

# Glenlivet Single Malt Scotch Whisky

A few weekends ago, we were invited to a friend's house in Apollo Beach where he was kind enough to share his exotic collection of alcohol that he has gathered from all over the world. I had three different varieties of Glenlivet which aroused my curiosity. I decided to do some research, which in my world means to research with my taste buds, on the legend, brewing and varieties of Glenlivet. I had a balle balle of a time doing this research (as you can well imagine) and here are the results of my hard work and labor!

George Smith, founder of Glenlivet, built his distillery in 1824. The glen of the Livet river (where the name Glenlivet was derived) is located deep in the mountains which separate Speyside from Royal Deeside in the far North-East of Scotland. Glenlivet of today is George Smith's priceless legacy.

The three fundamental elements in the whisky-making process are

- Spring water
- Copper stills
- Oak casks

These have remained unchanged. So have the skills of the people who make it. That is why the Glenlivet is as incomparable now as it was at the beginning.

In 1822, King George IV made a

triumphant visit to Edinburgh. Sir Walter Scott, who arranged the event, made sure to procure the best whisky Scotland had to offer for the King's delectation: the whisky of Glenlivet, which was brewed illegally at this time.

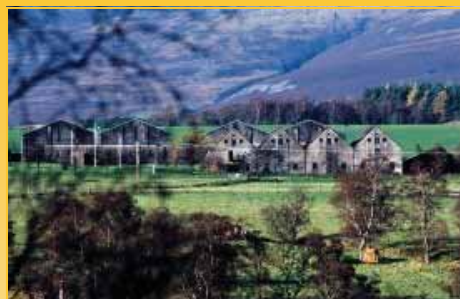
Throughout his week-long jaunt, the King drank nothing else, and by the end, it was reported that "he is an admirable judge of Glenlivet"!

For nearly 200 years, the legendary whisky of Glenlivet has been prized, celebrated and fought over. But there is only one whisky with the unchallengeable right to be called The Glenlivet: the single malt that started it all.

Glenlivet is only the second single malt to ever reach the 6 million

bottles-sold-a-year milestone, which makes it the second most popular premium malt whisky in the world. The Glenlivet is the number one malt whisky in the dynamic US market, and is also making significant gains in the Asia-Pacific markets like Taiwan and Japan as well as key European markets.

The Glenlivet core range comprises of 12 Year Old, 15 Year Old French Oak Reserve and 18 Year Old as well as the specialist Nàdurra Cask Strength 16 Year Old and ultra premium 21 Year Old Archive. The Glenlivet Cellar Collection now boasts seven releases. I did research (read as drinking) on the varieties described below.



The Glenlivet Distillery Established 1824



The River Livet

THE GLENLIVET 12 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH	THE GLENLIVET 18 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH	THE GLENLIVET 1972 THE CELLAR COLLECTION	THE GLENLIVET 44 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH	THE GLENLIVET 50 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH	THE GLENLIVET 15 YEAR OLD FRENCH OAK RESERVE
<p><b>Color:</b> Light or pale gold.</p> <p><b>Nose:</b> Aromatic, with flowers. Clean and simple, with some maltiness.</p> <p><b>Body:</b> Medium, smooth</p> <p><b>Palate:</b> Subtle peatiness. Delicate. Slightly sweet and fruity, clean and well-balanced.</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Long, but mild and warming. A trace of peat at the end.</p>	<p><b>Color:</b> Dark amber.</p> <p><b>Nose:</b> Full. Some peat, floral notes, sherry, and sweet</p> <p><b>Body:</b> Firm. Quite smooth.</p> <p><b>Palate:</b> Full, round, floral. Some sweetness and quite rich.</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Rich. Drying, with spice and smoke. I personally do not like the Smokey finish</p>	<p><i>Maintaining the pioneering instinct, The Glenlivet was the very first malt to be promoted in the United States: as soon as Prohibition was lifted in America, George Smith's great-grandson came here to promote his whisky, the first single malt ever seen in the U.S.</i></p>	<p><b>Color:</b> Rich Gold</p> <p><b>Nose:</b> Fruity, sweet, spicy</p> <p><b>Body:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>Palate:</b> Oaky, sweet</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Lingering</p>	<p><i>Over the next few decades it caused such a stir that he featured on the front page of Time magazine with the line: 'The heart of Great Britain's export trade is the Scotch whisky industry. The heart of the Scotch industry is The Glenlivet'.</i></p>	<p><i>The Pullman Company of Chicago begged The Glenlivet Distillery for supplies of miniatures for their luxury trains.</i></p>