

# Welcome to whisky presentation



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# History

The first historical note about whisky dates back to 24 July 1494 from tax register. It is mentioned there that John Cor from Lindores in Fife has received 870 kg of malt to produce aquavitae for his king Jacob IV.

The name "whisky" derives from Latin word „aqua vitae” - „water of life”, which in Scottish-gaelic sounded „uisge beath” or „usquebaugh”, and was pronounced by Scots „uisghi” and this brings us directly to whisky.



# Peat

1. The oldest peat bogs are 10 ths. years old
2. The deepest are 9 meters
3. Degrees of peaty density:
  - Average in Speyside 2 ppm
  - Average in Highlands 30 ppm
  - Islay between 35 and 50 ppm

The "parts-per" notations are used to denote extremely low concentrations of chemical elements.



# Malt whisky

1. **Single malt:** whisky produced only from barley malt, in one distillery but not necessarily from one distillation.
2. **Single barrel/cask:** a more precise term than single malt. Whisky is produced only from barley malt, similarly as with single malt, in one distillery, but comes only from one distillation and from a specific barrel. Usually a bottle with such whisky has the date of bottling and the barrel number signed on it. Very often such bottles have a higher amount of alcohol, 50% and more, while the standard is 40-45%. Such whisky is not cool filtered.
3. **Cask strength:** whisky, which was not diluted before bottling. The amount of alcohol may be even 60%.
4. **Pure malt/vatted malt:** this group is whisky, which was produced only from the barley malt, but in different distilleries (the best known example is Johnnie Walker Pure Malt, that is Green Label).



# Malting

1. Preliminary selection
2. Moistening with water
3. Drying process



# Production regions

1. Lowlands
2. Highlands - Speyside
3. Islay
4. Campbeltown
5. Islands: Jura, Mull, Skye and Orkney



# Lowlands

Agreed border line goes  
from Dundee to  
Greenock and less  
precisely from Clyde to  
Tay bay

Nowadays there are only 3  
distilleries opened:  
Auchentoshan,  
Glenkinchie, Bladnoch.





Thank you very much for your  
attention



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