

WHISKY



“Work is the curse of the drinking classes.”
OSCAR WILDE


the athenæum

WHISKIES

Please take time to peruse our rare whisky collection, and should you wish to arrange a private tutored tasting or to even send a bottle of your favorite malt to a friend or colleague with your compliments, please speak to Kadir Ipek, Food and Beverage Control Manager. Postage and packaging will be handled by the hotel for a nominal charge.

Please pay a particular attention to the whiskies highlighted in bold as these are extremely rare, and some of the last bottles in the world.

To guide you through this list we have chosen a selection of whiskies, representative of each region and classified them according to how much of a whisky aficionado you are.

- J – Junior, new to whisky, but eager to learn
- C – Connoisseur, a well-seasoned whisky drinker
- A – Athenaeum Choice, our personal selection
- * – Closed or mothballed distillery

And why not try to complete the Athenaeum Whisky Passport, sampling our great selection of whiskies from all over the world!

WHISKY & FOOD MATCH

Highlands

£16.65

Clynelish 14 Year Old

(Smooth, Creamy, Light and Sweet with Floral Fragrance)

Home Smoked Rib Eye with Honey Glazed Onions and Smoked Halibut

Islay

£15.65

Caol Ila 12 Year Old

(Powerful Smoky and Smooth Body with Long, Lingering, Sweet and Sour Finish)

Wild Mushroom and Goat Cheese Tartlets with Parmigiano Reggiano

Skye

£15.65

Talisker 10 Year Old

(Rich, Dried Fruit Sweetness with Smoky, Strong Barley Malt and Pepper Tone)

Smoked Carpaccio of Tuna and Hot Smoked Salmon and Dill Croquette with Caper Sauce

Speyside

£14.70

Cragganmore 12 Year Old

(Sweet, Fragrant, and Complex Flavours with Smoky Finish)

Tartar of Marinated Smoked Peppers with Prunes in Bacon

LOWLANDS

The Lowlands, defined by an imaginary line from Greenock in the west to Dundee in the east, are among the most delicately flavoured malts in Scotland. A superb Aperitif before any meal whilst the Auchentoshan 3 Wood is a great foil for a cigar.

Cadenhead's (8 years) **A**

Nose: Powerful smoky sourness

Palate: Fresh, clean with well balanced sweetness

Finish: Complex malt notes compete with the peat

	Age/Year	Price
Auchentoshan.....	10	£ 7.75
Auchentoshan 3 Wood	N/A	£ 9.50
Bladnoch	10	£ 11.00
Bladnoch BBR 1992	N/A	£ 7.50
Glenkinchie	10	£ 9.50
Glenkinchie Distiller's Edition.....	1992	£ 11.50
Littlemill	8	£ 7.50
Rosebank	12	£ 13.25
St Magdelene Rare Malt.....	19	£ 25.00

CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown is the smallest regional appellation. This western peninsula once boasted more than thirty distilleries, but now there are only two, Springbank - generally regarded as the "Grand Cru Classe" of malts - is our selection.

Springbank Chieftain's 1974 (31 years) **C**

Nose: Clean, fruity crushed grape aroma with rich, salty, malty waves

Palate: Malty sweetness combines with oak

Finish: Deep, with a hint of citrus

	Age/Year	Price
Longrow.....	10	£ 10.00
Springbank.....	10	£ 11.25
Springbank.....	21	£ 45.00
Springbank Chieftain's 1974.....	31	£ 50.00
Springbank 1968	35	£ 50.00

HIGHLANDS

The Highlands of Scotland take in a vast range of whisky tastes from coastal flavours to fruity and malty richness.

