

Scotch whisky Top Five facts

1. All Scotch whisky must be distilled and matured in **Scotland**.
2. Scotch whisky can only be called Scotch whisky after it has matured for a minimum of **three years** in **oak casks in Scotland**. Many whiskies are matured for much longer. An **age statement** on a label denotes the age of the **youngest whisky** in the bottle
3. Scotch whisky has to be bottled at a minimum strength of **40% ABV** (alcohol by volume). Some cask strength whiskies can be as high as 61% in strength.
4. There are two main types of Scotch whisky: **Single Malt Scotch Whisky** and **Blended Scotch whisky**.

a. Single Malt Scotch Whisky

- i. Made from 100% malted barley
- ii. The product of **a single distillery**

Examples of Single Malts

<i>Aberlour</i>	<i>Macallan</i>
<i>Talisker</i>	<i>Glenfarclas</i>
<i>Laphroaig</i>	<i>Glenmorangie</i>
<i>Glenfiddich</i>	<i>Isle of Jura</i>

b. Blended Scotch Whisky

- i. Made by blending together a number of **single malts** (can be up to 40) and **grain whiskies**.
- ii. Accounts for 90% of all Scotch whisky sold.

Examples of Blended Scotch Whisky

<i>Bell's</i>	<i>Chivas Regal</i>
<i>The Famous Grouse</i>	<i>Teacher's</i>
<i>Whyte and Mackay</i>	<i>Dewar's</i>
<i>Grant's</i>	<i>Isle of Skye</i>

5. Scotch whisky is always spelt **without an 'e'**