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# 1877 USQUAEBACH





## THE BRAND

Translated from Gaelic as "the water of life,"
Usquaebach – pronounced "oos-ke-bah" – is a historic brand that brings to life the ancient traditions and historic craft of the Scottish Highlands. It is from this historic name that we derive the very word, "whisky," and Usquaebach Scotch Whisky is proud to wear this badge of honor.

With a blend dating back to the 1700's and the name trademarked since 1877, this brand's iconic whiskies have spoken to the senses, resurrecting the same fiery spirit that was born in the rolling hills of Scotland long before Scotch was a drink for those with discerning tastes. Creating blends focused on purity, elegance, and refinement, Usquaebach's master blenders search for the very best malts and grains from Scotland's most reputable distillers to bring history to life in the bottle and your glass. Heritage, history, and tradition – these are the qualities that have helped earn Usquaebach the title of "King of the Blended Whiskies."



## The First Name in Scotch Whisky

Usquaebach Scotch Whisky Makes a Vibrant Return to the US Market

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Usquaebach (pronounced "oos-ke-bah"), the small, artisanally crafted, blended Scotch whisky, has been quietly making a comeback in the US market since its purchase by Cobalt Brands in 2009. Thanks to the hard work of its current owners and the reliance on a fiercely dedicated customer base longing for its return, the brand can now be found in over 20 states and in all major US markets.

Usquaebach's blend dates back to the 1700's and its name was trademarked in 1877, making it one of the most enduring brands in the Scotch whisky market. One reason for this is the loyal customer base that continues to seek out the whisky due to the quality of the product – a testament to the reputation of the Laing family in Glasgow, Scotland, who has been blending Usquaebach for nearly 100 years.

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It is this focus that Laing puts on quality single malt casks for Usquaebach's blends that has garnered the brand the international respect it continues to receive. Laing describes how the selection of superior single malt casks can determine the greatness of a blend:

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Laing goes on to explain that patience and experience are keys to creating masterful blends.

"The skill of the blender is paramount...because it is he who knows which whiskies go with which whisky," says Laing. "Each whisky has to marry with the whole."

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Today, Usquaebach's resurgence is a welcome return to a blended Scotch market dominated by large, corporate-owned brands. The iconic packaging of its signature Old Rare Stone Flagon is often a reason for customers to wax nostalgic. According to the Whisky Advocate's online blog: "Ever since the late 1980s, when I started getting into Scotch, I always remembered the Usquaebach blended Scotch in the really cool flagon."

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## Usquaebach Lovers





Sean Connery





President Richard Nixon



President George W. H. Bush



— 225 — Years of Tradition

## Old-Rare Superior Blended Flagon

Our Usquaebach "Old Rare" Blended Scotch Whisky porcelain flagon is a vestige of Scotch whisky's history - kept alive as a reminder of a time preceding bottled whisky when travelling merchants and artisans would combine the spirits of the highest caliber single distilleries to create ethereal blends that embodied sophistication and delicacy. With 41 specially selected single malts up to 20 years of age from the Highlands and only 15% high-quality grain whisky in the blend, this classic Scotch whisky offers multi-layered opulence on the palate. Flavors of white pepper, coffee, brushed leather, and zesty lemon peel allow for a mystifying experience from start to finish. The sublime mid palate and long, blissful finish create an experience that is not easily forgotten. Its quality and finesse has been recognized by connoisseurs and aficionados the world over notably, Usquaebach "Old Rare" Blended Scotch was served at the 1969 and 1989 Presidential Inaugural Dinners.



Retail Price \$120 USD

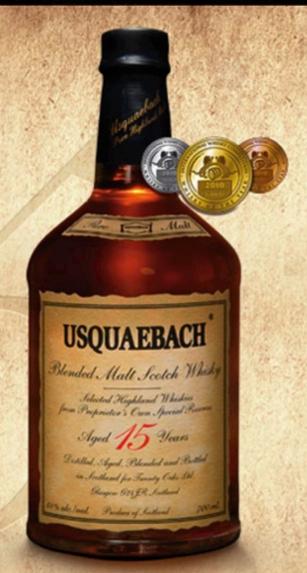




## Blended Malt Scotch Whisky

The Usquaebach 15-Year Blended Malt is a marriage of some of the finest Highland single malts, aged carefully for at least 15 years – and some as old as 20 – in oak and sherry casks. When purity and strength is what is desired, this beautiful yet masculine Scotch whisky delivers robust aromas and intense richness. Recognized throughout the whisky-drinking world for its quality, the 15-Year Blended Malt has won numerous accolades, including Gold Medal at the 2010 International Whisky Competition.

