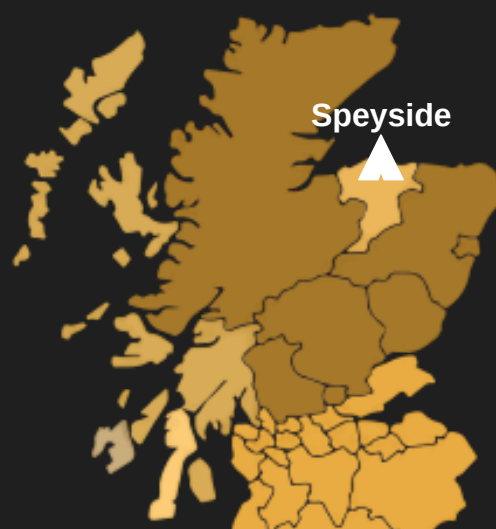


# BenRiach

## REGION

There are five Scottish whisky distilling regions; Highlands (including Islands), Speyside, Islay, Campbeltown and Lowlands, each with their own distinctive characteristics. Key to understanding the flavour distinctions between various Single Malts is knowing these regions and the kind of whiskies that they produce.



## HISTORY OF BENRIACH

**The origins and progression of the Benriach distillery & Brand, from economic turmoil to world wide recognition**

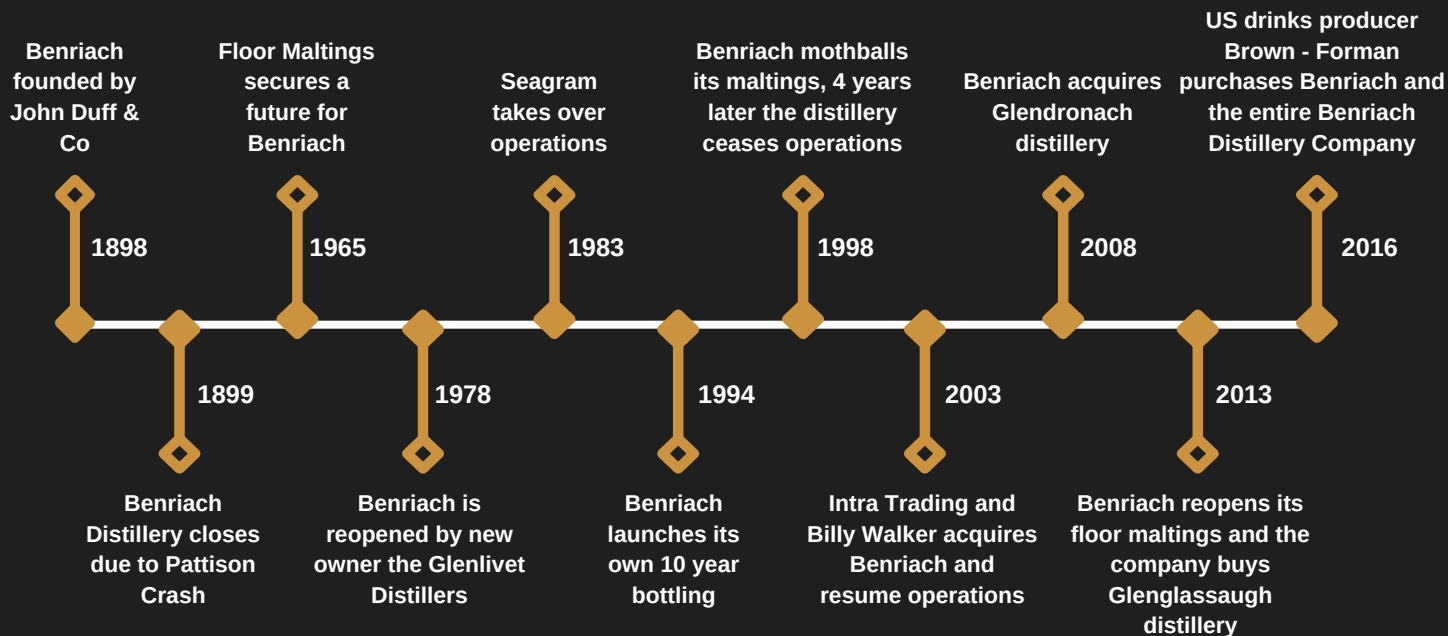
Benriach distillery was founded in 1898 by Whisky entrepreneur John Duff. The name Benriach originates as the distillery sits on the hill ("Ben") located on the old "Riach" farm in the north of the Speyside region. Due to its close proximity to Longmorn distillery, locals often referred to Benriach as Longmorn 2. After the Pattison's crash in 1900, the distillery, like many others was forced to cease operations, remaining inoperative as a distillery until 1965. Though no spirit was produced during this time, the floor malting production remained throughout, providing malted barley for Longmorn next door. Using a small train to connect the two distilleries enabled Benriach's buildings to remain intact and ready to reopen in the future.

