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 Traditional 40%**

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:** Straw yellow.

**UNDILUTED**  
**Nose:** Citrus fruits (lemons and limes) with a hint of honey and pine resin. Peaty and malt notes in the background.  
**Palate:** Smokey with cereal and malt flavours. Dries up with spicy/peppery notes followed by a delicate floral edge.

**WITH WATER**  
**Nose:** Sweet, chocolate and fudge aromas. Floral elements and hints of phenols.  
**Palate:** Toasted/smoky flavours initially with a subtle fragrance. Some fruity notes develop along with an earthy, vanilla edge.  
**Body:** Rounded with a balance of flavours.  
**Finish:** Slightly sweet with a hint of smoke and malt.  
**Cask Type:** First Fill Casks - 80% Bourbon and 20% Sherry.  
**Whisky Style:** Traditional style of Speyside - elegant with fruit and floral notes and a distinct smokiness.

**Other Bottlings Available**

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

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