



INVERGORDON 1997 | 26 YEARS

Chapter 7 | Single Grain Highland Whisky

Chapter 7 Invergordon 1997 is a 26-year-old Highland single grain bottled by indie bottler Chapter 7 in their Monologue series. A long-aged grain release sits outside the mainstream blending trade — one of the rarer ways to taste the column-still spirit of 1997 standalone, in its hogshead-matured form. **MATURATION:** filled to bourbon hogshead #72 in April 1997, matured twenty-six years, bottled October 2025 at 44.2% volume. 180 bottles total, natural colour, non-chill-filtered. The wood gave generously without dominating — precisely the right point of the maturation curve. **SUGGESTIONS:** serve neat in a Glencairn at room temperature; let it open for five minutes before three drops of water amplify the citrus peel and clarify the creamy mid-palate. Pairs with an aged Manchego or a vanilla-led patisserie. Cigar match: a Dominican Connecticut, light enough to carry the malt's elegance.

Tasting notes

Color

Pale gold with bright golden highlights.

Aroma

Vanilla pods, coconut, citrus peel, soft oak, acacia honey.

Taste

Creamy and refined: toffee, honey and spiced orchard fruits.

Finish

Gentle yet persistent: almond, sweet spice, oak polish.

INVERGORDON DISTILLERY Invergordon sits on the northern shore of the Cromarty Firth in Easter Ross — the Highlands' only grain distillery, founded in 1959 and brought online in 1961 as part of a Highland industrial development programme. Whyte & Mackay took control in 1993; the distillate underpins many of the group's blends. Long-aged single-grain bottlings reveal grain whisky's bright face: vanilla sweetness, silky cereal, rare aromatic precision.