



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.

I now look at the Hazelburn Rundlets & Kilderkins 10-year-old, which I first tasted at the bar in the Ardshiel hotel in Campbeltown, Scotland. OK, first things first, I'll answer the question I know you have; The 'Rundlets' and 'Kilderkins' that this whisky is named for, are in fact small Barrels. The Rundlets are 60 liters and the Kilderkins are 80 liters, As opposed to a normal barrel that is 195 liters in size.

The smaller the barrel, the more wood and whisky come into contact with each other, which ages the whisky quicker than normal, making this 10-year-old taste older than it actually is (a good thing).

My take on this? I liked it, it was a nice easy whisky to drink, it does come in a little bit stronger than standard, which is around 43%, this is 50.1%, so it has some oomph to it, but I think that works rather than detracts. Just to be up front with everyone, the Hazelburn is made at the Springbank distillery and I just completed a whisky school there, and thoroughly enjoyed myself. The people are very friendly and we got involved in every aspect of whisky making, I highly recommend doing the whisky school. If that affects my judgment of their whiskies, so be it.

You can buy Hazelburn Rundlets & Kilderkins 10-year-old for around \$85.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Apples & pears with honey

Palate - Apples, honey & anise

Finish - Apple & chocolate

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





World's First Community-Owned Whisky Distillery Smashes Crowdfunding Record

By Felipe Schrieberg

GlenWyvis, the world's first community-owned distillery, has raised more than £2.5 million from some 2,500 investors and contributors in 77 days through crowdfunder.co.uk – blasting its target by £1 million.

It's the largest project ever funded on the crowdfunding site. Based in the northern Highlands town of Dingwall, construction on Glenwyvis started on July 11, some 90 years after the region's last distillery closed down.

The distillery is the brainchild of John McKenzie, a former military helicopter pilot known locally as the 'Flying Farmer'. In addition to farming, McKenzie dabbles in charity work and generating renewable energy in the area.

Scotland's newest microdistillery breaks new ground in a number of ways. In addition to being the first community-owned distillery and the first to fund itself through crowdfunding, it will be 100% powered by renewable energy, using a green energy biomass boiler as its main source. Distillery staff will live in a house also powered by biomass (with trees providing the fuel) and solar energy.

The project has received blessings from former Scotland first minister Alex Salmond.

So what does being the first 'community-owned distillery' mean? The crowdfunding campaign enabled investors and contributors to become a part of the distillery's history. Investments of more than £750 conferred shares and part-ownership – £250+ for local residents of Inverness.

Three crowdfunders invested more than £50,000.

Besides distillery ownership, other rewards include bottles of gin (which can be produced instantly while waiting for the whisky to mature to the three-year minimum legal age), whisky bottles starting in 2020, casks filled with whisky, whisky tours, helicopter tours from the Flying Farmer himself, and more.

The region was an historic whisky-producing region hundreds of years ago, with legendary Scottish poet Robert Burns lamenting the loss of one of the great distilleries of that era, Ferintosh (in the same stanza he also coincidentally mentions the name of the family that owned the distillery: Forbes!).

Indeed, the GlenWyvis name is a portmanteau of two other historical regional distilleries: Ben Wyvis (a former Dingwall distillery from the late 19th-early 20th century, which also shares a name with a local mountain) and Glenskiach, a distillery that was based in the nearby town of Evanton.

Details are available both at the GlenWyvis and Flying Farmer websites.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/felipeschrieberg/2016/07/10/worlds-first-community-owned-whisky-distillery-smashes-crowdfunding-record/#4c6bf6a5498e>



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. This Issue; [Hazelburn Rundlets & Kilderkins 10-year-old](#). For more information go to <http://www.springbankwhisky.com>





The Newest Distilleries In Scotland

A look at the most recently founded and opened

Part of the romance of Scotch Whisky is its plethora of distilleries. Having survived the series of world events that shook the American and Irish whiskey industries to near-rubble, Scotland became the place where enthusiasts could wax about how the thin cut of a pot still produces melon notes in the new make, or how the sea air in the north has a different effect than it does in the west. All of that is down to the fact that Scotland, rather than having a small handful of big plants, enjoyed several dozen mid-sized and (only sometimes) large distilleries.

That said, Scotland is also a place where the number of mothballed distilleries alone has, at times, been a double digit number.

If one wanted to get in the Scotch business or expand production, then the answer was to acquire a working distillery or renovate an old one. Thus, it was also a place where breaking ground on a new distillery was a rarity.

Or so it was until lately.

Ardnamurchan

Although Adelphi's distillery, opened in July 2014, is no longer the newest in Scotland, it is still the most westerly and among the most environmentally friendly. Their main claim to green-ness is in drawing all their energy resources locally, via a wood chip-fired boiler and a local hydro-electric plant. The Ardnamurchan peninsula location, on the banks of Loch Sunart, make this distillery remote even among the ranks of Highland whisky-making. Ardnamurchan's whisky is now resting in casks and not yet available, but the distillery is open for tours.

Ballindalloch

Situated in the farm buildings of a historic estate, this Speyside distillery is doing things the old fashioned way. They are open and operating since 2014, won't be releasing any gin or new make, and fully intend to let their whisky age for eight to ten years before releasing their first single malt.

Eden Mill

Brewstilleries are most common in the U.S., but Scotland got its own example when Eden Mill Brewery decided to add a distillery. This was the first, and to date only brewstillery in Britain. They have a series of "one year spirits" out (too young to be legally dubbed "Scotch Whisky" just yet).

Dalmunach

This sleek, ultra-modern £25 million facility opened this year, built by Chivas Brothers, part of French drinks giant Pernod Ricard. The Speyside distillery is equipped with eight copper pots, and is capable of producing 10 million liters of spirit annually. It replaces the old Imperial Distillery, which was formerly located on the same site.



The Newest Distilleries In Scotland cont.

Glasgow Distillery Company (GDC)

The winner in the race to open a new, urban distillery in Glasgow proved to be the GDC, which is following a path well-trodden by small distilleries in the United States. The distillery is operational and making whisky, but while they wait for their whisky to age, they have put out a gin out and are bottling sourced whisky.

Kingsbarns

Kingsbarns is the distillery that took Wemyss Malts from bottler to distiller. Like Ballindalloch, Kingsbarns is set in a renovated cluster of old farm buildings. Unlike Ballindalloch, Wemyss went for a thoroughly modern design approach in their renovation work. This Lowland distillery is open for tours and, as part of an already well-established bottling company, has a variety of blends and single cask, single malt whiskies for sale. In terms of in-house products, Kingsbarns has a white whisky in release.

Isle of Harris

When Abhainn Dearg Distillery opened on the Isle of Lewis, it became both the first distillery in the Outer Hebrides to open in 170 years and a forerunner of modern Scottish distillery foundings. Yet developments have moved fast enough to already make Abhainn Dearg something of an old hat, developments in the form of the new Isle of Harris Distillery. This is the first distillery on its namesake island, and now the second active one in the Outer Hebrides.

They filled their first casks of The Hearach, their projected single malt, only in January 2016. Thus, even the youngest expression therein is still years away.

<http://whiskeyreviewer.com/2016/07/the-newest-distilleries-in-scotland-070816>

