

BOWMORE DISTILLERY ON LOCH INDAAL, ISLAY

DISTILLED AT

BOWMORE

First fill bourbon barrels, 2026 vintage, *Islay*.ISLAY SINGLE MALT
FIRST FILL BOURBON · 2026
LIVE NOW · 80% SOLD**£3,050**

CASK PRICE

£25.00

PER LOA

£8.05

PER 70CL BOTTLE

379

BOTTLE YIELD

63.5%

CASK STRENGTH

00 / THE OPPORTUNITY IN ONE PARAGRAPH

We have new make spirit distilled at Bowmore, the first and only 2026 release. Eighty per cent of the parcel sold in 48 hours of Early Access, and what is left is now open to everyone.

Bowmore is one of the three most valuable whisky names at auction anywhere in the world, owned by Suntory and built over a decade into a global luxury brand. In 2023 a single 55-year-old bottle, the Bowmore STAC, sold at Sotheby's for £562,500.

This parcel is 2026 first fill bourbon barrels at £25 per litre of alcohol, or approximately £3,050 per cask. Aged Bowmore casks have sold on our own marketplace at £872 and £956 per litre. Every year between those figures is still ahead of this one.

PUT ANOTHER WAY

When the time comes to sell aged Bowmore, you are not searching for a buyer. You are *choosing* one.

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01 / THE CASK

First fill bourbon, filled this spring, from Islay's *oldest* distillery.

Specifications and economics for a 2026 first fill bourbon barrel, distilled at Bowmore.

DISTILLERY	Distilled at Bowmore Distillery, Islay (trade name on the warehouse schedule: Kilarrow)
VINTAGE	2026, filled 19 February, 10 March and 28 April
CASK TYPE	First fill ex-bourbon barrel, American oak, 200 litres
AGE AT SALE	New make, under one year
AVERAGE LOA	122.01 litres of alcohol per cask
CASK STRENGTH	63.5% ABV, confirmed at fill
PRICE PER LOA	£25.00
TOTAL CASK PRICE	Approximately £3,050
BOTTLE YIELD	Approximately 379 bottles at 46% ABV (70cl)
SPIRIT COST / BOTTLE	£8.05 ex tax
INSURANCE & STORAGE	£375 (5 years) · £725 (10 years)
STORAGE	Our HMRC-bonded warehouses, Alloa, Scotland
MAXIMUM ALLOCATION	4 casks per client

WHY THIS CASK IS UNUSUAL AT THIS PRICE POINT

The name

Rare Whisky 101 ranks Bowmore second in the world by value share. Bottlers, collectors and brokers all buy aged Bowmore, so the exit market already exists. A cask carries the name from the day it is filled.

The wood

First fill ex-bourbon is the most active American oak a cask can hold, the barrel's first fill of Scotch and the standard for long maturation. The only other Islay new make on the open market today is refill wood at over £4,000 a cask.

The entry point

New make. Not a day of age is in the price, and the whole of the maturation curve sits ahead of it. A 24-year-old Bowmore hogshead sold on our marketplace at £956 per litre of alcohol. This parcel is £25.

02 / THE PRICING CASE

£8.05 of spirit per bottle, before a single *year* in wood.

There is no like-for-like new make Bowmore cask on the market to price this against. Three comparisons are available: independently bottled Bowmore at ten and eleven years, an aged Bowmore cask sold on a third-party platform, and Bowmore casks sold on our own marketplace. At £25 per litre of alcohol, or approximately £3,050 per cask, the spirit cost is £8.05 per bottle across roughly 379 bottles at 46% ABV.

INDEPENDENT BOTTLING REFERENCE POINTS

AGE	BOTTLING	RETAIL
AT FILL	This cask, at entry spirit cost per bottle	£8.05
10 YEAR	Cadenhead's 2015 / 46% bourbon barrels, auction hammer, July 2026	£55
10 YEAR	Douglas Laing 2014 / 48.4% refill barrel, UK retail	£78.95
11 YEAR	Thompson Bros 2014 / 56.8% refill barrels, 290 bottles, UK retail	£69.95

The entry row is spirit cost only, from 122 litres of alcohol bottled at 46% ABV, excluding duty, bottling, packaging and logistics. The rows beneath are current retail and auction prices for independently bottled Bowmore at age, observed September 2026: market examples, not projections.