Glenmorangie (10 years) J

Nose: Medium weight, hints of butterscotch, mandarin, orange and vanilla

Palate: Flowery fruitiness and vanilla sweetness

Finish: Creamy, soft and fresh

Dalwhinnie (15 years) C

Nose: Aromatic, medium sweet with a light peatiness

Palate: Remarkably smooth, long lasting flavour. Honey, grass, vanilla and malt

Finish: Very long

Glen Garioch (21 years) A

Nose: Unique mix of peat and sherry

Palate: Slightly peaty with silky feel

Finish: Elegant and impressive

	Age/Year	Price
Athenaeum Single Malt	10	£ 7.75
Aberfeldy	12	£ 7.75
Balblair	10	£ 7.50
Blair Athol	12	£ 8.50
Ben Nevis	10	£ 9.00
Brora 1982 Connoisseur's Choice	15	£ 15.00
Brora (Old Malt Cask) 1982	19	£ 15.00
Clynelish	14	£ 9.50
Dalmore	12	£ 9.50
Dalmore Gran Reserva	N/A	£ 11.50
Dalmore 1973	34	£ 95.00
Dalwhinnie	15	£ 11.25
Dalwhinnie Distiller's Edition	1990	£ 13.00
Edradour	10	£ 9.50
Glen Esk 1985	15	£ 10.00
Glen Garioch	15	£ 11.00
Glen Garioch	21	£ 22.50
Glengoyne	17	£ 9.00
Glendeveron*	10	£ 7.50
Glen Mhor 1979	21	£ 14.50

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	Age/Year	Price
Glenmorangie Original.....	10	£ 9.50
Glenmorangie.....	15	£ 14.00
Glenmorangie.....	18	£ 17.50
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or.....	N/A	£ 13.00
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban (Port Finish).....	N/A	£ 12.00
Glenmorangie Sherry Finish.....	N/A	£ 10.50
Glenmorangie Madeira Finish.....	N/A	£ 10.50
Glenmorangie Signet.....	N/A	£ 31.50
Glenmorangie Quarter Century.....	25	£ 52.00
Lochside 1981.....	17	£ 16.00
Millburn* 1976.....	26	£ 15.00
North Port Brechin 1981.....	19	£ 9.00
Oban.....	14	£ 12.00
Oban Distiller's Edition.....	1992	£ 13.75
Old Pulteney.....	12	£ 9.00
Old Pulteney.....	17	£ 14.00
Royal Brackla 1974.....	25	£ 12.50
Royal Brackla 1976.....	27	£ 15.00
Royal Lochnagar.....	12	£ 8.50
Royal Lochnagar Select Res.....	N/A	£ 45.00
Teaninich BBR 1973.....	N/A	£ 11.00
Tomatin.....	10	£ 8.50
Tullibardine.....	10	£ 7.50

SPEYSIDE

Speyside is the “Capital” of the Scottish Malt Whisky producing regions, taking in a diverse selection of flavours from the heavily sherried to the light and fruity.

Macallan Fine Oak (15 years) C

Nose: Unique blend of bananas and spring grass with strong floral hint

Palate: Brown sugar sweetness of the malt, tempered by drier vanilla

Finish: Ongoing rich barley theme punctuated with peaty spice, and late butterscotch/toffee aftertaste

Glenrothes (1985) A

Nose: Complex grainy nose with bite

Palate: Fresh, clean with hint of honey

Finish: Grainy crispness with soft floating smokiness

	Age/Year	Price
Aberlour	10	£ 7.75
Aberlour 1970.....	21	£ 40.00
Aberlour A'Bunadh.....	N/A	£ 12.50
Balmenach	12	£ 8.50
Balvenie Founder's Reserve.....	10	£ 9.00
Balvenie Double Wood	12	£ 11.00
Balvenie Signature	12	£ 11.75
Balvenie Single Barrel	15	£ 13.00
Balvenie New Oak	17	£ 16.50
Balvenie Port Wood.....	21	£ 22.50
Balvenie.....	30	£ 60.00
Benriach Dewar 1989	15	£ 11.00
Benrinnas Dewar 1990.....	14	£ 11.00
Benromach.....	21	£ 16.50
Cragganmore.....	12	£ 9.00
Craigellachie 1988.....	15	£ 7.50
Craigellachie Dewar 1989.....	15	£ 9.00
Coleburn Rare Malt*	21	£ 20.00
Coleburn 1972.....	24	£ 20.00
Dailuaine	16	£ 8.50
Dallas Dhu 1980	20	£ 12.50
Dufftown.....	15	£ 9.00
Glenburgie 1963	40	£ 20.00
Glendronach.....	15	£ 9.00
Glendullan	12	£ 8.50
Glen Elgin	32	£ 90.00

