



Introducing Ben Nevis



At 4,406ft, Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in Scotland

"There are some who would have you believe that there exists a kind of divine secret, a miraculous ingredient or genius behind the manufacture of Scotch Whisky. I however, acknowledge no miracle other than that which is worked when science and nature combine.

The principal ingredients are three, notably water, barley and yeast, with a measure of peat smoke or reek.

*Of these there can be no doubt that **water** is the foremost. On Ben Nevis I was fortunate to find a constant and consistent source of pure clean water in two small lochans.*

*In order of importance, the second ingredient is **barley**. This must be clean and plump, fully rounded and quite dry, containing exactly the right amount of protein.*

*Special **distiller's yeast** is the third ingredient. This has the texture of dough or putty and is vital to the process of fermentation. **Note: Around the year 2010**, Ben Nevis and Benromach were the only malt whisky distilleries in Scotland that were still using brewers yeast for their whisky. Many people claim that brewer's yeast gives more character to the freshly distilled spirit than distillers yeast. On the other hand, most producers favor distillers yeast for its higher yield.*

*And fourthly there is **peat**, which comes to the whisky through the water passing over peat bogs on its way down the mountain, and from the 'reek' from the fire lit during the manufacturing process.*

Once again, we are fully fortunate in that nature in her magnificence, has created on the hill behind us, an ample supply of peat in our own banks to fuel the fires drying the barley."

John Mac Donald

- 14th June 1827



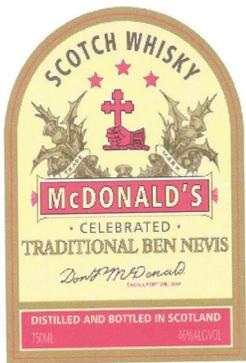
Ben Nevis 10 year, 92°

The rich sweet maple syrup nose is followed by bitter sweet chocolate and roasted coffee on the palate. Orange rind and espresso notes follow on the long finish. This dram was meant for an after dinner delight especially accompanied by a cigar.

This Ben Nevis was awarded the Monde Selection Trophy of Excellence for winning Gold and Grand Gold Medals three years in a row.



McDonald's Celebrated Traditional Ben Nevis, 92°



The Ben Nevis Distillery was founded by Long John McDonald in 1825. The style of **this whisky replicates the 1882 bottling from Ben Nevis** that became a huge worldwide favorite. Like the 1882 release, this dram is made *from peated malted barley from the Moray Firth coastal plains. It is also fermented using a mixture of fresh culture yeast and brewer's yeast.* The result is a whisky that highlights the best features of Highland malts- finesse, elegance, sweet barley notes with a touch of smoky peat.

MacDonald's Glencoe 8 yr. Malt Whisky, 116°

Glencoe is the ancient home of the Macdonald clan, famous for its imposing scenic beauty. *Using Ben Nevis malt whisky as a base, other cask strength pure single malt whiskies, with a minimum age of 8 years,* are added to make a well-balanced and exciting pure malt whisky blend. **This is called a vatted malt.** Only 100% malted barley grain is used.

There is nothing held back with this dram. The sweet oak nose is followed by dried fruit (sugared plums) and nut flavors. On the finish, toffee and peat dominate. The finish goes on forever. **This "Big Boy" is delicious!**

