



The Glenglassaugh Small Cask Offer Q&A

1. Which kind of industry cask will you use for this cask? We are using Octaves, a traditional cask of approximately 50 litres although, as you will understand, the exact amount cannot be guaranteed, especially after evaporation.
2. Can you provide more information on cask history? We have a range of Octaves are casks to chose from;
 - a. Refill Scotch Whisky :-These are specially constructed from staves from larger casks that have previously been used for the maturation of Scotch Whisky, but we do not have exact previous use details.
 - b. Ex-first fill Sherry casks:- These are exclusively manufactured for us in Spain and have previously been used for storing, a specific sherry type for instance Oloroso or PX.

These casks are delivered to us about 4 times per year and so there may sometimes be a period of time that we cannot immediately fill these casks and there could be a wait of up to 2 months involved.
 - c. Ex-Bourbon casks :- These are specially constructed from staves from barrels that have previously been used exclusively for the manufacture of Bourbon whiskey.
 - d. Ex-Port Casks: We have managed to acquire a supply of ex-Port casks which will be dismantled and made into Octave casks. This supply is limited and we are not sure if we will be able to supply this type of cask in future.

We carefully check each Octave before filling but the wood impact will vary with each individual cask.

3. Is it possible to store the cask for a longer time than 7 years and how much will it cost? We will allow anyone to store for a longer period of time and additional storage cost will be confirmed at the end of the initial 7 year period as we cannot accurately predict what warehouse rents will be in 7 years time. However these smaller casks mature quicker than barrels, hogsheads or butts and are generally bottled at a younger age.
4. How can I monitor the maturation of my spirit? We will take two small samples annually from each cask, retaining one on site and sending the other one to the cask owner so that they can assess the continuing maturation for themselves.



5. Can you tell me about the evaporation rate from an Octave? It is commonly quoted that the evaporation rate from a cask of Scotch Whisky maturing in a warehouse is 2% per annum and this is known as the “Angel’s Share”. However these smaller casks do have a higher evaporation rate, which can be up around 4% per annum, which is due to the high wood surface to liquid ratio.
6. Can I take the full cask overseas to bottle? Under the “The Scotch Whisky Regulations 2009” which became law on 23rd November 2009, single malt scotch whisky must be matured and bottled in Scotland. Therefore it is not possible to remove the full cask from site and bottle outside Scotland.
7. Where would you advise us to bottle? We suggest that it is best to bottle on site and if you want to visit and “do it yourself” then we would be happy to see you here. You are free to bottle elsewhere as long as it is an approved Scotch Whisky Bottler, based in Scotland, however we will have to charge you any transport costs incurred by us in transferring them to your bottler.
8. Does the price include transport to the bottler ? We have a very small hand bottling facility on site where we bottle all of our existing products which includes our exclusive aged Single Malt Scotch Whiskies as well as our innovative Spirit Drink products. We will use the same facility for these bottling and so there will be no cost for transport to our bottling facility. There will be a small cost for bottles, labels, corks and packaging material which will be advised at the time of bottling.
9. Is it possible to bottle some of the cask at one age and leave the remainder of the cask to bottle at a later stage ? Due to the amount of additional work involved we do not offer this as an option for Octave casks.
10. What will be the final cost of the cask after bottling and duty costs have been paid? It is difficult to predict the duty costs as this is dependent upon (a) the loss of alcoholic strength due to evaporation, (2) the loss of cask volume due to evaporation and (3) the rate of alcohol duty imposed by the UK government. My estimations, based on today’s rate of £25.52 per litre of alcohol are that this could add around £500 to the cost but it could be more.
However some people are arranging to ship the bottles, under bond, to their country of residence and then pay the local duty which is less, when they remove the bottles from store.



In addition there will be the bottling costs which will be around £2.50 to £3.00 per bottle, depending upon the actual bottle used and the label and other packaging material costs. We anticipate that each cask will yield around 50 to 60 bottles.

11. We want to purchase a cask between a small group of people, is this possible and can we have individual certificates and annual samples for each of us? We accept orders from groups but ask that one individual is nominated as the main contact for all correspondence.

We can issue certificates to all owners off a shared cask but there is a small charge for this service, more details will be provided if you are interested in this.

We can also send a second sample if requested and again there is an additional charge for this service, details upon request. However we restrict the sampling to a maximum of 2 duty free samples of 60ml which are taken on the anniversary of the cask filling date.

12. Can you send further information and details for payment? We accept payments in GBP Sterling directly into our bank account.

Sterling Account

Sort Code :	20-29-23
Account Number:	73114635
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