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	Age/Year	Price
Glenfarclas.....	10	£ 9.75
Glenfarclas.....	15	£ 14.00
Glenfarclas.....	25	£ 29.50
Glenfarclas.....	30	£ 34.50
Glenfiddich.....	12	£ 9.25
Glenfiddich Solera Reserve.....	15	£ 12.50
Glenfiddich Ancient Reserve.....	18	£ 14.50
Glenfiddich Havana Reserve.....	21	£ 17.50
Glenfiddich.....	30	£ 40.00
Glen Grant.....	10	£ 7.75
Glen Grant.....	25	£ 25.00
Glenlivet.....	12	£ 9.25
Glenlivet.....	18	£ 12.50
Glenlivet Archive.....	21	£ 20.00
Glenlossie.....	10	£ 9.00
Glenrothes 1985.....	16	£ 18.75
Glenrothes Selected Reserve.....	N/A	£ 9.50
Glentauchers 1990.....	11	£ 7.50
Glenugie 1968.....	32	£ 32.50
Inchgower.....	14	£ 8.50
Linkwood.....	12	£ 9.00
Linkwood 1969.....	31	£ 27.50
Longmorn.....	15	£ 9.00
Longmorn – Glenlivet.....	12	£ 9.00
Macallan Sherry Oak.....	10	£ 9.75
Macallan Sherry Oak.....	18	£ 26.00
Macallan Sherry Oak.....	25	£ 55.00
Macallan Fine Oak.....	10	£ 9.75
Macallan Fine Oak.....	15	£ 15.00
Macallan Fine Oak.....	21	£ 35.00
Macallan 1876 Replica.....	N/A	£ 30.00
Mannochmore.....	12	£ 8.50
Miltonduff.....	10	£ 7.50
Speyburn.....	10	£ 7.50
Strathisla.....	12	£ 8.50
Strathisla.....	40	£ 35.00
Strathmill Dewar 1989.....	15	£ 11.00
Tamdhu.....	10	£ 7.50
Tamnavulin.....	12	£ 7.50
Tormore.....	10	£ 7.50

ISLAY

Islay is the greatest of the whisky islands. Deep in peat, lashed by rain, wind and sea. The single malts from Islay are considered to be the most expressive of all Scottish Malts.

Caol Ila (12 year) J

Nose: Fresh sea-air aromas only revealing smokiness shortly after. Adding water seems to bring out beach bonfire

Palate: Sweet to start. Unmistakably Islay, agreeably pungent but not too heavy

Finish: Lingering, charred-dry

Ardberg Uigeadail C

Nose: Awesome package of massive oak, intense peat and leather notes

Palate: Bitter-sweet oaky notes with fruity peat entry

Finish: Surprising finish with off key fruit element

	Age/Year	Price
Ardbeg Uigedail Cask Strength.....	N/A	£ 16.50
Ardbeg.....	10	£ 11.75
Ardbeg Airigh Nam Beist 1990.....	N/A	£ 22.50
Ardbeg Lord of the Isles 1974.....	N/A	£ 30.00
Black Bottle.....	N/A	£ 7.25
Bowmore.....	12	£ 9.50
Bowmore.....	17	£ 15.50
Bowmore Darkest.....	N/A	£ 10.50
Bowmore Dawn.....	N/A	£ 10.50
Bruichladdich.....	12	£ 13.50
Bruichladdich Dewar 1990.....	14	£ 12.50
Bruichladdich.....	15	£ 14.50
Bunnahabhain.....	12	£ 12.50
Bunnahabhain.....	18	£ 16.50
Caol Ila.....	12	£ 9.95
Caol Ila Distiller's Edition.....	1995	£ 13.75
Caol Ila.....	18	£ 16.50
Lagavulin.....	16	£ 15.95
Lagavulin Old Cask Strength.....	12	£ 16.50
Laphroaig.....	10	£ 9.50
Laphroaig.....	15	£ 15.50

THE ISLANDS

The Orkney Isles play host to the two most northerly distilleries in Scotland. The Isle of Skye is the home of the hedonistic and volcanic Talisker. The Isle of Arran, (Scotland's youngest distillery), Jura and Mull are all off the West Coast of Scotland.

