# KILC OMAN May's Farm Distillery ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

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KILCHOMAN

Established in 2005, Kilchoman (pronounced Kil-ho-man) is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland. Based on a farm on the rugged west coast of Islay, Kilchoman was the first distillery to be built on the island for 125 years.

Kilchoman displays all that is great about the grass-roots traditions of Scotch whisky distilling. 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 distillery to complete all parts of the whisky making process on site. Kilchoman truly is Islay's farm distillery - from barley to bottling. Kilchoman is Islay's Farm Distillery, we are the only distillery in Scotland to produce whisky from barley grown on site using traditional farm distillery methods. We grow, malt, distill, mature and bottle a portion of our whisky on site, we call this whisky 100% Islay. Kilchoman is also the only independent, family run distillery on Islay and one of only a handful in Scotland.

We currently produce 150,000 litres of whisky each year, equivalent to just 20-25 barrels a week making Kilchoman the smallest on Islay by over one million litres and one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland. The biggest Islay distillery produces over seven million litres of whisky a year, it takes them just one week to produce what we make in an entire year. All the whisky we distill at Kilchoman is matured in our warehouses on the Island. We only produce for single malt, none of our whisky is sold to be blended.

#### What we do differently

#### **Our fermentation time**

Our 100 hour fermentation time (double the typical time) gives Kilchoman spirit beautiful light, perfumed citrus notes.

#### **Our stills**

Our stills are amongst the smallest in Scotland, this increases the copper contact with the distillate and producing a phenomenally clean, fresh and characterful new make spirit.

#### **Our casks**

The majority of Kilchoman single malt is matured in American ex bourbon barrels. Unlike most other distilleries we source all our barrels directly from one distiller – Buffalo Trace, Kentucky, USA. We ship them whole and wet thus retaining all the flavour held within the wood, dramatically improving the speed and quality of the maturation process.

### Non Chill Filtered and Natural Colour

This affords Kilchoman Single Malt a spectacular textured mouthfeel and added depth of character.

#### The Whisky

Everything we produce at Kilchoman is peated using locally dug Islay peat, there are two distinct versions of Kilchoman; heavily peated (50ppm) malt used to produce Machir Bay, Loch Gorm and other expression, and lightly peated '100% Islay' (15-20ppm) malt from barley grown and malted at Kilchoman. Whisky made from the lightly peated Kilchoman barley is always referred to as 100% Islay.

Whilst Kilchoman can be considered a classic Islay style of single malt the beautiful balance of light peat smoke, fresh vibrant fruit and floral sweetness combine and evolve in cask to create a truly unique Islay dram.



Our flagship single malt

Machir Bay is named after a beautiful sandy beach close to the distillery. It is a vatting of ex bourbon and Oloroso sherry cask matured Kilchoman, this combination of casks creates a rich fruity dram with light peat smoke, vanilla and a beautiful fresh clean finish.

Machir Bay is our most widely available release and should be used to target both specialists and wider distrbution. It should account for a significant portion of Kilchoman sales.

> Machir Bay is also available as a Gift Pack packaged with two Glencairn tasting glasses



## **CORE RANGE**

Availability: allocated Distribution: *moderate* - specialist spirits retailers, multiple wine stores



Loch Gorm (right) limited edition is named after the dark, peaty Loch at the end of the Kilchoman driveway. The dark loch is represented in the whisky by the rich colour of the Sherry cask maturation. Loch Gorm is Kilchomans only release fully matured in Oloroso Sherry casks and is released once a year.

**100% Islay** (left) range captures what Kilchoman is. All parts of the production process are completed at the distillery, from growing the barley on the farm, to malting, peating, distilling and bottling. This limited edition release is exclusively matured in ex Bourbon casks and is released once a year.

### **EXCLUSIVE RELEASES**







Availability: highly allocated

Distribution: *limited* - specialist spirits retailers

Each year we typically release four limited edition expressions, Loch Gorm, 100% Islay and two other unique releases. These are very rare and not released annually like the core range whiskies.

Such releases include; Original Cask Strength, Vintage Releases, Madeira/Port Cask Matured and Single Casks.



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