

PENDERYN

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PENDERYN WHISKY: 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Penderyn Whisky started in the village of Penderyn, which is located on the southern foothills of the Brecon Beacons National Park, 33 miles north-west of Cardiff. Penderyn opened a new distillery in Llandudno, Lloyd St in North Wales in May 2021, and a 3rd distillery opened at Swansea Copperworks in June 2023.

Small stills existed in Wales in the 4th century, but the last whisky officially distilled in Wales was produced by the original, but short-lived Welsh Whisky Company at the Frongoch Distillery in Bala, North Wales, which closed in the early 1900s. Other notable characters in Wales whisky past include David Lloyd George, the only Welsh Prime Minister of Great Britain, who introduced the '3 year/1 day' rule for whisky maturing; and Evan Williams (from Dale in Pembrokeshire) who was one of the founders of the American Bourbon industry.

The idea for Penderyn was conceived by a group of friends (lead by the landlord, Alun Evans), sitting around a pub table in The Glancynon Inn in nearby Hirwaun, who decided to re-introduce the lost art of whisky distilling to Wales. They bought an un-commissioned whisky still designed by Dr David Faraday, a relative of the famous Victorian scientist, Michael Faraday. Their dream was to create a world class single malt whisky.

***In August 2023, we were among the Top 10 Single Malt Whisky producers in the UK.
A remarkable story.***



On Thursday 14 September 2000 the first distillation was carried out. The whisky is distilled in a unique single column Faraday still, producing a flavourful spirit at 92% abv which is married with water from the Brecon Beacons. The late great Master Distiller Dr Jim Swan came on board in 2002 and his vision helped create Penderyn's unique style. Penderyn Whisky was launched in the presence of HRH Prince Charles on St David's Day, 2004.

Penderyn is an independent distillery, employing around 120 dedicated craftsmen, staff and professionals and has around 60 shareholders. It is now one of the most influential Welsh exports, respecting the long heritage of whisky production and combining this with an innovative approach to distilling, marketing and branding. Former Wales Government First Minister Carwyn Jones described Penderyn as '*...one of the great Welsh manufacturing success stories of recent times.*'

UKGI

Penderyn Distillery is proud to announce the official launch of Welsh Geographical Indicators for the Single Malt category. The momentous occasion took place at the Royal Welsh Show on Monday, July 24th, 2023. This significant achievement comes after receiving approval from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for the protection of the Welsh whisky industry.

Geographical indicators play a crucial role in safeguarding the unique identity and quality of regional products. The recognition of Welsh Geographical Indicators for the Single Malt category will highlight the exceptional craftsmanship and distinctiveness of Welsh whisky, positioning it as a truly exceptional and protected spirit.

Penderyn Distillery has been at the forefront of this initiative, working tirelessly to promote and preserve the heritage and tradition of Welsh whisky. The distillery's unwavering commitment to producing exceptional single malt whisky has been instrumental in the successful establishment of the Welsh Geographical Indicators.



PENDERYN BRECON BEACONS VISITOR CENTRE

Penderyn Distillery (CF44 0SX) opened its doors in June 2008 with the launch of a purpose-built Visitor Centre. The Distillery is located in the spectacular Brecon Beacons National Park. Guests can take a journey through the history of single malt whisky making in Wales, learn how Penderyn is produced and enjoy a selection of Penderyn products in our well-stocked bar. This is our HQ.

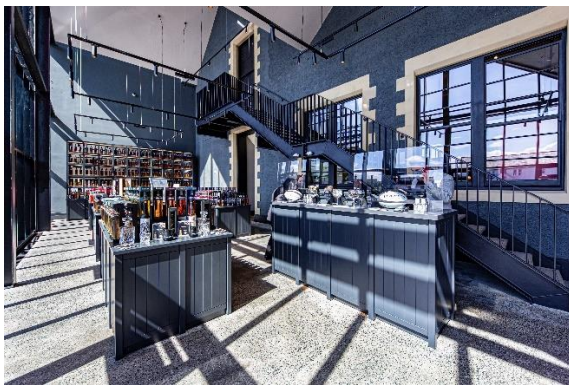
Open all year round, the award-winning Visitor Centre is one of South Wales's top attractions. It has won a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence.

Penderyn also offers expert-led Masterclasses, where small groups are guided through an unforgettable whisky experience which includes a tour of the facilities, an interactive explanation of whisky production and, of course, an in-depth tasting session.



