

KILCHOMAN

Islay's Farm Distillery
ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Kilchoman Machir Bay named best Islay Single Malt under 12 years old

Kilchoman's Machir Bay has been awarded Master of the under 12 year old Islay Single Malt category in The Spirits Business 2015 Scotch Whisky Masters. Gold Medals were also awarded to Kilchoman Loch Gorm and 100% Islay 5th Edition completing a full house of medals for Kilchoman's current range.

Anthony Wills, Kilchoman Founder and Managing Director; 'It is a fantastic achievement for Kilchoman to go up against such tough competition and come out on top. It is testament to all the daily hard work done by the distillery team'

Founded in 2005, Kilchoman is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland and was the first distillery to be built on Islay for 125 years. As well as being one of only a handful of distilleries still practicing floor malting, barley is also grown on the farm, making Kilchoman the only Scotch whisky distillery to complete all parts of the whisky making process on site.



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Kilchoman Machir Bay – Single Malt- Islay aged up to 12 years – Master (only entry in category to be awarded Master)
Kilchoman 100% Islay 5th Edition – Single Malt – Islay aged up to 12 years – Gold
Kilchoman Loch Gorm 2010 – 2015 - Single Malt – Islay aged up to 12 years – Gold

Notes to Editors

Kilchoman Distillery is a small family run farm distillery based on the rugged west coast of Islay. The distillery was established by Anthony Wills in 2005, the idea was to build a new distillery which took whisky production back to its roots. Anthony and wife Kathy have now been joined by their three sons: George, James and Peter.

Kilchoman produces its 100% Islay single malt from barley which is grown in fields surrounding the distillery and completes every stage of the whisky-making process at the distillery, including traditional floor malting. Kilchoman is the only distillery in Scotland to do this. Kilchoman is now very much a family affair:

Since the first bottling was released in 2008, Kilchoman has quickly established itself as a high quality Islay Single Malt Whisky with these notable awards:

- Kilchoman's exceptional quality was recognised at the prestigious International Whisky Competition (IWC) when Anthony Wills was named Master Distiller of the Year 2013.
- Machir Bay was named Whisky of the Year at IWC 2013. Loch Gorm was also awarded Gold, Machir Bay received Silver and 100% Islay 2nd Ed was given bronze.
- Kilchoman 2007 Vintage received Whisky Advocate's Award for Islay Single Malt of the Year 2013.
- In 2012 Machir Bay was awarded two prestigious IWSC Gold medals and a Silver medal, and was named in GQ's Best 100 Things of 2012.
- Kilchoman won Malt Advocates Artisan Whisky of the Year 2011, only three years after the first bottling was released.

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