Talisker (10 years) J

Nose: Powerful peat-smoke with seawater saltiness and a citrus touch

Palate: Strange addition of toffee at the start

Finish: Big peat explosion held back by caramel flavours

Scapa (16 years) C

Nose: Honeydew melon, soft salt and myriad styles of barley

Palate: A complex display of malt and cocoa, mixed with ripe figs and a thread of honey

Finish: Slight bitterness with developing toffee

Highland Park (18 years) A

Nose: Rich, mature oak, top note of aromatic smoke

Palate: Rich, full flavour; honey with peat

Finish: Soft, round and long

	Age/Year	Price
Arran	N/A	£ 7.75
Highland Park	12	£ 9.50
Highland Park	18	£ 19.00
Highland Park	25	£ 42.50
Highland Park Dewar 1989.....	15	£ 10.00
Isle of Jura.....	10	£ 8.75
Ledaig.....	15	£ 10.50
Ledaig.....	20	£ 17.50
Scapa.....	16	£ 17.50
Talisker.....	10	£ 11.50
Talisker Distiller's Edition	1992	£ 13.75

VATTED MALTS

A marriage of malt whiskies from various distilleries.

Blue Hanger (25 years) C

Nose: Silky sheen with ripe grape, mango and barley sugar

Palate: Lush arrival followed by fruitiness of subtle spices

Finish: Thinning out of flavours leading to grain and oak finish

	Age/Year	Price
Blue Hanger Limited Release	25	£12.50
Blue Hanger 4 th Limited Release.....	N/A	£14.50
Glen Coe.....	8	£ 9.00
Glenleven.....	12	£ 8.50
Glinne Parras.....	12	£ 7.50
Johnnie Walker Green Label.....	15	£13.50
Poit Dhubh Gaelic.....	12	£ 7.50
Sheep Dip.....	8	£ 7.50

Michel Couvreur

Pale Single Single..... 12 £ 12.50

Special Vatting..... 12 £ 14.00

JAPANESE WHISKY

Japan has been producing whiskey since the 1920s and it is considered by whiskey aficionados as one of the great spirits in the world.

Hakushu (12 years) A

Nose: Floral, nutty, fragrant forest leaves and citrus dryness

Palate: Well rounded, subtle smokiness, hint of almond and summer fruits

Finish: Long, dry and slightly smoky

	Age/Year	Price
Nikka Yoichi	12	£ 12.50
Suntory Hakushu.....	12	£ 12.00
Suntory Hibiki.....	N/A	£ 16.50
Suntory Yamazaki.....	12	£ 13.50
Suntory Yamazaki.....	18	£ 18.50

IRISH WHISKEY

Once, the most prolific whiskey producing area in the world, Ireland now produces some wonderfully varied expressions.

Bushmill's Black Bush J

Nose: Spicy, clean with fresh malt and lively sherry

Palate: Sweetness of fruit and clarity of malt

Finish: Spices and sherry with toffee-caramel finale

Jameson C

Nose: Crisp, firm and clean with a softer dimension of sherry

Palate: Sharpness and bite following softness of sherry

Finish: Vanilla, fruit and prickly spice

	Age/Year	Price
Bushmills Original.....	N/A	£ 7.50
Bushmills Black Bush.....	N/A	£ 7.50
Bushmills Single Malt.....	10	£ 9.00
Connemara Peated Single Malt.....	N/A	£ 9.50
Green Spot Pure Pot Still.....	N/A	£ 10.50
Jameson.....	N/A	£ 7.75
Jameson Gold Reserve.....	N/A	£ 18.00
Midleton Very Rare	N/A	£ 25.00
Redbreast	12	£ 9.25
Tyrconnell Irish.....	N/A	£ 7.50

WELSH WHISKY

This Golden Malt Whisky signals the welcome return of whisky distillation to Wales after an absence of over 100 years.

	Age/Year	Price
Penderyn.....	N/A	£ 11.00

NORTH AMERICAN WHISKEY

Our selection of American whiskies includes bottlings from both Kentucky and Tennessee.

Buffalo Trace J

Nose: Outstanding aroma, kicked off by a spicy prickle. Satisfyingly deep, gentle vanilla-ed and molassed with even a sprig of sweet mint

Palate: A rip-roaring waxy sweetness checked by a big build up of vanilla-rich oak. Corn is chewy and rye offers a rich textured background

Finish: Dries at last as the oak takes command, but rye offers extra depth and a layer of bitterness as does a lingering liquorice.