PENDEYRN LLANDUNDO LLOYD ST VISITOR CENTRE

Penderyn opened its new distillery in Llandudno (LL30 2YG) on May 17th 2021. It houses an exhibition area, shop, tasting bar and the distillery hall contains our unique Faraday Still. For the first time, Penderyn will use Peated Barley.



PENDEYRN SWANSEA COPPERWORKS VISITOR CENTRE

Penderyn opened a new distillery in Swansea (SA1 2LQ) in June 2023. The Copperworks powerhouse contains the distillery hall, and the right-hand side building contains the shop, bar and exhibition area.



DISTRIBUTION

Penderyn is available from all UK multiples and fine wine and spirit merchants; and online from www.penderyn.wales, and other major online retailers. Half bottles, miniatures, gift packs, merchandise and accessories are also available. Penderyn is now exported to over 50 countries.

From Wales to the world...

OUR PROCESS

SPIRIT

Penderyn whisky is distilled from a high-quality malted barley wash which we produce on site in our mash tun. The new whisky spirit is produced from this barley wash in our unique Faraday still (pic 1 below). The still produces a high quality and flavourful whisky spirit at up to 92% alcohol by volume – an industry high. As of 2014 we have two such stills, and a pair of lantern stills. This format is in Swansea (pic 2 below) as well. We have a single Faraday Still in Llandudno.



WATER

The whisky spirit is married with water from the Brecon Beacons. The distillery lies within the bounds of the Fforest Fawr National Geopark, one of only 53 Geoparks across the globe – areas designated by UNESCO as exhibiting, '*geological heritage of great significance*'. The area is known for its mountains, farmland and waterfalls.

At Llandudno we will use water from a chamber underneath the Great Orme, which was formerly for use by the lighthouse. In Swansea we use water from Dan-yr-Ogof caves.



AGEING

Initial ageing is in ex-bourbon oak casks, sourced from the best Tennessee and Kentucky distilleries. Most casks come from Buffalo Trace, widely recognised as one of the finest bourbons in the world. Our distilling team nose and score each individual cask over many years. At precisely the right time the whisky is disgorged and re-casked into ex-Madeira barriques. Penderyn has a special relationship with one of the finest cooperages, which only supply the very best Madeira houses. We also use Peated, Sherrywood, Red Wine, Portwood and other casks. Slowly, the spirit will leach the Madeira (and other finishes) from the oak, gaining increased subtlety and complexity. It is only when this process is complete that our distillers allow the spirit to be bottled.

BRANDING

The design of the bottles and the company's branding is given precise attention. Penderyn Director Glenn Tutssel, one of the UK's eminent alcohol branding designers, heads up the design team. Sadly, Glenn died in 2019. Our 46% abv 'Gold' range incorporates the Welsh Gold theme in its new bespoke bottles. In 2023 we launched a re-branding of the 'Dragon' range, which launched in 2015. These are 40% abv single malts. This nod towards a classic Welsh icon was in response to some of our international trade partners who were aware of Wales' iconic national flag.



PENDERYN MADEIRA FINISH – OUR ‘HOUSE’ STYLE

‘The original Penderyn has been aged in ex-bourbon barrels and finished in ex-Madeira wine casks to bring out its full golden character. At a generous 46% ABV, it has a classic freshness with aromas of cream toffee, rich fruit and raisins. The palate is crisp and finely rounded, with the sweetness to balance an appetising dryness. Notes of tropical fruit, raisins and vanilla persist in the finish. The unique distillation process produces a single malt whisky that is supremely smooth, light in character, softly golden in colour and does not require chill filtering.’

Dr Jim Swan (1941-2017) – Our first Master Distiller



THE DISTILLING TEAM

The distilling team at Penderyn has two women, Aista Phillips (pic below, who trained under the expert direction of Master Distiller, Dr Jim Swan*.) and Bethan Lewis.

Dr Swan was involved with Penderyn Distillery since 2002 and was charged with creating the unique style of Penderyn single malt. Jim was a consultant to the worldwide drinks industry and assisted in the quality aims of blue-chip brewers, winemakers, distillers and cooperages as well as several small producers in five continents.

