

American Single Malt Whiskey

New regulations for the production of American Single Malt Whiskey.

Must be produced using 100% malted barley.

The malting process (and all production) must occur in the United States; it is not allowed to contain flavouring or blending materials.

Caramel colouring is permitted but must be shown on the label. (no other colouring agents are permitted).

It must be distilled to no more than 80% ABV. in a single distillery located in the United States.

Cask Ageing

Must be aged in oak casks. With a maximum capacity of 700 litres.

Ageing is to take place in the United States.

Casks can be of Used oak, charred new oak, or un-charred new oak.

The producer has the choice of what type to use.

It must be bottled at a minimum of 40% ABV

There is no minimum ageing requirement.

American Single Malt Whiskey that has been aged for at least two years in cask may be labelled with the term straight.

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