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## Glengoyne 15 Year Old, Distillery Bottled

£54.95

**Vintage:**

**Bottle Size:** 70cl

**Alcohol %:** 43%

**Country:** Scotland

**Description:** 30% Bourbon casks and 70% sherry, gives this fruity malt a very warm inviting colour, but with the added vanilla it gets from the american casks. Its a light fruity (almost peachy) whisky with a very distinct malty note which gives it an almost baked pastry nose. The palate is smooth yet fresh, perfectly balanced without the sherry becoming too dominant. A magnificent dram!

**Cepages:**

**Group:** Scotch Whisky

**Sub group:** Highland

**Colour:** Single Malt Whisky

**Closure:** Cork

**Producer:**

**Website:**

**Organic/Bio Status:**

**Food / cocktail match:**

**Food / cocktail recipe:**

**Press**

**Awards**

**Other Info:** Glengoyne Distillery is a whisky distillery continuously in operation since its founding in 1833 at Dumgoyne, north of Glasgow, Scotland. Glengoyne is unique in producing Highland single malt whisky matured in the Lowlands. Located upon the Highland Line, the division between the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland, Glengoyne's stills are in the Highlands while maturing casks of whisky rest across the road in the Lowlands. Unlike many malt whisky distilleries, Glengoyne does not use



peat smoke to dry their barley, but instead uses warm air.

The Glengoyne Distillery is situated in a wooded valley in the southern Highlands of Scotland close to a small river that flows into the famous Loch Lomond. The distillery, which takes its name from "Glen Guin" or Glen of the Wild Geese, has been producing an exceptional single malt scotch whisky for nearly 200 years.

Glengoyne is one of the few distilleries producing whisky in this part of Scotland today. However at the beginning of the nineteenth century it is recorded that at least eighteen whisky stills were in operation in this area. But these, like many others at that time, were illegal. Whisky producers were forced to produce whisky illicitly as they were unable to pay the heavy taxes imposed by the government on spirit production to fund wars against France. Smuggling became rife and the hills and glens around Glengoyne formed a perfect cover for this lawless activity.

It was not until the 1820's that an Act of Parliament was passed reducing the duty on spirit and the cost of a licence to distil which put an end to illegal production. This gave rise to a rush of stills being legalised, including those at Glengoyne in 1833. It is reputed that Glengoyne was one of only a few stills to be licensed in the southern Highlands due to the high quality of whisky it produced.

Sir Walter Scott's novels capture the romance and intrigue of this period in Scottish history. In particular with his character, Rob Roy, who was renowned for cattle thieving and other activities and is believed to have once escaped the law by hiding in an oak tree just 300 metres from the Glengoyne Distillery.

In 1876, the Lang Brothers from neighbouring Glasgow bought the distillery and ownership still remains in Scottish hands with the Edrington Group taking over the distillery in the 1960's and the independent, Scottish, family owned business, Ian Macleod Distillers Ltd. acquiring the distillery in 2003.

The changes in ownership have done little to affect production of this unique malt as the traditional working methods have been passed from generation to generation to create this subtle, complex whisky in which all the delicate flavours are freely allowed to express themselves.