

RARE VINTAGE

SMITH'S GLENLIVET 1974 43%

In partnership with each respective distillery, all whiskies in our Rare Vintage range are uniquely labelled. In years gone by many of these unique designs were used 'officially' to bottle the whisky under licence from the distillery. Today these trusted relationships with distillers enables Gordon & MacPhail to bottle exclusive vintages of single malt at various strengths – all with their unique distillery label.

The origins of Glenlivet Distillery can be traced back to 1815 but it is well known that illicit distilling was going on long before then. In 1817 George Smith leased some land at Upper Drumin Farm, where he continued illicit distilling to supplement his crofters wage. During 1823 an Excise Act was pushed through by the Duke of Gordon - Smith's landlord - to stop illicit distilling. Gordon then persuaded Smith to take out the first licence and he also helped to set up the distillery at Drumin. Due to the success of Glenlivet, a number of distilleries in the region appended the name Glenlivet to their own. In 1880 J.G. Smith took legal action and the court ruled that there was only one "The Glenlivet".



INFORMATION

Region:	Speyside. Ballindalloch.
Founded:	1815.
Water Source:	Josie's Well.
Owner:	Chivas Brothers.
Status:	Operational.

TASTING NOTE

Colour: Dark amber.

WITHOUT WATER:

Nose: Fragrant - fresh rose petals and freshly cut grass. A lingering subtle sweetness follows.

Palate: An initial burst of warming chilli spices, with a sweetness emerging. Soft fruit influences linger and a hint of vanilla comes to the fore.

WITH WATER:

Nose: Fresh with a heavily fragrant nose - fresh roses. A burst of vanilla and ripe soft fruits emerging.

Palate: A peppery edge develops, with a touch of aniseed. Hints of creamy butter develop.

Body: Medium to full.

Finish: Lingering.

Cask Type(s): Sherry casks.

Whisky Style: Well balanced and rounded.



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