

# R&B



## R&B Distillers

In a category dominated by multinational companies and the same handful of established regions, it's exciting to welcome a small but ambitious new addition to the Scotch whisky scene which is seeking to introduce a previously overlooked island onto the radar of connoisseurs.



R&B (Raasay & Borders) Distillers was founded in 2014 by Alasdair Day, whose family boasts a long tradition of whisky making, and Bill Dobbie, a successful Scottish entrepreneur and whisky lover. Together they are building the Hebridean Isle of Raasay's first legal distillery.

Although this construction project is not due for completion until 2017, with its first single malt set to hit the market in 2020, the end of 2015 saw R&B unveil its vision for the Raasay whisky character in the form of a "While We Wait" bottling.



Not content with this bold venture, R&B is also working to resurrect the neglected whisky making tradition of the Scottish Borders. Since 2009 Alasdair has been recreating the Borders style made by his great-grandfather, adding his own modern twists to produce award winning blended Scotch The Tweeddale, which is already exported to several major whisky markets.

Late 2015 heralded the arrival of a second Borders expression. Like the Raasay malt, this shows the regional character that R&B aims to capture once it finds the right home for another new distillery, the first working example to exist in the Borders for over 150 years.

At a time when consumers are showing a real thirst for premium whiskies from around the world, R&B is feeding demand for something 'different' within the context of Scotland's proud, globally recognised whisky tradition. For whisky lovers this is a rare opportunity to become part of an intriguing new chapter in the Scotch story.

*"How heart-warming to see a blend not just keep faithfully to its style, but appear to somehow up the quality a fraction. A treat of a whisky experience"*

*Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2014  
on The Tweeddale, 95 points*





**Raasay 'While We Wait' \*\*NEW\*\*  
Single Malt Scotch Whisky**

A deliberate representation of future Raasay distilling, this blends two expressions – unpeated and peated – from one distillery, which is then finished in French oak casks from a Tuscan wine producer of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Natural colour, non chill-filtered.

**Alcohol:** 46% ABV

**Format:** 70cl bottle

**Tasting note:** Very little smoke on the nose with light, fruity notes coming through instead. On the palate there is instant peat smoke and spice reminiscent of a distant campfire, black pepper, liquorice, oak and sea breeze. All this blends with dry blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry and cherry fruit from the Tuscan red wine casks to build into a lingering finish.

**Price (EXW) :** £21.25 per 70cl bottle



**The Tweeddale  
Blended 14 Year Old  
Scotch Whisky**

A blend of nine Scotch whiskies: one single cask, single grain and eight single malts from the Highlands, Lowlands, Islay and Speyside regions with a 50:50 malt to grain ratio. Natural colour, non chill-filtered.

**Alcohol:** 46% ABV

**Format:** 70cl bottles

**Tasting note:** Amber colour with pale yellow highlights. On the nose this is mellow and fruity with bruised pear and apple, orange zest, a hint of wood shavings, fresh coriander and black pepper. The palate is sweet and spicy with a warming after-glow and a clean but complex spiced citrus finish.

\*SOLD OUT – new stock due summer 2016\*



**Borders \*\*NEW\*\*  
Single Grain Blended  
Scotch Whisky**

A rare mix of 50% wheat and 50% malt from a single distillery, finished in Oloroso Sherry casks. Natural colour, non chill-filtered.

**Alcohol:** 51.7% ABV

**Format:** 70cl bottles

**Tasting note:** Light golden in colour thanks to the Sherry cask and with prominent Sherry notes on the nose, this whisky is surprisingly dry on the palate, showing vanilla, walnut, herbaceous and floral notes with just a touch of warm spice. The finish is lingering, dry and complex.

**Price (EXW):** £17.50 per 70cl bottle

