of whisky – malt and grain, but Teacher's Highland Cream has an exceptionally high malt content – at least 45%, a feature which contributes to its unique character and flavour. The mouth feel is quite big with supple maltiness and the vaguest whisper of muted peat. The finish is well fruited with toffee, malt and a faint hint of smoke.

#### **Glenmorangie 10 Year Old**

The core release in the Glenmorangie range is this their 10 year old 'Original'. Since rebranding more emphasis has been put on the 'Original' and less on the fact that it's ten years old. The cask types are first fill and second fill bourbon barrels which famously come from the distillery's own oak forest in Missouri. Flavours are exactly what you would expect from an entirely bourbon cask matured whisky. Light and soft with lots of vanilla, ripe lemon, peach, honey and orange. Not massively complex, this could be described as an aperitif whisky or one to try before moving on to bigger, bolder beasts.

#### **Chivas Regal 12 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky**

Chivas is a blend of many different malt and grain Scotch whiskies, matures for at least 12 years. This rich, smooth blend balances style with substance and tradition with a modern twist. Its rich and fruit and bursts with the smooth taste of ripe, honeyed apples and notes of vanilla, hazelnut and butterscotch.

#### **Glenfiddich 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch**

A light, floral and soft single malt that is one of the benchmark whiskies of the Speyside region, hence its incredible popularity. It has been aged in both American oak and European oak casks. To taste it has characteristic sweet, fruity notes. Develops into butterscotch, cream, malt and subtle oak flavours. A long smooth and mellow finish.

#### **Macallan Amber Single Malt Scotch Whisky**

An, unsurprisingly, amber-coloured dram from Macallan, part of the colour-named 1824 Series. It's matured in sherry casks. Surprisingly thick and fruity compared to the nose. Golden sultanas, dates, apple peelings and a dusting of cinnamon. Cereal notes on the mid palate, joined by mince pies with crumbly shortbread.

#### **Talisker 10 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky**

There is nothing quite like Talisker. It remains one of the most instantly recognisable Scottish single malts and has a very unique flavour. It is full bodied with huge plumes of smoke and volcanic, peppery peat. Once that spiciness dies down there's some pleasant toffee and dried fruit flavours. It has a long finish of barley and malt.

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### SCOTLAND

#### **Ardbeg Single Malt Scotch Whisky**

An explosion of crackling peat sets off millions of flavour explosions on the tongue: peat effervesces with tangy lemon and lime juice, black pepper pops with sizzling cinnamon-spiced toffee. This is followed by a wave of brine infused with smooth buttermilk, ripe bananas and currants. Smoke gradually wells up on the palate bringing a mouthful of warm creamy cappuccino and toasted marshmallows.

#### **Oban Single Malt Scotch Whisky**

Founded in 1794 at the heart of the coastal town known as “The Gateway to the Isles”, this is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland. Oban’s tiny stills marry the sea air character of the Island malts to the soft, richly fruity style of the Highlands, creating their own rich, elegant and glowing West Highland malt. The chief reason for the high price is due to the limited natural water supply that has been negotiated with the local government. The water, of course, imparts the unique flavours of this single malt scotch. This is big bodied and very malty. It warms the mouth with cereal and malt flavours. You also get flavours of anise, orange chocolate and lemon zest.

### JAPAN

#### **Nikka from the Barrel Blended**

Matured malt whisky and grain whisky which are married in oak casks and then bottled at cask strength. It is full bodied and punchy. There is plenty of winter spice and toffee, a little caramel and vanilla and a good mouthful of fruit. Take small sips of this, its fiery alcohol!

#### **Yoichi 12 Year Old Single Malt**

This bold and distinctive single malt whisky was distilled and matured at the Yoichi distillery in Hokkaido, birthplace of Nikka Whisky. The Yoichi distillery continues to adhere to techniques such as the use of coal-fired pot stills, and otherwise remains loyal to the whisky-making traditions dating back to its foundation. It is round in the mouth, with hints of vanilla, iris and lavender. Well integrated oakiness transcends the fruitiness (apricot, raisins) Long finish. Complex, it reveals a remarkable balance between the woody, fruity and floral notes.



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The original and quintessential style of Irish whiskey, this is a really special pot still platter.

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