**Sadly, Dr Jim Swan died on the 14th February 2017.*



Recent Whisky Awards

2025

Madeira	San Francisco World Spirits	Gold
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2024

Legend	New York World Spirits	Best Of Class
Madeira	Spirit Selection India	Gold
Sherrywood	Las Vegas Global Spirit	Platinum
Myth	Las Vegas Global Spirit	Gold
Celt	Las Vegas Global Spirit	Gold
Legend	New York World Spirits Competition	Double Gold
Sherrywood	New York World Spirits Competition	Gold
Hiraeth	New York World Spirits Competition	Gold
The Headliner	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Rich Oak	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold

2023

Portwood	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Peated	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Madeira	USC Awards	Finalist
Rich Oak	USC Awards	92/100

2022

Madeira	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Legend	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Myth	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Celt	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Rich Oak	San Francisco World Spirits	Double Gold
Celt	San Francisco World Spirits	Double Gold
Madeira	San Francisco World Spirits	Gold
Portwood	San Francisco World Spirits	Gold
Myth	San Francisco World Spirits	Gold
Hiraeth	New Wizards of Whisky	Gold
Portwood	New Wizards of Whisky	Gold

2021

Rich Oak	Drinks Business Asia Winter Tasting 2021	Gold
Myth	Drinks Business Asia Winter Tasting 2021	Gold
Rich Oak	New York World Wine & Spirits Competition	Double Gold
Sherrywood	New York World Wine & Spirits Competition	Double Gold
Myth	New York World Wine & Spirits Competition	Gold
Faraday	Spirits Business Travel Retail Masters	Gold
Legend	The Fifty Best World Whiskies	Double Gold
Madeira	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Peated	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Sherrywood	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Portwood	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Rich Oak	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Myth	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Rhiannon	Spirits Business World Whisky Masters	Gold
Celt	Ultimate Spirits Challenge (Finalist)	95/100
15yo Bourbon Single Cask	Whisky Advocate (US only)	95/100
13yo Rich Oak Single Cask	Whisky Advocate (US only)	93/100
Jim Murray's Whisky Bible	18 x Liquid Gold Awards (see attached sheet)	

You can find the awards before 2021 here: <https://www.penderyn.wales/awards/>

BESPOKE BOTTLE

On Sept 24th 2017 we launched our bespoke new bottle at Whisky Live in Paris. It was designed by Glenn Tutssel (1951-2019), whose design credits include Peroni and Johnny Walker. To see a video of Glenn (pictured below) explaining his design, please search, **'Youtube Penderyn Bottle'**.



OUR WHISKIES - DRAGON RANGE

The Red Dragon is the national flag of Wales and the Royal Welsh badge bears the motto, 'Y ddraig goch ddyry cychwyn', which translates as 'The red dragon inspires action.' It features in ancient Welsh tales and was the battle standard of legendary Welsh princes. Welshman Henry Tudor took the flag to Bosworth, where, in 1485, he became the last king of England to be crowned on the battlefield.



Legend

A Madeira-finish single malt whisky, bottled at 40% abv (43% in the USA)

Tasting Notes

Nose: Aromas of fresh apples and citrus fruits intermingle with cream fudge and sultana raisins to create a complex yet fresh, clean and well-balanced whisky.

Palate: Incredibly smooth and both fresh and rich dried fruits abound. Delicate and sweet on the palate with just a hint of bitterness to remain refreshing.

Finish: A long aftertaste of Madeira cake and sultanas.

2024 New York World Spirits – Double Gold/Best Of Class

2022 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2021 The Fifty Best World Whiskies – Double Gold

2018 Spirits Selection by Concours Mondial – Gold

2018 World Whisky Masters Europe Premium – Gold

2018 San Francisco World Spirits – Silver



Myth

A single malt whisky matured in a range of specially selected ex-red wine and ex-bourbon casks, bottled at 40% abv (43% in the USA)

Tasting Notes

Nose: Fresh and lively, Myth has mixed citrus fruits mingling with apple, pear drops and the merest hint of tropical fruits.

Palate: Sweetness dominates then moves over to allow some refreshing bitterness to emerge while the mixed fruits continue to dominate the flavour.

Finish: Gradually all the flavours ebb away to leave memories of a lively and light style of whisky that is easy to drink.

2024 Las Vegas Global Spirits - Gold

2022 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold

2022 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2021 Drinks Business Asia Winter Tasting – Gold

2021 New York World Spirits – Gold

2021 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2020 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold



Celt

A single malt whisky finished in ex-peated quarter casks, bottled at 40% abv. (43% in the USA)

Tasting Notes

Nose: Mild aromas of peat smoke, early morning at the rocky seaside and warm marmalade on toast all compete for our attention.

