BALVENIE 27 YEARS OLD

Distant Shores | Single Malt Whisky

The Balvenie 27 Years Old Distant Shores is a Speyside single malt bottled at 47.8% volume, non-chill-filtered — a rare discovery from Chapter Four of The Balvenie Stories. Designed by Malt Master David C. Stewart MBE in one of his final releases before retirement, this expression explores what happens when decades of Speyside honey and vanilla encounter the warmth of Caribbean rum wood. MATURATION: matured in ex-bourbon casks for 20 years, then finished for 7 years in Caroni rum casks. Bottled in 2022. The rum cask finish adds muscovado sugar, caramelised banana and tropical fruit to the Speyside foundation — a fitting final chapter from David C. Stewart. SERVING: serve neat at room temperature in a Glencairn or whisky tumbler; the volume is perfectly balanced and needs no dilution. The layered complexity rum-soaked raisins, crème brûlée, vanilla, tropical fruit, unfolds over ten to fifteen minutes. A whisky designed for extended contemplation: pour after dinner, find a comfortable chair and allow the storytelling to proceed at its own pace.

Tasting notes

Color

Polished old gold.

Aroma

Muscovado sugar and manuka honey, with green banana and light spice.

Taste

Velvety vanilla, followed by treacle toffee, aged leather and oak tannins.

Finish

Lingering sweetness with an oily, mouth-coating texture.

BALVENIE DISTILLERY Founded in 1892 by William Grant at Dufftown in Speyside, Balvenie is one of the few Scottish distilleries still to maintain every traditional craft under one roof: floor maltings, in-house coppersmith, on-site cooperage and part of its barley grown on its own land. The distillery remains family-owned, William Grant & Sons, since its founding. Its style is marked by a honeyed core, ripe fruit and the fine patina of carefully selected casks.