

# THE OXFORD WINE COMPANY

## St. George's Chapter 15, 5 Year Old, The English Whisky Company

£50.00

**Vintage:**

**Bottle Size:** 70cl

**Alcohol %:** 46%

**Country:** England

**Description:** Chapter 15 came from four consecutive bourbon barrels which aged the whisky for 5 years before it was bottled in July 2013.

Nose: Smoky wood fires with strong notes of citrus underneath.

Palate: Fairly sweet. Burnt sugar and lemon. A pinch of chilli spices.

Finish: Peat comes back around for a dry finish.

**Cepages:**

**Group:** England

**Sub group:**

**Colour:** Single Malt Whisky

**Closure:** Cork

**Producer:**

**Website:**

**Organic/Bio Status:**

**Food / cocktail match:**

**Food / cocktail recipe:**

**Press**

**Awards** Received 94.5 points in Jim Murray Whisky Bible 2015

**Other Info:** The English whisky industry began with the English Whisky Company, which set up a distillery in Norfolk in 2006. Since then, the distillery has produced some excellent whiskies, with whisky critic Jim Murray



awarding more than 90 points to some bottlings. Whilst there are peated variants, English whisky is rich, spicy and buttery in style.

On turning 60, James Nelstrop did not wish to retire but to do something different, tied into farming. With his son Andrew they decided to investigate a subject close to James's heart - whisky production which had stopped in England over 100 years ago. The best barley is grown in Norfolk and the Breckland water is superb. Several concepts were considered, a great deal of research was done in Scotland, Ireland and Wales and in October 2005 a planning application was submitted with approval granted on 10th January 2006.

Although the initial idea was for a micro distillery (we have several micro breweries in the area), customs and excise wouldn't consider anything smaller than 1800 ltr stills (larger than some in Scotland!). So, in a field we owned down by the River Thet, the footings were dug and the building work began with Andrew at the helm as main contractor. We were fortunate that Iain Henderson a distiller of some note from Laphroaig, although ready to retire, was talked into coming along to help get us going. In December 2006 we were able to make the first 29 barrels of English whisky and by August 2007 we opened to the public with a visitor centre, fantastic whisky shop and tours. Iain has now retired again, but before he did, he spent 4 months training David Fitt, a brewer from Greene King to take over. David is now distillery manager and is also responsible for making a superb whisky spirit.

Since the original distillations back in 2006, we have made nearly 2000 casks which are all maturing nicely in our warehouses. The distillery creates both unpeated and peated whisky, as well as having a rolling program of cask trials. The cask trials have resulted in some wonderful whiskies as can be seen in Chapter 7 & 10. Ongoing maturation will continue to result in new releases over the coming years.