Palate: It begins with great sweetness before the smoky, slightly medicinal flavours descend.

Finish: Slight bitterness follows that leaves a long and lingering freshness in the mouth.

2024 Las Vegas Global Spirits - Gold

2022 San Francisco World Spirits – Double Gold

2022 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2021 Ultimate Spirits Challenge – 95/100

2020 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2018 Spirits Selection by Concours Mondial – Gold

2018 World Whisky Masters Europe Premium – Gold

2016 World Whisky Masters Europe Premium – Gold

OUR WHISKIES - GOLD RANGE

Welsh Gold is extremely rare, pure and precious and was worn by legendary Welsh princes. Our Gold Range reflects those qualities.



Madeira

This whisky is the original Penderyn ‘house style’, aged in ex-bourbon barrels and finished in ex-Madeira wine casks to bring out its full gold character. It is bottled at 46% abv.

Tasting Notes

Nose: A classic freshness with aromas of cream toffee, rich fruit and raisins.

Palate: Crisp and finely rounded, with the sweetness to balance an appetising dryness.

Finish: Notes of tropical fruit, raisins and vanilla persist.

Balance: Oaky vanilla tones/dry sweetness

2025 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold

2024 Spiritz Selection India - Gold

2023 USC – Finalist 94/100

2022 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters – Gold

2022 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold



Portwood

This Portwood-finish whisky is a firm favourite among our customers in France and a real attention grabber. It is bottled at 46% abv.

Tasting Notes

Nose: Aromas of rich dried fruits with dark chocolate and cranberries; a hint of toasty oak mingles with a baked nutty dryness
Palate: A creamy richness with some honey and spiced notes emerging
Finish: Smooth with a soft oak and honey sweetness lingering gently on the tongue
Balance: Rich wood/chocolate & dry fruits

2023 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold
2022 San Francisco World Spirits – Gold
2021 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold
2020 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold



Rich Oak

A new addition to our Gold Range following on from the success of Rich Oak Single Cask and 50% bottlings, this whisky is finished in the finest rejuvenated European ex- wine casks and bottled at 46%.

Tasting Notes

Nose: Dark chocolate fudge with cinnamon and pepper spices, followed by lush fruit – green apples, mango, banana and guavas.
Palate: Rich and complex. A creamy texture with hints of vanilla, oak and cinnamon, and a hint of nutty toffee.
Finish: A creamy-vanilla flavour which is in no rush to ebb away

2024 Spirits Business - Gold
2023 USC – 92/100
2023 USC – Gold
2022 San Francisco World Spirits – Double Gold
2021 Drinks Business Asia Winter Tasting – Gold
2021 New York World Spirits - Double Gold



Sherrywood

The Penderyn Sherrywood in this bottle has been aged in ex-bourbon barrels and ex-Oloroso sherry casks to bring out its rich fruity flavour.

Tasting Notes

Nose: aromas of dark fruit and rich toffee mingle with green apples and hazelnuts to create a deeper mystery

Palate: rich sweetness gives way to refreshing dryness

Finish: sweet notes of toffee and sultana persist in the long finish

Balance: Sherry and oak/winter spices

2024 Las Vegas Global Spirits - Platinum

2024 New York World Spirits - Gold

2021 New York World Spirits - Double Gold

2021 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2020 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold

2019 San Francisco World Spirits - Gold



Peated

This whisky has a delicate spirit with a medium peaty character and a light golden tone. It is bottled at 46% abv.

Tasting Notes

Nose: It introduces itself with sweet, aromatic smoke. Under this, there are signature notes of vanilla, green apple and refreshing citrus

Palate: An array of gentle flavours tempts even the most sophisticated palate

Finish: Smoke and vanilla linger on the attractive medium-length finish.

Balance: Light smoke/citrus fruitiness

2023 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2021 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2020 San Francisco World Spirits - Double Gold

2020 Spirits Business World Whisky Masters - Gold

2018 IWSC Worldwide - Gold (Outstanding 93/100)

OUR WHISKIES - ICONS OF WALES



#12 – COPPEROPOLIS

The 12th in Penderyn's Icons Of Wales Edition whiskies is called Copperopolis. Swansea became known as 'Copperopolis' because from 1720, 50% of the world's copper and 90% of the UK's copper was smelted in the area. Penderyn's new distillery is in the Powerhouse of the old Swansea copperworks building.

