

# MILK & HONEY DISTILLERY

**Year Founded: 2012**

**Region: Tel Aviv, Israel**

**Founder/Owner: Dr. Jim Swan; Gal Kalkshtein**

**Fun Fact: Israel's first whisky distillery!**

Take true passion for single malt whisky, add the boldness and cutting-edge innovation that the Israeli startup ecosystem is famous for, mix it with a no-compromising commitment to craftsmanship and tradition, and you get M&H, Israel's first whisky distillery. Founded in 2012, under the expert guidance of the late Dr. Jim Swan, the passionate and dedicated team of the M&H distillery has boldly crafted single malt spirits, matured by the hot and humid climate of vibrant Tel Aviv. Jim was well known for his knowledge of

distilling and producing whisky in a hot climate. He helped develop the recipe and defined the architecture of the pot stills and the mash tun; he handpicked M&H's first selection of barrels.

His contribution to the distillery was crucial and will accompany M&H and their products throughout development in the future. Milk & Honey has sourced an intriguing variety of casks, including Laphroaig and Ardbeg barrels, along with Jamaican rum, red wine, Sherry and STR casks, the latter a mainstay of another one of Dr. Swan's many overseas prodigies, Kavalan in Taiwan. The casks that the M&H distillery use to mature their spirit ensure a wide and exceptional spectrum of flavors. The core range are ex-bourbon casks along with red wine STR casks. STR stands for shave, toast, re-char, and the process essentially strives to create an impact akin to a fresh, new Bourbon barrel. Israeli whisky may have started with a name but take the time for a closer look and you'll see whisky being made with great care and showing intrinsic ties to its place of origin. You'll see a small but growing cadre of producers eager to show the rest of the world that Israel is more than the land of milk and honey – it's a burgeoning region for the water of life.



## Classic Single Malt

The first commercial single malt whisky by M&H. Made using the finest ex-bourbon casks and our special red-wine STR casks, giving it a light and balanced character. Matured under the Tel Avivi'n sun.

'Tomer Goren, head distiller at Milk & Honey Distillery in Tel Aviv, excels at warm climate single malt production under the intensity of the Mediterranean sun. His ethos is beautifully captured within this kosher-certified flagship bottling, matured in bourbon and shaved, toasted, and re-charred casks. It exudes a nose of golden syrup, vanilla, marshmallow, jasmine, dried apple, nutmeg, cinnamon, and pepper. Flavorful and juicy, the palate has satisfying depth, with caramel, vanilla, shortbread, honey, and orange, daubed with vivaciously spicy black pepper.' -Jonny McCormick, Whisky Advocate

**'7 Sunshine Whiskeys to Drink All Summer Long'** - Fortune.com

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**Double Gold** - The Fifty Best 2020

**Gold** - International Spirits Challenge 2020