The nose features sun-dried fruits, pineapple, and espresso bean, while the palate entertains with stout baking spices and a luxurious sweetness. If single malts have been your only experience in Scotch, then this blend will impress you with its complexity, depth, and fullness.



Retail Price \$70 USD



## Reserve Premium Blended Scotch Whisky

The Usquaebach Reserve Premium Blended Scotch is a whisky for those seeking elegance and structure. This rare blend features over 50% quality single malts each aged between 16, 17, and 18 years and blended with the finest grain whisky resulting in a handcrafted spirit that is both timeless and unique.

The nose features honeyed sherry, smooth vanilla, baked apples and quince, while sweet spices and an endearing zest linger on the palate. The Usquaebach Reserve finishes long and smooth, with a detailed edge and a crisp mouth-feel ideal as an aperitif or with a rich meal.



**Retail Price \$40 USD** 





## "Uisge Beatha"

The word "uisge beatha" is popular in Gaelic vernacular to mean "water of life." It describes the potent liquor distilled from grains.

Pronounced "oos-ke-bah," it is where we get our English word, "whisky."



## References by Robert Burns

1791

"Usquaebach" is immortalized by the famous Scottish poet, Robert Burns, in his poem Tom O'Shanter: "Wi Usquaebach we'll face the de'il" — or, "With Usquaebach we'll face the devil." The word is commonly used to refer to Scotch whisky throughout the UK.



## First Marketing

Spirits merchants Ross & Cameron of Iverness, Scotland, begin marketing their own proprietary vatted malt blends to their customers.

### THE USQUAEBACH.



#### The brand is born

1877

Ross & Cameron establishes the first trademark for "The Usquaebach."

## History of Usquaebach

1500's - Usige Beatha, "water of life" Usquaebach is where we get our English word for Whisky.

1700's - Robert Burns, the Scottish poet writes about his love for Usquaebach Whisky. This leads to the annual Burns Supper a celebration of the life, poetry, and Usquaebach.

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#### William Grigor & Sons 1926

Following the death of Donald Cameron of Ross & Cameron, the Usquaebach trademark is passed along to William Grigor & Sons, an ambitious spirits trading company and principals of the famous Bowmore Distillery.



#### Twelve Stone Flagons Ltd.

1969

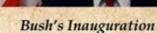
Twelve Stone Flagons Ltd., an American company owned by Stanley Stankiwicz, purchases the trademark and begins to distribute Usquaebach in the famous flagon in which it is still sold today.



Nixon's Inauguration

1969

Usquaebach's "Old Rare" is served at President Richard Nixon's White House Inaugural Dinner



1989

The "Old Rare" is again selected to be poured at President George H.W. Bush's White House Inaugural Dinner – a testament to the whisky's superior quality and character.

1949 - Usquaebach ceramic flagon "Old Rare" presented and the Inaugral drink of the Prince of Monaco.

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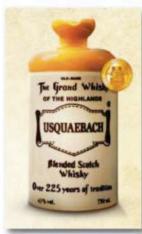
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2005 - Cobalt Brands becomes the new, proud owners of the Usquaebach trademark and continue to distribute the brand throughout the United States and the world.



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Can you recommend the perfect cocktail? USQUAEBACH MANHATTAN-ITE

**Yeaquire Sweet Vermouth** 

4 drops Bittered sling Malagary 1 pinch Chocolate bitters

Luxando Cherry

INSTRUCTIONS AM USQUAEBACH IS Vermouth to a mixing glass with ice

> Hand stir to chill, strain into a glass with I large ice cube Camish with orange zest

hen MAD Men reigned supreme and every 1950's home required a wet bar, Scotch meant blended Whisky. Fast forward to today and Whisky lovers discovered single malt Scotch; dubbing blended Scotch antiquated Enthusiasts are reexaming blended Scotch and discovering a complex rounder more balanced taste. Lovers of the Dram are coming back to the origin of blends; the

first in its class Usquaebech (pronounced "oos-ke-bah"). Usquaebach, established in 1877 in the Highlands of Scotland, is a small, artisanally crafted. blanded Scotch Whisky that's quietly making a world-

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#### The Cocktail Whisperer's Five Whiskeys to Try





Cocktai 1. Usquaebach Old Rare blended Scotch whisky

- Distilled in the Scottish Highlands and bottled

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#### Scotch Goes Luxe

Whisky has always been considered precious, but these Scotches set the bar higher than ever before.

