Benromach is the smallest working distillery in Speyside. The Distillery suffered many closures and changes in ownership until 1993 when malt whisky specialists, Gordon & MacPhail, rescued the distillery and set about an extensive reinstallation programme to bring it back to its former glory. The distillery was officially opened in October 1998 by HRH The Prince of Wales.

**BENROMACH PEAT SMOKE**

*46%*

**Region:** Speyside.

**Founded:** 1898.

**Water Source:** Chapelton Springs in the Romach Hills.

**Owner:** Gordon & MacPhail.

**Status:** Operational.

Benromach Distillery was built in 1898, the year of the great distillery boom. Alexander Edward of Sanquhar, a well-known promoter of new distilleries, granted a feu charter to the Benromach Distillery Company for a plot of his land, north of the railway line in Forres. The distillery was designed by the famous Elgin Architect, Charles Doig.

The distillery was closed and dismantled in 1983 along with a number of other distilleries. In 1993 the site was purchased by Gordon & MacPhail and several years later work commenced on re-equipping the distillery.

Finally in 1998 the distillery began producing whisky again. In 1999 visitors welcomed to the Malt Whisky Centre, now part of the “Malt Whisky Trail”.

**TASTING NOTE**

**Colour:** Light straw.

**UNDILUTED**

**Nose:** Sweet, burnt sugar aromas with wood smoke and a gentle phenolic/medicinal note. Hints of grannie smith apples.

**Palate:** Peat smoke and ash followed by sweet, toasted malt. Hints of spice and charred oak are followed by subtle phenolic flavours.

**WITH WATER**

**Nose:** The sweetness is still evident but the phenolic character is more pronounced. Medicinal notes - germolene and tcp are laced by a smoky, earthy aroma. A delicate floral edge is also present.

**Palate:** Smoky - hints of creosote and birchwood. A sweet treacle toffee note follows. A rich, mulled fruit flavour also adds balance. However the peat smoke character is never far away.

**Body:** Bold, tempered by the sweetness and fruit notes.

**Finish:** Smoky with sweet malt notes.

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**OTHER BOTTLINGS AVAILABLE**

- Benromach Traditional 40%: Distilled 1980 58.6% Cask Strength
- Benromach Organic 43%: 21 Years Old 43%
- 22 Years Old Port Wood Finish 45%: Distilled 1968 41.8%
- 25 Years Old 43%: 55 Years Old 42.4%
- 21 Years Old Tokaji Finish 45%