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Glenfiddich revive a taste from the 1940s  
Caoran Reserve 12 Year Old

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Glenfiddich is reintroducing a single malt whisky taste, left forgotten since the years of the Second World War. William Grant & Sons is proud to announce the launch of Glenfiddich Caoran Reserve 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky – a peaty addition to the World’s favourite dram.

When Glenfiddich Malt Master David Stewart sampled casks of Glenfiddich that were distilled in the 1930s and 40s, he noticed a subtle variation to the familiar Glenfiddich character. It was doubtless a true Glenfiddich, but with a smoky resonance not usually associated with the time-honoured methods of Glenfiddich’s Dufftown Distillery.

Investigation into the Glenfiddich archives helped to solve the mystery. During the war years, the shortage of coal threatened to interrupt production. However, William Grant & Sons, with true independent spirit, was not about to let a war stand in its way and added a greater percentage of peat to the Maltings fire, infusing the barley with mellow, smoky notes. It was this peatiness that had captured David Stewart’s attention.

“I found it intriguing,” he says. “It was clearly Glenfiddich, yet seemed to have been infused with characteristics more often associated with Islay malts. A little detective work has paid off and has led to the development of a wonderful addition to the Glenfiddich range.”

David Stewart has used his expertise, and this rediscovered legacy from Glenfiddich’s past, to create Caoran Reserve, a single malt Scotch whisky that has matured for at least 12 years in traditional oak casks and sherry casks. To replicate the peaty notes of those inspirational War-time casks, it is then married with Glenfiddich that has been matured in barrels previously used to hold Islay single malt Scotch whisky.



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The name Caoran (pronounced "ku-ran") comes from the Gaelic for peat ember, evocative of a distinctive smoky profile, yet retaining the essential characteristics of Glenfiddich.

Glenfiddich Caoran Reserve 12 Year Old has an ABV of 40% and a suggested retail price of £24.99 for a 70cl bottle.

Malt Master's tasting notes:

*Colour: Straw, gold*

*Nose: Sweet, fresh orangey notes, hints of peat and faint smoke*

*Taste: Initially sweet, with a rich, full taste, hints of orange zest. It develops an intensity of malt and strong peat smoke notes*

*Finish: Creamy, rich and gently lingering peat smoke*

**Comment:** Reflecting all the fresh, fruity character of Glenfiddich. Glenfiddich Caoran Reserve develops an impressive smokiness that is nicely balanced with a noticeably sweet edge