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 TOKAJI WOOD FINISH 45%**

Region: Speyside.  
Forres.  
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:** Bright amber.  
**UNDILUTED NOSE:** Sweet with malt and fruit notes (sultanas and figs). Subtle smokiness (charred oak) laced with spices - nutmeg and treacle.  
**PALETTE:** Sweet and fruity (ripe fruits, rich sherry element) balanced with spices (cracked peppercorns) and a drying smokiness.  
**WITH WATER NOSE:** Drier - floral aroma now evident, some citrus fruit notes. A touch of toffee and a little smokiness  
**PALETTE:** Sweet, rich fruit flavours (Christmas pudding), some spices and traces of oak also present. A little smokiness appears at the end.  
**BODY:** Soft.  
**FINISH:** Rich fruit with a drying spiciness.  
**CASK TYPE:** First fill Bourbon and Sherry followed by months in Tokaji casks.  
**WHISKY STYLE:** Rich, complex character - one to savour.

**OTHER BOTTLINGS AVAILABLE**

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