The upturn of the whisky market in the 1960's saw many new distilleries open, it also led to many mothballed distilleries resuming operations. Benriach's owners during this period were Glenlivet Distillers, who worked tirelessly to reopen the distillery with the same character and period features present when it first opened in 1897. After a successful renovation, the stills of Benriach were up and running again by 1965. By the early 1970's the distillery began distilling some of their spirit using the old 19th century techniques which entailed using smoked barley with highland peat. This was seen as an unconventional and rather bold move at the time, especially in the Speyside region which was known for crafting unpeated whiskies. The distillery still uses the same method to this day and is known to be maturing some of the oldest ever, peated Speyside whiskies.



## TIMELINE

The events and moments that shaped and defined the Benriach brand



## BENRIACH FACTS

Everything you ever wanted to know about the inner workings of the Benriach Distillery

<b>CAPACITY</b> (MLPA) 2	<b>HEAT SOURCE</b> Internal copper stills	<b>MALT SUPPLIER</b> Port Gordon Maltings	<b>YEAST TYPE</b> Mauri liquid yeast	<b>GRIST WEIGHT</b> (T) 5.8
<b>WASHBACK TYPE</b> Stainless steel	<b>NEW-MAKE STRENGTH</b> 68%	<b>FERMENTATION TIME:</b> 48-50hrs	<b>WORT CLARITY:</b> Bright	<b>WATER SOURCE</b> The Burnside Springs
	<b>MALT SPECIFICATION</b> Optic and Concerto. Less than 2ppm	<b>CONDENSER TYPE</b> Traditional column condenser	<b>SINGLE MALT PERCENTAGE:</b> 20%	
		<b>MASH TUN TYPE</b> Traditional with conventional drainage system.		

### SPIRIT STILL SHAPE

Traditional onion shaped copper pot stills without boiling reflux bubble

### WASH STILL SHAPE

Traditional onion (ogee) shaped copper pot stills without boiling reflux bubble.



## ACCOLADES AND RANGE OF WHISKY

Although Benriach is one of the smaller Distilleries in Scotland they have a fantastic heritage and the clout of a globally established beverage company behind them. This aside, the distillery has many accolades to its name highlighting not only the quality of their whisky but also the expertise in production.

- Double Gold Medal, Benriach The Smoky Ten, Speyside, Scotland, San Francisco world Medal 2021
- Double Gold Medal, Benriach The Twelve, Speyside, Scotland, San Francisco world Medal 2021
- Global Whisky Distiller of the Year, World Whiskies Awards 2015
- Distillery of the Year, Malt Advocate Whisky Awards 2007
- Best Rare Speyside (BenRiach Authenticus 21 Year Old), World Whisky Awards, Whisky Magazine 2007
- Gold Medal (BenRiach 16 year old), International Wines and Spirits Competition 2006

Benriachs core range offers signature expressions and flavours that define Benriach Single Malts. Their 10 and 12 year, both peated and unpeated, are three cask matured for at least 10 years. The 21, 25 and 30 year benefit from a unique four cask maturation. Whisky from each cask is expertly married together to create a smooth malt that is richly multi-layered with notes of orchard fruit, honey sweetness and toasted oak.



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