Knob Creek (9 years) C

Nose: Pears, soft rye, saltiness and honey

Palate: A strong play of gentle spice, oakiness, followed by generous amounts of toffee

Finish: Dry, slightly oily finish. Chocolate toffee and vanilla

Sazerac (18 years) A

Nose: Confident and clean with hard grainy edge mixed with cherry and blackberries

Palate: Full effect of rye with a softness. Fruity and flavoursome

Finish: Intensity of rye and oak against spices and fruit

	Age/Year	Price
Bulleit.....	N/A	£ 7.75
Baker's.....	7	£ 12.00
Basil Hayden's.....	8	£ 9.00
Blanton's Gold.....	N/A	£ 20.00
Booker's, Small Batch.....	12	£ 13.50
Buffalo Trace	N/A	£ 8.00
Classic Cask Bourbon	17	£ 12.50
Eagle Rare.....	10	£ 8.50
Four Roses Single Barrel	N/A	£ 11.50
Elmer T. Glee	12	£ 9.00
George T. Staggs	N/A	£ 25.00
Jack Daniel's	N/A	£ 7.50
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	N/A	£ 13.50
Jim Beam	N/A	£ 7.50
Knob Creek, Small Batch	9	£ 9.00
Maker's Mark.....	N/A	£ 7.75
Old Charter Proprietor Reserve	13	£ 8.50
Old Granddad.....	N/A	£ 7.50

NORTH AMERICAN WHISKEY

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	Age/Year	Price
Old Potrero Straight Rye.....	N/A	£ 15.00
Pappy Van Winkle.....	12	£ 13.50
Pappy Van Winkle.....	20	£ 23.50
Pikesville Rye.....	N/A	£ 7.00
Rock Hill Farms Single Barrel.....	N/A	£ 12.50
Sazerac.....	18	£ 15.00
W. L. Weller.....	12	£ 8.50
Wild Turkey.....	8	£ 7.75
Woodford Reserve.....	N/A	£ 7.75

CANADIAN WHISKY

Vastly underrated blends from Canada that need to be appreciated more by the discerning public.

	Age/Year	Price
Canadian Club.....	N/A	£ 7.25
Seagram's VO.....	N/A	£ 7.50

BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

These blended whiskies are the result of the marriage between a carefully chosen selection of single malts and grain whiskies.

Johnnie Walker Gold A

Nose: Clean, firm grain combined with Speyside grassiness.

Palate: Spicy and sweet malt with harder grains

Finish: Thinness and bitterness of grain tempered by hint of peat smoke

Cutty Sark (25 years) C

Nose: Acacia honey and vanilla

Palate: Intense, Demerara, fruity richness

Finish: Long, spicy with hint of smoke

J & B Rare J

Nose: Firm grain, gentle Speyside edge

Palate: Brittle, light, yet rich

Finish: Vanilla, sharp malt and flinty grain

	Age/Year	Price
Bailie Nicol Jarvie (BNJ).....	N/A	£ 7.25
Bell's.....	N/A	£ 7.25
Campbeltown Loch	21	£ 7.50
Campbeltown Loch	25	£12.50
Chivas Regal.....	12	£ 9.00
Chivas Regal.....	18	£13.75
Chivas Regal Revolve.....	N/A	£11.00
Cutty Sark	N/A	£ 7.00
Cutty Sark	12	£ 7.50
Cutty Sark	18	£12.50
Cutty Sark Golden Jubilee.....	N/A	£29.50
Cutty Sark	25	£27.50
Dewar's White Label	N/A	£ 7.50
Dewar's Special Reserve	12	£ 9.50
Famous Grouse.....	N/A	£ 7.25
J & B Rare	N/A	£ 7.50
Johnnie Walker Black Label.....	12	£ 9.50
Johnnie Walker Blue Label.....	N/A	£32.00
Johnnie Walker Gold Label	18	£17.50
Johnnie Walker Red Label	N/A	£ 7.75
Monkey Shoulder	N/A	£ 8.00

BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

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	Age/Year	Price
Strathconon	12	£ 7.50
Teacher's	N/A	£ 7.00
The Antiquary	12	£ 7.50
The Dimple Haig.....	15	£ 9.00
Vat 69	N/A	£ 7.00

OLD, RARE AND COLLECTABLE WHISKIES

These are extremely rare expressions of whiskies, considered by the distilleries to be the best of their genre. These bottlings are available upon request.

	Age/Year	Price
Dalmore Cabernet Sauvignon	1973	£ 95.00
Glenlivet.....	1948	£ 99.50
Glenfarclas.....	1954	£ 95.00
Glen Grant.....	1956	£ 55.00
Johnnie Walker Blue Label King George V	N/A	£ 99.00
Loch Dhu, Black Whisky	10	£ 45.00
Mortlach	50	£ 165.00