

Benriach - the history

A complex and flavourful history indeed ... Benriach Distillery was founded in 1898, untimely for its proximity to the 1899 Pattison crash. Pattison Elder and Co. was Scotland's largest purchaser of Scotch whiskies, and its sudden bankruptcy launched a massive depression in the industry. By 1900, Benriach was among the many distilleries facing bankruptcy.

Benriach remained inactive until it was acquired and renovated by Glenvliet Distillers in 1965, although it did supply malted barley to Longmorn Distiller, which had survived the disaster. Production and acquisitions alternated as Glenvliet was purchased by Seagrams in 1978, which was in turn purchased by Pernod Ricard in 2001.

Finally, in 2004, the distillery was bought by a partnership between South Africans Geoff Bell, Wayne Keiswetter and Scotsman Billy Walker, one of the most respected master blenders in Scotland. Seeking to expand their portfolio, and impressed by Ian and Lucas' vision and blending skills, BenRiach brought Adoro into the fold to create a unique blend.

Find out more about the distillery and their products on www.benriachdistillery.co.uk