



## Valinch & Mallet

- INDEPENDENT SPIRITS -

### SPIRIT PROFILE

Spirit: Single Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky  
Distillery of Origin: Aultmore  
Maturation: 9 years  
Cask Type: Ex-Sherry Butt  
Bottling Strength: 51.6% ABV CASK STRENGTH  
Total US Release: 150 bottles

### AULTMORE DISTILLERY PROFILE

Region: Speyside  
Founded: Keith, Banffshire, 1895  
Current Capacity: 2.1 MLPA  
Owner: Dewars  
Note: Running the stills slow helps to maximise reflux, but the shape also allows some heavier elements to come across. In character, therefore, Aultmore shares some of the same characters as Linkwood – fragrant on the nose, substantial on the tongue.

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

“Nose: malty with shortbread, raisins but also meaty sherry notes and geosmin.  
Palate: oily and savoury, with shitake mushrooms, marmite and incense.  
Finish: long, warm and sherry driven, again shitake mushrooms and white peppercorn.

“Aultmore is a typically complex whisky even at a young age, it is then particularly interesting from an IB point of view: finding the balance between the spirit and cask itself is always paramount and in this expression it meant not indulging in an overly sherried maturation.

The cask was previously used for Oloroso sherry of the Gonzalez-Byass bodega and being a first fill cask we decided to use it not for the full maturation but for the last two and a half years. Quite enough to impart the sherry character but not enough to cover the distillery character: balance, balance, balance!”

