

- ISLE OF - RAASAY HEBRIDEAN DISTILLERS

‘Scottish Whisky Distiller of the Year’
- Scottish Whisky Awards 2022

Year Founded:
2016

Founders:
Bill Dobbie & Alasdair Day

Region:
Isle of Raasay, Scotland

Fun Fact:
First legal Isle of Raasay whisky
in scotch whisky history.

Co-founders Bill Dobbie and Alasdair Day first met in 2013 and formed R&B Distillers with the common goal of building Scotland’s leading artisanal distillery. Focusing on local production, provenance, quality, and doing things differently. By 2016, they were granted permission to begin work revitalizing the Isle of Raasay’s nineteenth century Borodale



House into a state-of-the-art distillery, visitor center, and luxury accommodation. Starting with a blank sheet of paper, they set about designing a distillery to create exceptional whisky that

develops elegance, complexity, and depth early on in the maturation process and a handcrafted Hebridean gin that encapsulates Raasay’s style, character and impressive geological variety. Since its establishment, the Isle of Raasay Distillery has brought job opportunities to the island, worked closely with other local businesses and has become embedded in the island’s tight-knit community. Part of the distillery’s ethos is to produce, mature, bottle and market every drop of spirit directly from the island. This seeks to maximize the influence of the island on the spirit and the distillery on the island. To quote the inimitable whisky writer Dave Broom at our distillery opening: ‘we are not just making alcohol, we are making spirit.’

Isle of Raasay Single Malt Scotch Whisky



‘Best Scotch Islands Small Batch Single Malt’ -World Whiskies Awards 2022

Our signature Isle of Raasay Whisky expression is lightly peated, balanced with rich dark fruit flavors. A flavor profile inspired by some older style smoky Hebridean single malt whiskies. The perfect dram. Every drop of spirit is distilled, matured and bottled on the island using water from our well, Tobar na Ba Bàine, ‘Well of the Pale Cow’. Mineral-rich Raasay water and long fermentations of up to 118 hours (5 days) develop sweet blackberry characteristics in our spirit before it even touches the oak of the cask. Our carefully crafted Raasay whisky recipe combines six signature casks – maturing peated and unpeated Isle of Raasay spirit separately in ex-Rye Whiskey, virgin Chinkapin oak and Bordeaux red wine casks. The first of this cask combination in Scotch whisky history.

Gold – The Spirits Business 2022

95 Points – Int’l Wine and Spirits Comp. 2022 – “A gregarious whisky with big peppery notes and a shimmering fruit core. Gorgeously woody on the palate with delectable hints of fresh herbs and a gentle peat smoke that dissolves flawlessly to reveal a beautifully long fruit driven finish.”