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Sovereign Cambus 1991

CASK #111.113051 25 year old 55% ABV



Neus: Zoet geurend met een licht tintje van zomerse bloemen, daarna vanille fudge en koffie

Smaak: Zoet, romig met banketbakkersroom, gestoofde pruimen en een hint van zoethout

Afdronk: Lang en droog met hinten van oud eikenhout

Cambus was another of the Lowland grain distilleries that formed the basis of DCL in the late 19th century, and played a starring role in the establishment of grain spirit as ‘whisky’, though it actually started out distilling malt. Following its moment in the limelight, Cambus fell on hard times when a fire destroyed most of the distillery in 1914, rendering the site shut for the next 23 years. It eventually reopened in 1937, but shut again during WWII. Finally, at the end of the war, DCL began a period of investment in the site. A gin rectification plant was installed in 1952, while a CO2 processing plant went in the following year. In 1964 Cambus became the first distillery to have

a by-products plant – this was later expanded into a full dark grains plant in 1982 after DCL acquired the closed North of Scotland grain distillery next door. Cambus eventually closed in 1993 as part of Diageo’s £100m production reorganisation. Its plant was removed and the site transformed into a cask filling operation and warehouses. In 2011 it began a new lease of life, as Diageo built a new £9m cooperage on-site, transferring the coopering operations from nearby Carsebridge and Dundashill in Glasgow. It now adjoins the giant Blackgrange warehousing complex.

A.D. Rattray Tullibardine 1991

1991 46,9% 25 year old Bourbon Hogshead



Neus: vers gemaaid gras, hooi en lichte vanille met kruidnagel en honing

Smaak: zijdezacht met abrikozen, gedroogde vijgen en zachte peperige kruiden en mosterdzaad

Afdronk: fris eikenhout met heidebloemen

Tullibardine lay silent from 1994 until 2003, when a business consortium snapped it up. Their idea was to sell off some of the site as a retail park, using the money raised to get distilling up and running again. In a similar fashion to Bruchladdich, the new owners found that most of the stock had been filled into old, tired casks which though suitable for some aspects of blending were not ideal for a stand-alone single malt brand. An extensive – and expensive – re-casking operation started along with the inevitable rash of ‘finished’ whiskies. The group sold their interest in 2011 to the French wine and spirit group, Picard which owns the Highland Queen and Muirhead’s brands and was looking for capacity.

Càrn Mòr Auchentoshan 1992

Celebrations 1992 25 year old 46,1%



Neus: gebakken uitjes met oosterse kruiden, oude kranten, vanille stokjes en aardetonen.

Smaak: een groentetuin in de bloei met bijenwas, honing en gras. tuin kruiden nemen over.

Afdronk: achter op de tong. Een zeer smaakvolle Lowlander

Legal whisky-making started here on the banks of the Clyde in 1817 when the Duntocher distillery was built by John Bulloch. Like many early start-ups it had a chequered early history and Bulloch went bankrupt soon after. It wasn't to put his family off however. His grandson co-founded one of the 19th century's most famous blending and broking firms, Bulloch Lade.

It was bought in 1834 by John Hart and Alexander Filshie who changed its name to Auchintoshan [sic]. The Filshie's sold up in 1875 to a local grain merchant and again like so many stills, 'Auchie' spent almost a century being passed from one owner to another. During the Clyde Blitz of 1941 a warehouse was hit, sending a stream of blazing whisky into the river. A bomb crater has been turned into the

distillery pond.

It was one of a number of distilleries purchased by brewers in the 1960s – in Auchie's case Glasgow-based Tennant's were owners from 1960 to 1969 when they offloaded it to a publican, Eadie Cairns. The upgraded distillery was then sold to Stanley P Morrison in 1984. It is now part of Beam Suntory. A new visitor facility was built in 2004.

Unusually, all of its production is used for single malt.

Old Malt Cask Miltonduff 1994

1994 25 year old 50% refill Hogshead



Neus: Zoet en fruitig met zoete ananas, en vanille

Smaak: moutig , citrusapels en aangenaam bloemerig

Afdronk: sinaasappels, bijenwas en een beetje peper

Miltonduff was, briefly, part of Allied Distiller's Caledonian Malts range (alongside Laphroaig, Tormore, Scapa and Glendronach) but other than a limited edition 18-year-old cask strength bottling, no official releases have taken place under Chivas Brothers' ownership. Licensed bottlings are made under the auspices of Gordon & MacPhail. Some Mosstowie (see below) also occasionally surfaces.

In July 2017 Miltonduff was released as a 15-year-old single malt (alongside expressions from Gentauchers and Glenburgie) under the Ballantine's brand. Miltonduff (the suffix comes from Duff family which owned the estate) went legal in 1824 and by the end of the century was one of the largest producers in Scotland, making in excess of one million litres a year and using triple distillation (an unusual technique for Highland/Speyside distilleries).

Its next landmark came in 1936 when it was bought by Canadian distiller Hiram Walker which was beginning its Scottish expansion (Ballantine's, Dumbarton). In 1964, a pair of 'Lomond' stills was installed, producing a malt which was named Mosstowie. The stills operated until 1981. A significant expansion in 1974 saw capacity increased to more than 5m litres per annum with three pairs of stills now operating. In 2005 it became part of Chivas Brothers.

Gordon & MacPhail Linkwood

25 year old 43%



Neus: kaneel broodjes, nootmuskat, sesamezaad, pannekoek stroop kersen

Smaak: rozijnen en dadels, gember en chocolade, beetje grassig op de einde dan weer een klap kaneel

Afdronk: Vet, walnoten eiken hout

When mature, however, although Linkwood's freshness is retained the palate reveals a thick texture which slows the whisky down in the mouth. It is this combination of texture and delicacy which makes it prized by blenders – and much loved by malt whisky aficionados. The fragrance is achieved by creating very clear wort, having a very long fermentation and distilling (slowly to maximise copper conversation) in pairs of stills in which the spirit is larger than the wash, allowing even more.

Linkwood is bottled as a 12-year-old in Diageo's Flora & Fauna range, and for many years quasi-official bottlings have come from Gordon & MacPhail of Elgin – often from ex-Sherry casks. Other independent bottlings appear fairly regularly.

Coal Ila

25 year old 43%



Neus: de meest kort maar krachtige omschrijving
VANILLE ROOK

Smaak: zoetige start, citrus , oud leer , tabac, zwarte peper & gember aan de einde wat jodium

Afdronk: lang, vet turf, turf, turf

Caol Ila's distillery character manages to combine a fresh pear note, grassiness, a hint of juniper and distinct notes of the seashore – lobster shells, crab creels and gentle smoke. Although it receives the same spec of malt as sister distillery Lagavulin, Caol Ila's distillation regime – longer fermentation, higher cut point, taller stills – helps to reduce the heavy phenols. Maturation for the single malt is in refill casks. The unpeated variant is equally delicate, with a fresh, estery and almost floral lift.

Its importance for blends meant that, until 2002, when a 12-year-old was released, malt lovers had to seek out independent bottlings. Now there is a range including no-age-statement Moch, 18-year-old and 25-year-old, a finished Distiller's Edition and annual special releases.

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