

WHISKY MENU

We stock a number of Whiskies from every region here at The Plough Hotel. We have them listed below with tasting notes to help you decide which to choose.

"I'm on a whisky diet. I've lost three days already." – Tommy Cooper.

LOWLAND MALTS

Untampered by Highland pettiness or coastal brine and seaweed the Lowland malts have a typically dry finish, which makes them an excellent aperitif. The dryness comes from the malt not the peat (Lowlands tend to use unpeated malt) and this also lends a certain sweet fruitiness to the flavour and the mouthfeel. Their aromatic intensity is low and tends to be grassy or herbal with grainy and floral notes.

Auchentoshan American Oak - 40% - Dalmuir. £5.40 – 1.4 units

From the Auchentoshan distillery in the Scottish Lowlands comes a triple distilled single malt Scotch whisky aged entirely in first fill American oak casks. A light, bright whisky with plenty of vanilla sweetness at its centre - great as an aperitif dram.

Glengoyne 10 yr. – 40% - Dumgoyne. £5.95 – 1.4 units

A highland whisky matured in the lowlands this whisky has notes of fresh green apples, toffee and a hint of nuttiness. This is the taste of distilling slower than anyone else in Scotland, of air-dried barley never with peat and hand selected oak casks.

Glenkinchie 12 yr. – 43% - Tranent. £6.00– 1.5 units

This subtly sophisticated Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky is a superb pre-dinner drink, try it with a few drops of water to bring out the flavour of a crisp mid-palate then butter icing, lemon cheesecake and freesias.

HIGHLAND MALTS

Geographically this is the largest region, producing a great variety of different malts. The whiskies are often complex with flavours ranging from rich toffees and fudges to earthy, spicy and salty tastes. - Something to suit everyone – a profusion of different tastes and aromas.

Dalmore 12 yr. – 57.5% - Alness. £5.95 – 2.1 units

Launched in late 2008 to replace the previous 12-year-old, this single malt from the Dalmore distillery is a toasty, coffee-rich dram with beautifully spice notes and a thick mouthfeel. Very rich for a 12-year-old.

Glenmorangie 10 yr. – 40% - Tain. £5.95 – 1.4 units

A fresh and balanced palate. Vanilla, boiled sweets, toffee and very creamy leading to a gentle and malty finish.

Old Pulteney 12 yr.- 40% - Wick. £5.15 – 1.4 units

A delicate malt with perfumed, malty aromas and drying palate with hints of liquorice made using water drawn from the river Alness.

ISLAY

Islay whisky is a product of its windswept home – the southernmost of the Western Isles. Islay is flat, green and largely covered in peat – which both flavours and colours the water. The peat is, in turn, flavoured by salt spray which is driven far inland by the winter gales.

Bowmore Islay 12 yr. – 40% - Bowmore. £5.15 – 1.4 units

Peat, water, wood, people and tradition accumulate to create the subtle, warm and smoky character of Bowmore Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky.

Bunnahabhain 12 yr. – 46.3% - Bunnahabhain. £6.40 – 1.6 units

The nose offers a fresh and aromatic experience with a subtle whiff of smoke, A light fruity taste with nut appeal that leads to a spectacular malty sweetness and the finish develops into a lingering and beautifully rich full-bodied experience.

Laphroaig 10 yr. – 40% - Port Ellen. £6.20 – 1.4 units

A rich flavoured malt – it has an earthy aroma of blue peat smoke, the sweet nuttiness of the barley and the delicate, heathery perfume of Islay's streams.

SPEYSIDE

The River Spey rises in the Monadhliath Mountains, 15 miles north of Newtonmore and is the fastest flowing river in Britain as it passes through the Cairngorm Mountains into the Moray Firth. All Speyside whiskies get their water from its adjacent springs and rivulets. They are essentially sweet whiskies and have little peaty character though some have a whiff of smoke.

Aberlour 12 yr. – 40% - Aberlour. £5.55 – 1.4 units

The Dry, fresh and fruity aromas of early autumn apples and pears are subtly enhanced with sweet notes of vanilla and mint toffee. Exceptionally smooth and creamy on the palate with spicy-sweet nutmeg and honey combining with the autumn fruits leaves a long, soft and warming finish.