#### Usquaebach Flagon abv: 43% Price: \$120

Not all luxury Scotches are single malts. The name (pronounced oos-ke-bah) is Gaelic for "water of life," the phrase from which the word "whisky" is derived. Although the ceramic flagon is part of its appeal, inside is a blend of 20- to 30-year-old Highland Scotches from different distilleries. "It's taken them years to put this together," Goldstein says. "It's a great Highland and Speyside easy-drinking profile, not smoky, salty or briny, and no bitterness to it. I don't think you'd be able to replicate it if you tried to do it from scratch."

distilleries are releasing older expressions, including bottles from hard-to-find independent brands. "Things you would not find before," says Ryan Maloney, owner of Julio's Liquoes in Westborough, Massachusetts, and founder of the whiskey club, Loch & K(e)y Society.

According to Jason Hoppie, beverage director of North End Grill, the market for high-end Scotch has increased thanks to rising demand from newly affluent drinkers in many Asian markets. At the same time, North Americans have become more familiar with whisky. "Now they want to branch out and see what else is available," he says, making the rare and the unusual even more prized.







LEARN MORE

#### Here's what we saw at 'Whisky Live' - a big New York City fair for whisky lovers



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Scotland's Usquoebach had their porcelain Old Rare bottle on display

Whiskey is taking off in America. So it's no surprise that New York City's annual Whisky Live expo, hosted by Whisky Magazine, was a huge hit this year.

"New York is actually the biggest and most significant whiskey city in the world," event organizer Dave Sweet told Business Insider.

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### IRISH WHISKEY/BLENDED SCOTCH

Published on Aug 30, 2005

SUPERB (90-95)/Highly Recommended

Usquaebach Original Blended-Stonecrock Flagon (Twelve Stone Flagons, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) 43% abv \$110. Golden honey color. The finely scented, nose evokes juniper berries, light peat, a hint of Sherry, and spirit-marinated fruit; not aggressive in the least. Upon entry, there's no mistaking the richness of the oaky/peaty flavor as it rolls over the tongue, but it's at the midpalate stage that this sensational whisky takes flight with charcoaly, spicy, tobacco-like tastes that extend into the sublime aftertaste. The blend is 85% malt/I5% grain whisky and aged in Sherry oak.

#### USQUAEBACH RESERVE

#### "The Bentley of Blended Scotch Whiskies"

"Has all the hoopla that has catapulted the charismatic single malts forward detracted too much from the more pedestrian blended Scotches?" So asks F. Paul Pacult, publisher of the "Spirit Journal", in his mid-year Scotch Report in the June issue. Mr. Pacult adds, "what's ironic to me is that in their pursuit of stature consumers are neglecting many excellent and affordable blended Scotch whiskies, some of which surpass more than a few single malts in eloquence and overall drinkability." Pacult also states that "the following tasting notes point to two truly outstanding blended Scotch whiskies that deserve copious amounts of your



#### The Dimple 15 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky 43% Alcohol

Engaging amber-orange color; serious, assertive, aldehydic, dry nose which offers subtle hints of hay, cooked rice, com haak, iodine, and spasted cereal; shifts into over-masted almonds, but drive once on the palate as voluptious and vanilla combine tastes of smoke, iodine, and soft peat come phony of fragrance; l together in a graceful, well-coordinated dance of flavor; ends rather smokily with a sweet, toffee tail; no question but that sublime mid-palate c the 15 years of aging really makes the tertaste are remarkal difference in this medium-to-full bodied Scotch as the various components complement each other beautifully; a prime en- aware of it; after ta ample of the glories of blending; the maltand blended Sci artistry of the Haig & Haig master blender shines in this succulent, distinguished whisky; hats off to this one; easiby one of the top five blended Scotches available in the marketplace.

Highly Recommended. SJ Rating-90.

