

THE GLENALLACHIE

‘Scottish Whisky Distillery of the Year’ -Scottish Whisky Awards 2019

Year Founded: 1967

Region: Scotland

Owners/Distiller:
Trisha Savage, Graham Stevenson, and Master Distiller Billy Walker

Fun Fact: Gaelic for "Valley of the Rocks" as the distillery is littered with Celtic runes and Pictish stones.

Being founded in 1967, GlenAllachie is one of the younger distilleries in Scotland. Mackinlay McPherson Limited, a subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Limited, constructed the distillery between 1967 and 1968. After launching production in 1968, the distillery was bought by the Invergordon Distilleries group in 1985. A mere two years after acquiring the site, Invergordon closed the site. Another two years passed, and in 1989 the distillery was bought by

Campbell Distillers, who were owned by the industry giant Pernod Ricard. Pernod added GlenAllachie to the "Chivas Regal" section of their portfolio. Before the site re-opened, the new owners invested in a reconstruction and an expansion at the site, increasing the number of stills from

two to four, bringing the production capacity up to its modern-day level. In 2017, Master Distiller Billy Walker, Trisha Savage and Graham Stevenson came together to acquire the GlenAllachie Distillery and form The GlenAllachie Distillers Company Limited, bringing with them over 100 years of industry knowledge and expertise. Billy is one of the most recognizable distillers and respected Master Blenders within the Scotch whisky industry. During his 40-year career, he has been responsible for the creation of award-winning whiskies and has been involved in the acquisition and resurrection of several single malt whisky distilleries. After selling The Benriach Distillery Company in 2016, Billy wasn't ready to retire so he quickly assembled a team to start a new journey with The GlenAllachie distillery, with the simple aim of making great whisky and having fun. In an era of mergers and acquisitions we buck the trend taking GlenAllachie private and making it one of the few independently owned distilleries in Scotland. We make decisions for all the right reasons – the quality of our whisky always being the top priority! A team driven by passion, we are lucky enough to be writing our own history, creating our own legacy and introducing the world to the GlenAllachie Speyside single malt.



In February 2020, Billy Walker was inducted into Whisky Magazine's prestigious Hall of Fame. Inspired by the 100 greatest whisky figures in history, the Hall of Fame is a permanent tribute to individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the world of whisky. With almost half a century's tenure under his belt, Billy has undoubtedly left his mark on both the distilleries he has resurrected and the people who have worked around him. He's not finished yet though... watch this space, whisky fans!

The Water Source

The water to the distillery comes from dam heads over 2 miles from the distillery. Henshead and Blackstank flow into Beachshach Burn, which supplies the water directly to the distillery, and sits on the North East of BenRinnes.

Long Fermentation

At GlenAllachie, we have the capacity to produce four million liters of alcohol (LOA). We made the decision to reduce this to just 800,000 LOA. Such a large quantity was simply surplus to our requirements; we wanted to focus on developing GlenAllachie as a single malt brand. By slowing down production, we now have the luxury of time for a longer fermentation of 160 hours. This allows us to better understand the operations at the distillery and gives us the time to discover the character of the new make spirit.

Distillation

Unlike most Scottish Distilleries, our still house has two separate spirit safes which allows us to operate each set of stills independently. As the distillery was designed to be gravity fed, we also have horizontal condensers that makes it easier to maintain a consistent temperature or increase/decrease to alter the character of the spirit.

Casks and Maturation

We believe age statements are important. When we acquired the distillery in October 2017, we were extremely fortunate to obtain a vast amount of aged stock dating as far back as the 1970's. Having been given the gift of time, Master Distiller Billy Walker immediately set to work putting his fingerprint on our single malt.

GlenAllachie 12-Year



The most important release in the history of The GlenAllachie Distillers Company; GlenAllachie 12-year-old, the heart of our range, a landmark bottling. Our best casks selected and bottled under the careful eye of our Master Distiller Billy Walker. The GlenAllachie 12-Year-Old is bottled at 46%, non-chill filtered and natural color.

Color: Polished Bronze.

Nose: Butterscotch and honey playing the lead with raisins and mocha in the background.

Taste: Honey, marzipan and bananas, with lashings of butterscotch, raisins and a delicate hint of mocha.

90 Points - Whisky Advocate 2024

93 Points - Ultimate Spirits Competition 2021

Double Gold - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2020

Gold - International Spirits Challenge 2020

Gold - World Whiskies Awards 2019

Gold - International Spirits Challenge 2019

Gold - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2019

Gold - 95 Points - International Wine&Spirits Competition 2019



GlenAllachie 15-Year

Our Master Distiller, Billy Walker, has been working tirelessly on this new expression since day one; evaluating casks and refining recipes to create something special. We're proud to present the jewel in our crown; the GlenAllachie 15-year-old. Bottled at 46%, non-chill filtered and natural color.

Color: Sunset Bronze.

Nose: Overflowing with raisins, butterscotch and sweet spices.

Taste: The rainbow of sweet spices, raisins and butterscotch develops to banana, orange peel and dark chocolate.

92 Points - Whisky Advocate 2024

90 Points - Ultimate Spirits Competition 2021

Double Gold - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2020

Gold - International Spirits Challenge 2020



GlenAllachie 21-Year Batch 4

The reward of patience and perseverance, we are delighted to present the fourth iteration of our coveted 21-year-old expression. Representing the archetypal Billy Walker style, each release exudes Sherry-matured sophistication. After extensive sampling and evaluation across our 50,000 casks maturing on-site, Billy hand-picked just three vintage Pedro Ximénez puncheons to create this ultra-limited release. Our heather honey-forward distillate stands up well to aging in Sherry Oak, creating a rich, luxurious malt. The wood has imparted layers of sweetness, offering a palate with decadent chocolate truffles and dark cherries steeped in maraschino syrup. Exceptionally smooth, this elegant expression is one to be savored. Presented at natural cask strength of 51.1%, without added coloring or chill-filtration for the purest drinking experience.