The Balvenie Double Wood 12 yr. – 40% - Dufftown. £5.80 - 1.4 units

During maturation this whisky is transferred from a traditional whisky oak cask to an original sherry oak cask thereby acquiring character from each – smooth mellow flavours of nutty sweetness, cinnamon spiciness and a layer of sherry.

Glenlivet Founders – 40% - Glenlivet. £4.95 – 1.4 units

The latest from the Glenlivet Distillery in Speyside region. The Founders Reserve is intended to replace the 12-year-old. Named in tribute to George Smith, the distillery founder it is full gold in colour, the nose is mellow and sophisticated. Its fruity overall is backed by sweet biscuit notes. The taste is sweet with a creamy finish.

ISLAND AND CAMPBELTOWN

Island and Campbeltown whiskies use peat to malt their barley, this gives the whiskies a deep earthy, smoky character. The flavours are often earthy or seaweedy, and may be pungent with a briny note. These are whiskies ideally suited to a winter's day sitting in front of the fire or for enjoying after a good meal or a long evening.

Highland Park 12 yr. – 40% - Kirkwall. £5.15 – 1.4 units

Remains one of the gold standard malts for other distillery bottlings to aspire to. With a delicious sweetness (heather-honey is their preferred description) and a warming, silky mouthful, this is a whisky that never lets you down.

Isle of Jura 10 yr. – 40% - Jura. £4.95 – 1.4 units

A light, sweet malt from the only distillery on the inner Hebridean Isle of Jura. It is a luminous

golden/tawny colour with a nutty, cereal nose and a sweet, soft vanilla flavour with just a hint of salty sea air.

Talisker 10 yr. – 45.8% - Carbost. £5.85 – 1.6 units

From the western shores of the Isle of Skye, this is a pungent peat and sea-salt nose malt with a smoky sweetness with malt-flavours and developing warmth with a huge peppery finish.

BLENDS

Scotch Blended whisky needs little introduction. It is the best-selling of all whisky, and fills back bars and liquor cabinets the world over. Scotch Blended whisky, like all Scotch whisky, must be matured for at least three years and a day in oak casks. Blended malt Scotch whisky is slightly different from a standard blended whisky. The reason is it includes no grain whisky, for it is distilled in column stills.

BLENDED MALTS

Monkey Shoulder – 40% - Dufftown. £4.40 – 1.4 units

A superb blended malt whisky from William Grant, made with single malts from three famous Speyside distilleries. The result is a smooth, creamy, supple and very malty Scotch

BLENDS

The Famous Grouse – 40% - Crieff. £2.85 – 1.4 units

One of the world's most popular blends, and the best-selling Scotch whisky in Scotland, Famous Grouse is a very nicely balanced, malty blend which was first made in 1896.

Black Bottle – 40% - East Kilbride. £3.30 – 1.4 units

Relaunched in 2013, Black Bottle Blended Scotch whisky now features a balanced mix of fruitiness and spice alongside the peaty Islay notes that the brand has been known for. This change in direction is a return to Black Bottle's past, as it is said to have been inspired by what the whisky was like when it was made all the way back in 1879. This has also inspired the new old-style black glass bottle, which gave the whisky its name.

Whyte and Mackay – 40% - Invergordan. £3.00– 1.4 units

A classic blend made up of 41 different whiskies. Whyte and Mackay special is a great mixer.

WORLD WHISKEY

Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey – 40% - Lynchburg. £3.45 – 1.4 units

A top-selling bottling from the Jack Daniel distillery, the mash bill is made up of 80% corn, 12% rye and 8% malt. The spirit is filtered through 10 feet of sugar maple charcoal to produce a mellow, slightly smoky character, thus making it Tennessee whiskey.

WHISKY LIQUERS

Drambuie – 40% - Glasgow. £3.95– 1.4 units

Drambuie is a very famous whisky liqueur made with Scotch whisky, heather and herbs and spices. Drambuie offers flavours such as anise, nutmeg and saffron.

Glavya – 35% - Invergordan. £3.95 – 1.2 units

A very popular Scotch whisky liqueur, Glavya is flavoured with honey, almonds, tangerines and spices. The name derives from the Gaelic for "very good". The liqueur is of such merit that

it won the International Wine and Spirit Competition 5 times, making it the best liqueur in the world...

Southern Comfort - 35% - New Orleans. £3.00 - 1.2 units

A very popular liqueur first made in 1874. Southern Comfort is made with whiskey, peaches, herbs and spices.