01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Glen Fohdry

Speyside character. A world of casks.



A brand behind the malt

HMRC names Quality Spirits International as owner of Glen Fohdry’s French Oak and Mizunara expressions. The reviewed sources do not identify the distilling facility or a confirmed brand launch date. [S01]

The corporate connection

QSI describes itself as a wholly owned subsidiary; its website terms identify the William Grant & Sons group. This does not prove that Glenfiddich, Balvenie or another group distillery supplied a release. [S03, S05]

Selection is part of the craft

QSI’s general service model combines spirit sourcing, packaging development and Scottish bottling. It explains the supplier’s role without revealing a recipe for every Glen Fohdry edition. [S04]

People, with precise roles

QSI lists John Bonfilio for North American commercial leadership and Louise Muir for operations. No brand-specific master distiller or selector was established by the reviewed sources. [S03]

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

Following the record

1986 / legal roots

The future QSI entity is incorporated under a cream-liqueur name. This is company history, not a Glen Fohdry founding date. [S02]

1995 / 2005

Quality Spirits International (UK) becomes the recorded name in 1995; the present company name follows in 2005. [S02]

2018 / public range

IWSC awards Gold to the 21 Year, and Silver to the 12 Year and NAS Bourbon Finish. [S07, S08]

2019 / aged & finished

IWSC records Gold for the 21 Year and Silver for the 29 Year Port Wood at 47.1% ABV. [S09, S10]

March 2026 / trade record

An Oklahoma-hosted supplier posting lists Mizunara, French Oak, Caribbean Cask and older malts. Listing dates are not launches. [S11]

October 2026 / snapshot

Retail descriptions show a range built around American oak, wine and rum casks, Mizunara and extended maturation. [S12-S17, S21]



Places have different roles

Speyside describes the whisky’s region. Bellshill is QSI’s published contact; Richmond is its registered office. Japanese oak and Caribbean rum casks describe maturation connections, not alternative distillation countries. [S02, S06, S12, S15, S18]

03 / WHISKY & STORIES

Reading wood & time

A finish is another chapter

The Caribbean edition is described as American-oak maturation followed by rum-cask finishing. Port Wood and Oloroso 29-year editions are distinct releases, even when their ages match. [S09, S14, S15]

Age and strength are specific

Twelve years on the Mizunara edition is not twelve years in that finishing cask. The retailer lists 47% ABV and uses cask-strength wording; its reduction practice was not independently confirmed. [S12, S20]



Compare, without assuming

American Oak, French Oak and Mizunara express different wood-led ideas. A shared brand does not establish a shared base whisky or an identical distilling source. Read each edition on its own terms. [S12, S13, S21]

SOURCES & FURTHER READING

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Checked October 19, 2026. Corporate dates, competition years and retail snapshots retain their separate roles. Distillery and launch date unverified. Illustrations are symbolic.