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SJ Rating-92

#### USQUAEBACH Blended Scotch Whisky 43% Alcohol

Gorgeous, vibrant, honey-amber color; one of the most beguiling noses in the entire Scotch whisky category-perfumed, multilayered opulence, accentuated with roasted almonds, butter cream, sweet oak, and vanilla combine in a wonderful symphony of fragrance; luxurious, sweet, elegant, concentrated flavors of pepper, coffee, and sherry dazzle the tastebuds; the sublime mid-palate and long, heavenly aftertaste are remarkably balanced, supple, characterful, and graceful; if blended Scotch gets any better than this, I'm not aware of it: after tasting scores of single malt and blended Scotch whiskies over the past five years, to my way of thinking this is the Bentley of blended Scotch whiskies; it runs with the elite of the hallowed single malts; seek out and buy.

Twelve Stone Flagons, Ltd. Highly Recommended. SI Rating-92.



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#### The Finest of Scotch Whisky: Usquaebach

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Usquaebach 15 year and the "Old Rare" Flagon: 'I carry this brand because it's smooth and very unique.

For more information log onto www. usersaehach.com

Available at Filler Up, 17 West Englewood Ave., Teaneck NJ 07666 201862 1700

## **JEWMALT** WHISKY A REVIEWS

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Usquaebach Reserve blended whisky -43% ABV

On the nose - A pleasant nose filled with notes of pears and charcoal.

Beat up Chuck Taylors and maybe even some white pepper.

A grainy sweetness fills my nostrils as does the scent of heavily used pencil erasers.

In sum - A very enjoyable vatted mait with nearly too much meatiness but just enough for me to be OK with it. There's a fine line for me on the "meaty" maits and this one walks it quite well. I had this whisky as part of a tasting event I did for 20 some-odd people and I kept going back to it. Very enjoyable stuff.

Usquaebach Old-Rare blended whisky -43% ABV

On the nose - Fun-fun-fun nose filled with dark roasted coffee beans and hot.

In sum - A fantastic blend. Beautifully balanced with lip-smacking sherry notes. A bit of a warmer-upper - perhaps best on a cold early spring night.

Over all, I think each of these three whiskies has a time and a place. The "Reserve" is a good any day dram (not to be confused with an everyday dram though). The 15yo is an impressive mait that goes well with rich foods and good company. And lastly, the Old-Rare is a celebratory dram.





## USQUAEBACH HIGHLANDS DASH

#### Ingredients

- 2 oz Usquaebach Reserve
- 2 oz Preserved Lemonade (bitter) or freshly squeezed Lemons
- 1 oz sparkling water
- 1 oz raw honey simple syrup
- 4 drops grapefruit bitters.
- Fill a glass with finely crushed ice
- Add USQUAEBACH, lemonade & raw honey syrup to a Boston shaker
- Fill 3/4 with ice; cap & shake
- Strain into the crushed ice
- Add a splash of seltzer
- Finish with bitters
- Serve with an orange zest

Warren Bobrow, Mixologist author of Whiskey Cocktails



Drink Recipes



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## HOT BUTTERED USQUAEBACH

#### Ingredients

2 oz Usquaebach Reserve

**5** oz Hot Lapsang Souchong Tea

Raw Honey (Caledonia Spirits)

1 tsp. salted butter

4-5 drops Chocolate Bitters

(Fee Bros)

Nutmeg

- Preheat mug
- Add butter to hot mug, add USQUAEBACH & raw honey to taste
- Top with the hot tea
- Dot with bitters
- Add a bit of nutmeg (freshly scraped)

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## USQUAEBACH MANHATTAN-ITE

#### Ingredients

2 oz Usquaebach

1 oz Yzaguirre Sweet Vermouth

4 drops bittered sling Malagasy

**Chocolate bitters** 

**Luxardo Cherry** 

- Add USQUAEBACH & Vermouth to a mixing glass with ice
- Hand stir to chill
- Strain with Hawthorne strainer into a glass with one large ice cube
- Garnish with orange zest.

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Drink Recipes



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May the best you've ever seen
Be the worst you'll ever see
May ye aye keep hale and hearty
Till ye're auld enough tae dee,
May ye aye be just as happy
As I wish ye aye tae be.

- a Wise Old Saying from an Artisanal Scotch Whisky Blend, Usquaebach -