



## Valinch & Mallet

- INDEPENDENT SPIRITS -



### SPIRIT PROFILE

Spirit: Single Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky  
Distillery of Origin: Craigellachie  
Maturation: 12 years  
Cask Type: Ex-Sherry Butt  
Bottling Strength: 51.7% ABV  
Total US Release: 180 bottles

### CRAIGELLACHIE DISTILLERY PROFILE

Region: Speyside  
Founded: Aberlour, Banffshire, 1891  
Current Capacity: 4.0 MLPA  
Owner: Bacardi  
Note: one of the few distilleries to still use worm tubs as condensing system, imparting a heavier character to the spirit. The majority will go into the blends of John Dewar & Sons.

### FROM DAVIDE ROMANO, OWNER of VALINCH & MALLET

“Nose: black cherries, raisins, dried prunes, Virginia pipe tobacco and dried figues. Palate: again black cherries then milk chocolate, nutmeg, mixed spices and short-bread dipped in Oloroso sherry. Finish: long, spicy with nutmeg then sweet and sherry oriented.

“The first result of our own maturation program: the sister cask of the 10 yo Craigellachie released last year in the US that followed a completely maturation: 10 years in a third fill oloroso cask to give it a core imprint followed by a 2 years long finish in a fresh 1st fill oloroso butt sourced at a small Almacenista after it was used to mature (as solera cask) sherry for 40 years. It is still possible to find this kind of casks but at great cost: the price has obviously skyrocketed but most of all they’re available in small numbers only, so unsuitable to the volumes of distilleries that are now using ad-hoc seasoned casks, ordered a year or so before being used, and that hardly ever contain actual Sherry!

Finding the right style of Sherry to match the already meaty and sulfuric character of Craigellachie was almost a no brainer: we wanted to create something extremely juicy and “chewy” so oloroso was the natural choice in this case.”