

Balvenie Distillery - Discreet Expansions



Maltings

The grain loft, the steep, the malting floor, and the kiln are as they were in 1929, when the maltings were built. The tower in the yard, erected in the 1930's and containing the grain intake, the screens, and the mill, is the only significant later addition.

Mash House

To meet the increased requirement for wort, the original mash tun has been replaced. Today's mash tun remains however retains the traditional form of the original although, in the interests of energy conservation, a cover has been added. To this day Balvenie is still made with the same eye for detail and wish to be the best.

Tun Room

There were originally three wash backs, but by the late 1940's the number had increased to five and there are now ten, all, like their forebears, handmade of Douglas Fir.

Still House

It was nearly sixty years before the number of stills (originally two: one Wash and one Low Wines (or Spirit) was increased. Since the early 1980's the number of stills has remained eight (four Wash and four Low Wines (or Spirit). In the 1960's the method of heating the stills was changed from external flame and radiation provided by coal fires

under the stills to internal steam coils.

Warehouses

Approaching the distillery from the South, the whole range of buildings on the right-hand side was built by 1924, and the warehouse nearest the distillery formed part of the original construction in 1892/93. The warehouse between the distillery proper and the maltings was built in 1929, using as its foundation the basement floor of the New House, the window openings of which are still visible on the West, North, and East elevations of the warehouse.

Coppersmith's Shop and Cooperage

Most unusually in modern times, Balvenie has its own coppersmiths and coopers, craftsmen whose skill in metal and wood contributes to the whisky's quality as derived from its distillation and maturation.