This 70cl bottle has an abv of 46% and matured in Sweet Red Wine Finish.

Tasting Notes

Nose: Floral and fruity. Scent of orange blossom, notes of peaches, cherries and orange peel. Sweet vanilla and honey, with a light spice of dried fruits.

Palate – Luscious mouthfeel. Rich sweetness of caramel and honey. Bouquet of dried fruits; raisins, figs and light oak spices.

Finish: Dry oak remains, with a citrus sweetness and a dust of cocoa to the end.



#10 – YMA O HYD

The 10th in Penderyn's Icons of Wales Edition whiskies is called YMA O HYD. This is a patriotic anthem, written by Dafydd Iwan, and has been adopted by the Red Wall (Welsh football supporters). This whisky is produced in partnership with FA Wales as their official whisky for the Wales campaign at the World Cup in 2022.

This 70cl bottle has an abv of 43% and is matured in American Rye Casks.

Tasting Notes

Nose: Fragrant, floral with baking spices, toffee, caramel, baked apples and pears.

Palate: Smooth with notes of sweet caramel, sultanas, baked apples with cinnamon; pepper & oak spices with a hint of ginger & cloves.

Finish: A caramel sweetness with herbal notes and peppery spices.

#9 – The Headliner



The 9th in Penderyn's Icons of Wales Edition whiskies is called The Headliner. The only Welsh Prime Minister, David Lloyd George (1863-1945), was a social reformer and accidentally established the premium whisky industry. He became a symbol of the national reawakening of Wales, and created more headlines than any other 20th century statesman.

This 70cl bottle has an abv of 46%, and is matured in Jamaican Rum & Ruby Port Casks.

Tasting Notes

Nose: Red berries, strawberries and cream; a hint of cranberries, light oak and vanilla. Nutmeg and cinnamon spice.

Palate: Rich sweet flavours of dried fruits, salted caramel, floral honey and a spicy kick of black pepper with a tannin dryness.

Finish: Sweetness, fading into a dry-yet-fruity finish.

2024 Spirits Business - Gold

For Icons Of Wales (sold out) go here:

<https://www.penderyn.wales/icons-of-wales/>

OUR WHISKIES - LIMITED EDITIONS & SINGLE CASK

Our Master Blender, Aista Phillips (who trained under the expert direction of Dr Jim Swan), occasionally selects one or two of the very best Penderyn single cask whiskies as outstanding examples of our world class single malt whisky.

Our single cask whiskies can be individually numbered and/or signed by a senior member of the Penderyn team.

If you want to buy a cask go here: www.penderyn.wales/cask-sales/



SPIRITS

Brecon Gin



This is a fine quality distilled gin using botanicals from the four corners of the world and bottled at Penderyn Distillery using water from the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Tasting Notes

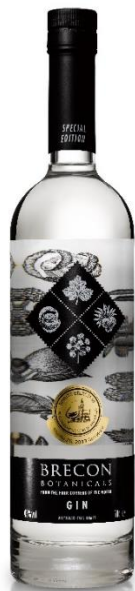
Taken neat, Brecon Gin is a big traditional juniper, laced with coriander and revealing hints of spicy cinnamon. Add a mixer and the citrus freshness of oranges and lemons appear with nutmeg, liquorice and angelica in a supporting role. The characteristic flavours go well with tonic, ice and lemon on a warm summer's day but Brecon's traditional heritage is equally at home besides a roaring fire on a cold night and will bring back memories of long hot summers past.

2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Master

2020 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Gold

2017 Spirits Business Gin Masters – Gold

Brecon Botanicals Gin



Made from our own recipe, combining a specially selected range of botanicals and the best pure grain spirit, this super-premium gin is produced in small batches using only the finest ingredients.

Tasting Notes

The nose is a rich complex of fresh juniper, followed quickly by coriander and a complexity of gin flavours. Hints of citrus mingle with oriental spices. On adding a mixer, the citrus, lemon, orange – and even bergamot – open out, as do hints of cinnamon, cloves and even saffron. A medium-length finish leaves you ready for the next mouthful.

