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GENERATIONS

GLENLIVET 70 YEARS OLD (1940) 45.9%



Established in 1895 Gordon & MacPhail is the custodian of some of Scotland's finest and rarest Single Malt Scotch Whiskies.

G&M has long established relationships with distillery owners throughout the country. Oak casks are sent to the majority of Scotland's working distilleries to be filled with 'new-make' spirit, which then mature for many years at the distillery of origin or in bonded warehouses in Elgin. The oak casks are carefully stowed and regularly checked until they finally achieve our highest quality standards. It's a patient business, some casks reach over 70 years of age and some have outlived the distillery that produced them.

Glenlivet 1940 is the latest addition to the "Generations" range. Distilled on 3rd February 1940, this unique and exceptionally rare Single Malt Scotch Whisky is bottled at natural cask strength (45.9%), having been patiently matured for 70 years in a First Fill Sherry Butt.

TASTING NOTE By Charles MacLean

APPEARANCE:

Deep amber, with tawny lights.

AROMA:

A mild nose-fee. The first aroma is of an old cocktail cabinet, with Sherry notes predominating; polished wood, soft leather and a trace of candle wax. Behind this are fruity notes, lightly baked apples (even Tarte Tatin), but also fresh orange juice, and just a thread of smoke or ash in the distance. Adding a drop of water suppresses the fruity notes and slightly enhances the sweetness (now tablet) and smokiness.

TASTE:

A waxy, teeth-coating mouthfeel; smooth and voluptuous. The taste is sweetish to start, then savoury, with a trace of salt – might this be a rare example of 'umami' in whisky, the elusive fifth primary taste? The finish is long, with a faint smokiness in the aftertaste. Drinks well at natural strength. With a drop of water the flavours remain intact.

DEVELOPMENT:

Fades gracefully towards vanilla fudge and sanded wood.

COMMENT:

A stupendous whisky! Although it resonates with aged character – and, indeed, characteristics from another era – it retains vitality, both on the nose and on the palate.



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