

Queensland Malt
Whisky Society Grand
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Aberlour Distillery
Aberlour, Speyside



Aberlour (pronounced 'Abba-LOW-errr') sits at the base of the rugged mountain range, Ben Rinnes. Nestled in the village of the same name, the distillery was founded by Peter Weir and James Gordon in 1826, though Peter was to pull out a year later. The village lies on the Lour Burn, which converges with the River Spey just 270 metres from the distillery.

The whiskies of the Aberlour distillery are usually all sweet with sherry, not smoky and more fruity than spicy. The most famous Aberlours are the Aberlour 10 y.o., the 18 y.o., the 16 y.o. Double Cask and the Aberlour a'bunadh batches. Nearly all of the whiskies are matured or finished in Sherry or wine casks. Therefore the Aberlour is a whisky for the sweeter connoisseur that loves to find the differences between the dark, dried and exotic fruitiness you can find in all the Aberlour drams. It is a true Speyside whisky.

You will also find the Aberlour in a lot of independent bottlings from bottlers like Signatory or Duncan Taylor.

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"[BATCH 45 tasted] Impressive deep bronze / burnished copper appearance. Nosing reveals cocoa, sweet cereals, vanilla, hints of honey and a mild nose prickle. A medley of dried fruits is introduced at subsequent stages, as well as hints of apple. The palate delivers a thick, full bodied, concentrated dram that expands throughout the mouth as the mildly prickly, warming spirit releases brown sugar, liquorice bullets, vanilla and waves of pulsing spices. Finish is momentarily plush and juicy as hints of dried fruit evaporate. It concludes long with suggestions of roasted nuts, cocoa and drying oak. A typically full throttle A'bunadh. Balances out beautifully with a splash of water.

91 points."

nicks.com.au, nd

Notes from previous bottlings:

"Nose: slightly earthy but the grape is genuinely clean, intense and spicy; Taste: truly glorious, actually quite perfect, delivery of balance between the unimpeachable grape and malt concentrate that gathers on the palate and bores into the taste buds like a tornado into a midwest town. One of the great moments of Speyside drinking. Finish: relatively short, but the shockwaves continue amid some toffee.

94 points."

Jim Murray, 2006

"[Batch No. 6.] Rich amber. Powerful, estery nose. An oily textured, medium-to full-bodied palate with intense burnt caramel, peat and salty, vinous elements. Aggressively spicy yet surprisingly approachable given its size. A big warming finish at the end. A touch of water calms the beast and brings out the mellow sherried oak and dry caramel nuance. A gentle giant.

95 points."

tastings.com, n.d.

A TRUE CLASSIC, WORTHY OF OUR
FOUNDER

— A'Bunadh —
Cask Strength

With each batch carefully made by hand, Aberlour A'bunadh is a unique cask strength whisky that has achieved cult status among whisky connoisseurs.

Meaning 'the original' in Gaelic, A'bunadh is made in homage to Aberlour's founder, James Fleming, using only traditional methods without chill filtration or other modern processes.

The result is a heavier, creamier single malt than most have ever experienced – memorably flavoursome, with an intense raisin character.