2021 Drinks Business Asia Winter Tasting – Gold

2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Gold

2018 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Gold

2018 Spirits Selection by Concours Mondial- Gold

2017 Spirits Selection by Concours Mondial- Gold

2017 Gin Guide People's Choice Award

Brecon Gin – Rhubarb & Cranberry



This gin is based on our Brecon Special Reserve gin (which won a Master at the 2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters) and is bottled at 37.5% abv.

Tasting Notes

A burst of tangy rhubarb blends with bittersweet cranberry to give a fresh and fruity gin. Aromas of juicy grapefruit and fresh strawberries swirl on the nose, while juniper mingles with coriander and sweet orris root in the mouth, leaving a dry lingering finish.

Best served with ice and chilled tonic water. Garnish with frozen strawberries and cucumber.

2020 World Gin Awards Welsh Flavoured – Winner

2020 Spirits Business Global Gin Masters - Silver

Brecon Gin – Rose Petal



This gin is based on our Brecon Special Reserve gin (which won a Master at the 2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters) and is bottled at 37.5% abv.

Tasting Notes

Rose petal and strawberries married with tart fresh raspberries and juniper. Hints of liquorice and angelica root swirl, whilst spicy cinnamon and coriander aromas blend with refreshing notes of sunny citrus fruits.

Best served with ice and chilled tonic water. Garnish with a slice of pink grapefruit and fresh mint leave

2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Gold

Brecon Gin – Chocolate Orange



This gin is based on our Brecon Special Reserve gin (which won a Master at the 2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters) and is bottled at 37.5% abv.

Tasting Notes

Rich velvety chocolate swirls around this gin. Powdery cocoa and silky vanilla succumb to zesty, sweet orange bursts and an unmistakably full-bodied juniper, Dry cassia bark balanced with smooth fresh cream lingers in the mouth. Best served with ice and chilled tonic water. Garnish with cinnamon and a twist of orange.

2022 IWSC (96/100) - Gold

2021 Spirits Business Gin Masters - Gold

2020 Spirits Business Global Gin Masters – Gold

2019 Spirits Business Design & Packaging -Gold



FIVE Vodka

FIVE is a premium 43% abv vodka made with using water from the Brecon Beacons National Park. It is distilled five times for maximum purity. Vodka may be charcoal filtered but FIVE is so pure it doesn't need any further filtration.

Tasting Notes

FIVE gains a smooth fruit twist when we add a hint of barley spirit from our unique Penderyn still.

2021 Spirits Business Vodla Masters - Master

2018 World Vodka Awards – UK Pure Neutral Category – Winner

2017 International Spirits Challenge – Gold

2016 International Wine & Spirits Awards – Silver

Siddiqui Rums



Siddiqui Brown Rum is a spirit that ‘Sips like a whisky and parties like a rum’, and tastes like no other spirit. It has a distinctive whisky-like smoky and oaky note, but it is rounded with a short finish as you’d expect from a quality rum.

Siddiqui White Rum is sweet, smooth, very drinkable and an ideal platform for cocktails

(Penderyn have partnered up with California-based Siddiqui Rums Corporation, to produce and distribute Siddiqui Rums for international markets.)

2022 Spirits Business Rum and Cachaça Masters Brown Rum – Masters

2021 Spirits Business Rum and Cachaça Masters – White Rum – Gold

KEY WELSH WHISKY DATES

4th century

Archaeology suggests there were small stills throughout Wales

1705

Evan Williams a founding father of the Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey Company, arrives in the US after leaving his home in Dale, Pembrokeshire.

1889

A distillery opens in Frongoch, Bala, North Wales. Closed by 1903.

1916

Welsh-born Prime Minister David Lloyd-George brings in legislation stating that whisky must be stored in a barrel for 3 years and a day. This was to try and get rid of private stills, but inadvertently helped create the premium whisky industry (See middle picture on following page)

1st March 2004

Penderyn Single Malt Whisky launched by His Royal Highness Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales, on 1st March 2004

1st March 2005

Penderyn launched in London

9th November 2005

Penderyn released in the US in New York

1st October 2007

Launch of Merlyn, Brecon Five Vodka, Brecon Special Reserve Gin

June 2008

The Penderyn Distillery opens to the public

March 2013

The new stills and mash tun arrive

7th April 2015

The inaugural Penderyn Music Book Prize winner announced: www.penderynprize.com

June 2016

Announcement of a planned 2nd Penderyn Distillery at the historic Copper Quarter in Swansea. Investigations also begin into building a 3rd distillery in Llandudno, North Wales

September 2017

New Penderyn bottle launched at Whisky Live Paris

25th December 2017

Penderyn named as Theresa May, the UK Prime Minister's favourite Christmas drink

Sept 2020

A record year for sales, with a profit over £1,000,000

May 2021

Penderyn Llandudno Distillery opens.

