

## Home of the Sweet Cask Finish



### SECONDARY AGEING/FINISH

Fondillón

Region: *Alicante, Spain*

Type: *Dessert wine*

Style: *An almost mythical ancient wine, shaped by sweet Monastrell grapes and oxidative ageing in oak. Intensely aromatic and full flavoured.*

### THE DISTILLATE

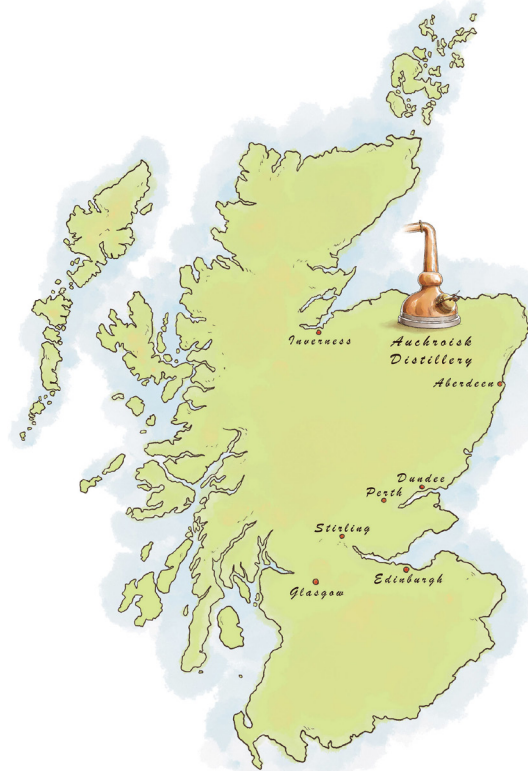
Distillery: *Auchroisk*

Region: *Speyside*

Style: *Mashing, fermentation and boiling is done at speed here, giving the distillate an almost singed quality, revealed as toasted nuts and sweet malty cereal given time in the cask.*

### AUCHROISK DISTILLERY

*was built in the tiny Speyside hamlet of Mulben in 1972. An uncommonly quick mashing, fermentation and boiling sequence helps create a heavy charred-like new-make character which develops into nutty-spicy sweetness through maturation. This style can take a generous secondary maturation.*



### FONDILLÓN

*Regarded as a luxury 'Noble' sweet wine enjoyed by Spanish royalty since the fifteenth century and produced solely in the Alicante region, on hills overlooking the Mediterranean sea. It gets its caramel, hazelnut, dried orange peel and ripe fig character from over-ripe Monastrell grapes and long barrel ageing.*

## For the guest, serve the best.



## Let it be *Pintail*

# SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

AGED **15** YEARS

DISTILLED AT  
**AUCHROISK**  
DISTILLERY



## FONDILLÓN WINE CASK FINISH



### APPEARANCE

*Bright gold with copper-red tones.*

### NOSE

*Dried fruits, roasted hazelnuts, turmeric spice, dark honey, old polished oak.*

### PALATE

*Fresh and zesty ripe red fruits, toasted cereals, chilli coated nuts, exotic spices  
and hints of coffee.*

### FINISH

*Spicy-nuttiness, currants, ginger, ripe figs and notes of dried orange peel.*

## PINTAIL EXPERTISE



We combine our expertise in selecting the right Scotch Whisky distillate for the right style of sweet cask with our curiosity for flavour exploration to bring the most sumptuous, complex Single Malts to market—many of them industry-first ‘finishes’ or secondary maturation.

The original **PINTAIL**, named after the dabbling duck with its distinctive pointed tail feathers, was first bottled and distributed by Perth-based wines and spirits merchant, Matthew Gloag & Son in 1931.

This is our latest Single Malt Scotch Whisky—distilled and filled into a refill hogshead at **AUCHROISK DISTILLERY** in Speyside in 2008 and bottled at 54.3% after spending a period of secondary maturation in a Spanish oak cask which previously held the rare and revered **FONDILLÓN** sweet wine. We nurtured this very special whisky through the ageing process, checking the quality of the liquid on a regular basis and bottling at just the right point. Not too much, not too little character from the wood. The sweet Spanish wine has seasoned the oak to deliver a ‘finish’ of dried fruits, toasted nuts, exotic spices, malty cereal, charred oak and a sharp zesty freshness.

Only **230 bottles** produced from one single cask no. 1101. 

## WHY FONDILLÓN?



Casks that have previously aged this exquisite, rare Spanish wine have never been used in Scotch Whisky secondary maturation or “finishing” until now.

**FONDILLÓN** is a sweet wine made entirely in Spain’s Alicante province from locally harvested Monastrell grapes, which hang on loose, dehydrated, sun-kissed vines overlooking the Mediterranean sea and provide a low yielding but densely sweet crop. Since the fifteenth century, it has been regarded as one of the most luxurious ‘Regal Wines’, enjoyed within the Palaces of Europe and among Spanish nobles. Protected by Denominaciones de Origen (DO) status, production today is much more limited and barrels for ageing incredibly scarce.

Producers are known to fiercely protect their casks, holding them for several generations and preferring to repair old wood than replace with new. The barrels we acquired are known to be over a century old.

As creators and curators of sweet cask finished Scotch whiskies, at Pintail we wanted to explore what the seasoned oak of an ex-**FONDILLÓN** barrel would do to a nutty-spicy and honeyed cereal style of aged distillate and, after almost a year in the secondary barrel, this **AUCHROISK (15 YEARS OLD) SINGLE MALT** is at peak performance. 