

# The GLENDRONACH

Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky



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## THE GLENDRONACH RELEASES BATCH 16: FIFTEEN HAND-SELECTED SINGLE CASKS FROM 1989 TO 2006

The GlenDronach Distillery is delighted to announce the release of fifteen hand-selected casks in Batch 16 of the cask release programme. The casks, ranging from 11 to 28 years old, and distilled between 1989 and 2006, showcase facets of the quintessential nature of The GlenDronach distilled through the years, matured in the finest Spanish oak sherry casks. As the distillery continues to honour the patient art of maturation in Pedro Ximenez and Oloroso sherry wood, Batch 16 offers connoisseurs a rare opportunity to explore the powerful layers of complexity for themselves.

For the cask release programme, Master Blender Rachel Barrie selects the finest Spanish oak casks. Each batch represents an exquisite collection of sherry butts and puncheons. However, unusually, Batch 16 also includes a Port pipe to highlight the finesse and ripe bramble fruitiness of The GlenDronach.

**The GlenDronach Master Blender Rachel Barrie said:**

**“The Batch 16 cask selection showcases facets of The GlenDronach house style; robust, elegant, fruity and full-bodied. Each cask individually demonstrates the finesse, powerful complexity and rich layers of sherry cask maturation found in every GlenDronach expression; from the 28-year-old Sherry butt distilled in November 1989 with the robust, mellow maturity of rich fruitcake and smoked walnut, to the 22 year old PX puncheon distilled in June 1995 with sweet treacle toffee and manuka honey. At the other end of the age spectrum, the 11-year-old PX distilled in January 2006 balances sweet and dry complexity as nutmeg-spiced bramble toffee bursts on a velvet wave of cocoa.”**

**“All casks express The GlenDronach’s persistent dedication to the time-honoured methods and traditions since founding in 1826, a time when sherry and port casks were first imported and used to mature single malt. Reversed for mastery of Spanish oak sherry cask maturation, The GlenDronach is synonymous with depth of cask colour and richness of taste, whether influenced by the sweet dark fruits of Pedro Ximenez or the dry nuttiness of Oloroso sherry. I am delighted to now be sharing the Batch 16 cask selection with connoisseurs across the world.”**

Batch 16 comprises between 513 and 698 bottles from each cask, with ABV ranging from 49.4% for the 28 year old 1989 Pedro Ximenez Sherry Puncheon; to 58.5% for the 25 year old 1992 Sherry Butt. Batch 16 will be available to buy in specialist retailers from February in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. See details below on cask availability by region.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS:

**UK:** All 15 casks will be available for purchase in your region.  
**Europe:** Casks 5476, 1014, 103, 334, 445, 4038, 3342 and 1979 will be available for purchase in your regions.  
**Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Canada:** Casks 7003, 7902, 127, 55, 3311, 4648 and 1451 will be available for purchase in your regions.

### Tasting Notes

#### 1989 CASK #5476

28 Years Old

Pedro Ximenez Sherry Puncheon

**Appearance:** Deep amber mahogany.

**Nose:** Robust and earthy with chocolate dates, sweet mincepies and earthy vines, mocha walnut and a hint of coal smoke.

**Palate:** Succulent sultanas open to fruitcake soaked in sherry, leaving lingering mulled wine, plum skin and gently smoked walnut.

**ABV:** 49.9%

546 Bottles

#### 1990 CASK #7003

27 Years Old

Pedro Ximenez Sherry Puncheon

**Appearance:** Tawny brown.

**Nose:** Richly balanced with cranberry and orange peel fruitcake, on a base of demerara sugar, cocoa butter and tobacco.

**Palate:** Sultana and apricot brandy, becoming cherry stone and cocoa leaf with a lingering velvet espresso-mocha finish.

**ABV:** 55.3%

617 Bottles

#### 1992 CASK #103

25 Years Old

Sherry Butt

**Appearance:** Polished mahogany.

**Nose:** Dark chocolate, cherry liqueur and sultana give way to polished oak and waxed oilskin with traces of birch tar.

**Palate:** Orange crepe Suzette with dark chocolate, maraschino cherry and bramble cream, progressing to a lingering blackberry finish.

**ABV:** 56.7%

513 Bottles

#### 1992 CASK #334

25 Years Old

Sherry Butt

**Appearance:** Rich mahogany gold.

**Nose:** Stone fruit, fine leather and morello cherry cake with a trace of cigar box with piquante Valencia orange oil and rolling tobacco.

**Palate:** Sip sherry-laced fruit wine gums, and smooth rolling tobacco leaf with traces of coal dust. Savour lingering sherry and warm leather, and a fine cigar.

**ABV:** 58.5%

592 Bottles

#### 1993 CASK #445

24 Years Old

Sherry Butt

**Appearance:** Brown-tinged mahogany.

**Nose:** An oak-panelled room with baked gingerbread, old brandy and mulled red wine with chestnuts and game roasted on an open fire.

**Palate:** Sip sherry oils and dates with angelica root and traces of coal dust from an open fire. Savour red wine, chestnut and pheasant game with lingering traces of liquorice and menthol.

**ABV:** 52.4%

649 Bottles

#### 1995 CASK #4038

22 Years Old

Pedro Ximenez Sherry Puncheon

**Appearance:** Russet brown.

**Nose:** Spiced orange and Victoria plum on baked gingerbread with demerara biscuits and mocha coffee.

**Palate:** Plum and red grape skins become cranberry and orange jus lengthening into a tobacco leaf and Brazil nut finish.

**ABV:** 55.1%

681 Bottles

#### 2004 CASK #3342

13 Years Old

Port Pipe

**Appearance:** Antique copper with an intense hue.

**Nose:** The finesse of dark chocolate, sweet maraschino cherries and orange-laced sandalwood on a base of toasted angelica.

**Palate:** Sip ripe bramble, Seville orange and baked cherry cake carried by the finest dark chocolate. Savour lingering hints of roast chestnut, chocolate orange and sweet cherry liqueur, lifted by cleansing mint chocolate.

**ABV:** 55.4%

643 Bottles

#### 2006 CASK #1979

11 Years Old

Pedro Ximenez Sherry Puncheon

**Appearance:** Tawny amber.

**Nose:** Sticky PX sherry with layers of toasted cedarwood and chocolate orange on a base of cinnamon spiced bramble jam and baked plum.

**Palate:** Nutmeg-spiced bramble toffee and clementine burst on the palate, carried on a velvet wave of cocoa and wood resin. Cranberry, hazelnut and raisin linger into the perfectly balanced sweet and dry finish.

**ABV:** 57.2%

679 Bottles

### ABOUT THE GLENDRONACH DISTILLERY:

Nestled in the valley of Forgue, deep in the East Highland hills, is The GlenDronach, one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland. The GlenDronach is of true Highland style: a flavoursome and robust spirit, perfect for a long maturation period in sherry casks. At The GlenDronach Distillery we have carried forth the tradition of our founder James Allardice since 1826, maturing our whisky in the finest Pedro Ximenez and Oloroso sherry casks. The award-winning GlenDronach range marries the best of Highland and Spanish skill and heritage to offer whiskies of elegant, complex character with tremendous depth of taste. With maturing techniques dating back as far as 1968, there is a vast selection of barrels, hogsheads, puncheons and butts for our Master Blender to choose from when hand selecting individual casks for release.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE GLENDRONACH DISTILLERY:

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