June 2023

Swansea Copperworks Distillery opens

The Penderyn Music Book Prize

For more info go to www.penderynprize.com

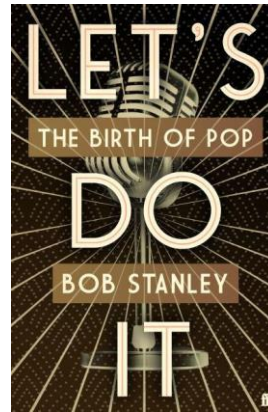
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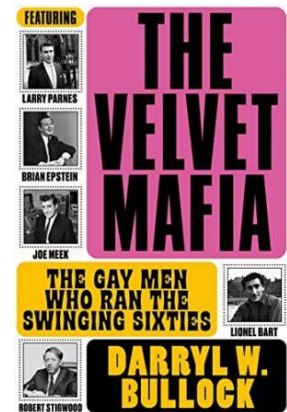
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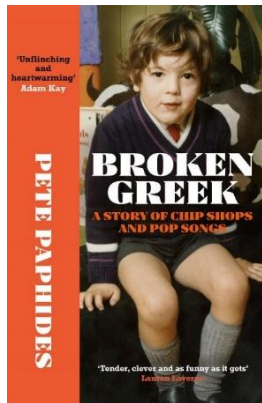
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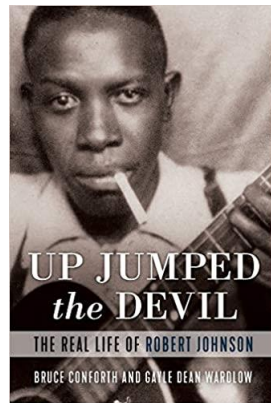
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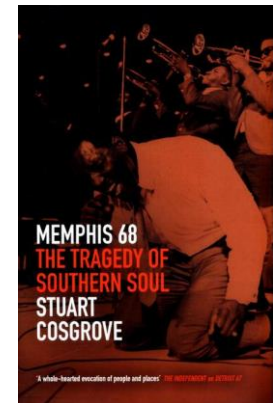
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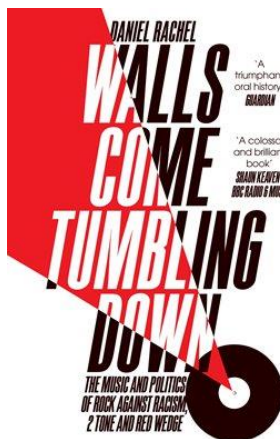
2019



2018



2017



2016



2015



SOCIAL MEDIA

We are very active on social media and news and updates are posted on Facebook, Instagram, X and Linked In regularly.

We also have a [Youtube channel](#) on which we have posted many self-generated videos.

Simply look up 'Penderyn Distillery' and your social media platform of choice.



Here are our news stories since January 2023.

For earlier news stories, or to keep up to date please go here:

[News - Penderyn](#)

Penderyn Madeira wins the Gold Award at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2025

(6th May 25)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2025/05/06/penderyn-madeira-wins-the-gold-award-at-the-san-francisco-world-spirits-competition-2025/>

Penderyn Distillery: 25 Years, 140 Awards, and Welsh Whisky Conquering 50 Countries

(6th May 25)

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Spiriting Away Carbon: Wales' Finest Whisky Producer Unveils Groundbreaking Sustainability Initiative With Tesco and The Welsh Butcher

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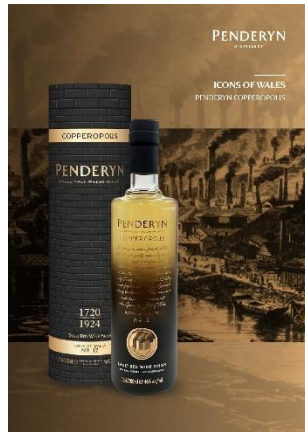
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**Penderyn Distillery Celebrates St. David’s Day 2025 with Its Award-Winning Welsh Whisky Range
– “Make Welsh Whisky Great Again” (1st March 25)**

