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 SASSICAIA WOOD FINISH 45%**

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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:** Amber with a deep Ruby glow.

**UNDILUTED**

- **Nose:** Rich, dried fruits - blackberries, blackcurrants, hints of malt and spices with a touch of vanilla. Peat smoke lingers in the background.
- **Palate:** Rich, sweet fruit flavours balanced by drier spice / pepper and smoke. The fruitiness develops along with a strong liquorice note.

**WITH WATER**

- **Nose:** Sweet, malty aromas with hints of red berries. A subtle perfumed note has emerged. The peat smoke element still evident.
- **Palate:** Smokiness more to the fore with sweet, vanilla flavours. Burnt fruit and spices slowly develop.
- **Body:** Rich, mellow.
- **Finish:** Rich, fruit with traces of peat smoke.
- **Cask Type:** First fill Bourbon and Sherry casks followed by 27 months in Sassicaia casks.
- **Whisky Style:** A beautiful balance between the rich Sassicaia and the fruit and peat smoke elements of the Benromach.

**OTHER BOTTLINGS AVAILABLE**

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