



GLENFARCLAS 185TH ANNIVERSARY

Limited Edition | Single Malt Speyside Whisky

The 185th Anniversary is the commemorative release marking 185 years since Glenfarclas's first licence in 1836 — a vatting of 35 single casks selected from across six decades of the distillery's reserves, from the 1950s through the 2020s. Bottled at 46% volume, 6,000 bottles worldwide. **THE VATTING:** Distillery Manager Callum Fraser drew 35 casks across the family's deepest stocks — a span that includes some of the oldest unbottled Glenfarclas in the warehouse alongside more recent vintages, all sherry-matured. The marriage was rested before bottling to let the disparate cask ages settle into a coherent whole. The signature is the long-aged sherry weight built around brighter, younger malt — the breadth that only six decades of single-distillery stock can deliver. **SERVING:** pour neat in a Glencairn at room temperature; the 46% reads cleanly without water, but a few drops will lift the dried-fruit dimension. At the table the bottle pairs with sticky toffee pudding, aged Lancashire cheese, dark chocolate truffles, or a long-aged Honduran corajo cigar where the spice and the sherry-wood depth find common ground.

Tasting notes

Color

Deep amber gold, copper highlights.

Aroma

Generous sherry, red-fruit preserve, banana bread, waxy orange peel, cinnamon. Sticky toffee pudding, medjool date, milk chocolate.

Taste

Stewed orchard fruit — plum, pear, apple — with cinnamon and brown sugar; almond biscotti, coffee with condensed milk.

Finish

Medium length — coffee cream, milk chocolate, dried fruit, baking spice.

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY At the foot of Ben Rinnes in Speyside — and one of a handful of Scottish distilleries still in continuous family ownership: the Grants have run Glenfarclas since John Grant bought it in 1865 for £511.19, and the sixth generation is now at the helm. The house style is shaped by two choices that most modern Speysides have moved away from: direct-fired stills (gas flame under the pot, rather than internal steam coils — preserving a heavier, fattier, more textured spirit), and a near-total commitment to Spanish sherry casks for maturation. The Family Casks programme is the deepest expression of the cellar — single-cask vintage releases drawn from the Grant family's private reserves, no two bottlings alike.