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<https://www.penderyn.wales/2025/01/30/penderyn-perfect-pairings-elevating-culinary-experiences-across-the-uk/>

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Welsh Dragon Roars in Asia: Penderyn Distillery Celebrates Unprecedented Growth at Whisky Live Manila 2024 (16th Dec 2024)

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Penderyn Distillery: Flying the Flag for Wales in Over 50 Countries in 2025 (16th Dec 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/12/16/penderyn-distillery-flying-the-flag-for-wales-in-over-50-countries-in-2025/>

Penderyn Distillery Celebrates International Success with Prestigious Gold Award and Strategic Indian Market Expansion (4th Nov 2024)

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Welsh Dragon Rises in Asia: Penderyn Distillery Marks Major Expansion in Year of the Dragon (30th Oct 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/10/30/welsh-dragon-rises-in-asia-penderyn-distillery-marks-major-expansion-in-year-of-the-dragon/>

Welsh Whisky producers urge restaurants to feature Welsh GI produce (28th Oct 2024)

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<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/09/25/penderyn-legend-wins-double-gold-at-the-new-york-world-spirits-competition-and-sherrywood-and-hiraeth-wins-the-gold-award/>

Dictador 2Masters Columbian Rum has teamed up with Penderyn Distillery (16th August 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/09/03/dictador-2masters-columbian-rum-has-teamed-up-with-penderyn-distillery/>

Penderyn Distillery Chairman Embarks on Journey to Ukraine, Demonstrating Solidarity and Support (16th August 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/08/16/penderyn-distillery-chairman-embarks-on-journey-to-ukraine-demonstrating-solidarity-and-support/>

Penderyn Distillery has won two Gold Medals for The Headliner and Rich Oak at the Spirits Business World Whisky Awards! (2nd August 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/08/02/penderyn-distillery-has-won-two-gold-medals-for-the-headliner-and-rich-oak-at-the-spirits-business-world-whisky-awards/>

Swansea Copperworks gets Sustainability Award at Inside Media Property Awards (19th June 2024)

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Become a Penderyn Whisky Expert – Our Unique Faraday Stills (6th June 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/06/06/become-a-penderyn-whisky-expert/>

Penderyn Distillery's GOLD and DRAGON Ranges: Two Mighty Sides of the Same Welsh Whisky Coin (6th June 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/06/06/penderyn-distillerys-gold-and-dragon-ranges-two-mighty-sides-of-the-same-welsh-whisky-coin/>

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<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/06/06/penderyns-chief-operating-officer-operations-director-celebrates-welsh-icon-dylan-thomas-with-penderyn-brand-ambassador-matthew-rhys-new-york/>

Become A Whisky Expert – 'No Colour Added' – What Does this Mean? (2nd May 2024)

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<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/05/02/become-a-whisky-expert-non-chill-filtered/>

Penderyn Music Book Prize Awarded To Michael Cragg For 'Reach For The Stars' (19th March 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/03/19/penderyn-music-book-prize-awarded-to-michael-cragg-for-reach-for-the-stars/>

Welsh Cheekily Claim Ownership of St. Patrick's Day in Penderyn Whisky Video (15th March 24)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/03/15/welsh-whisky-icon-matthew-rhys-stirs-up-st-patricks-day-with-a-cheeky-video/>

10th Anniversary of Penderyn Music Book Prize Celebrated at The Laugharne Weekend in West Wales (15th March 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/03/15/10th-anniversary-of-penderyn-music-book-prize-celebrated-at-the-laugharne-weekend-in-west-wales/>

International Women's Day is on 8th March. Meet Bethan Lewis, our Distiller and Swansea Copperworks Manager (7th March 2024)

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International Women's Day is on 8th March. Meet Aista Phillips, our General Manager of Blending and Maturation (6th March 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/03/06/international-womens-day-is-on-8th-march-meet-aista-phillips-our-general-manager-of-blending-and-maturation/>

International Women's Day is on 8th March. Meet Laura Davies, our General Manager of Distilleries (5th March 2024)

<https://www.penderyn.wales/2024/03/05/international-womens-day-is-on-8th-march-meet-laura-davies-our-general-manager-of-distilleries/>

The Penderyn Music Book Prize enters its 10th year! (12th Jan 2024)

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Welsh Hollywood Star Matthew Rhys Tells Stories While Enjoying A Dram at Penderyn's New Swansea Distillery (8th Jan 2024)

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