BOWMORE CASKS SOLD ON THE DECANT INDEX MARKETPLACE

CASK	LAST SALE	£ PER LITRE
2025 Hogshead, new make 2nd fill ex-sherry, peated · sold February to May 2026	£4,247.60	£28.00
2003 Barrel, 22 years Ex-bourbon · sold February 2026	£48,750	£872.09
1997 Hogshead, 24 years Ex-bourbon · 78 litres of alcohol · sold August 2021	£74,598	£956.26

In September 2022 a 24-year-old Bowmore hogshead sold for over £100,000, more than £1,250 per litre of alcohol remaining. This parcel enters at £25.

Bottle prices are current market examples at the date of this fact sheet and include maturation, bottling, packaging, distribution, retailer margin and tax; auction hammer excludes buyer fees. The third-party cask sale is a completed September 2022 transaction on a US fractional-ownership platform, converted to sterling at the rate of the day. Marketplace figures are the last recorded sale of each cask. All figures are historic; none indicates a future value for this cask.

03 / THE DISTILLERY

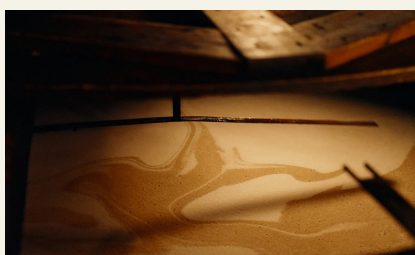
Islay's oldest distillery, and one of the three most valuable *names* in whisky.

Bowmore has stood on the shore of Loch Indaal since 1779, the oldest distillery on Islay. It still malts a share of its own barley on traditional floor maltings, and its No.1 Vaults, below sea level and open to the Atlantic, is among the oldest maturation warehouses in Scotland.

It is also one of the most valuable names in the secondary market. The Black Bowmore series of the 1960s is the reference point for whisky collecting, and in 2023 a single 55-year-old bottle, the Bowmore STAC, sold at Sotheby's for £562,500.



BOWMORE ON LOCH INDAAL



TRADITIONAL FLOOR MALTINGS



MALTED BARLEY

01

One of the three most valuable names at auction

Across recent secondary-market data, Bowmore ranks consistently among the three most valuable whisky names at auction anywhere in the world, and second by value share according to Rare Whisky 101. A cask carries the name from the first day it is filled.

02

Built into a luxury brand by Suntory

Bowmore belongs to Suntory, one of the largest drinks companies in the world. Over the last decade it has repositioned Bowmore as a global luxury brand, with a long-running Aston Martin partnership and marketing directed at high net worth buyers in Asia. Institutional money keeping the name where it is.

03

A deep exit market

Bowmore is one of the most traded distilleries in the Rare Whisky 101 index by both volume and value. Independent bottlers, collectors and brokers all buy aged Bowmore, so a holder selling in the future is selling into a market that already exists.

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TOP 3WHISKY NAMES AT
AUCTION**£562,500**

RECORD BOTTLE, 2023

1994

OWNED BY SUNTORY SINCE

04 / NEXT STEPS

How to buy a cask while stock remains.

PRICING RECAP

Price per LOA	£25.00
Average cask price	Approximately £3,050
Spirit cost per bottle	£8.05 at ~379 bottles
Insurance & storage	£375 (5yr) · £725 (10yr)
Maximum allocation	4 casks per client
Availability	Live now · 80% sold
Allocation method	First come, first served
How to buy	Directly on the drop page

HOW TO BUY

- 01** Open the drop page and select the number of casks you want, up to four per client.
- 02** Choose your storage and insurance term at checkout: 5 years at £375, or 10 years at £725.
- 03** Complete the purchase in a few minutes. Ownership documents appear in your account straight away.
- 04** Stock is first come, first served. Casks are removed from the page as they sell.

Buy your cask on the drop page

Purchase directly on the drop page and the cask is yours immediately. If you would rather speak to someone first, reply to your account manager or contact Customer Service, open Monday to Friday, UK business hours.

[Buy on the Drop Page →](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Past performance does not guarantee future returns. Short holding periods can be impacted by storage and insurance costs and price volatility. Each cask has a recommended minimum holding period. Cask investment involves capital at risk and is not suitable for all investors. The value of cask whisky can fall as well as rise, and you may not get back the amount originally invested. Decant Index is not a regulated investment adviser. Information in this fact sheet is for general information only and does not constitute a personal recommendation, an offer, or financial advice. Independent advice should be sought where appropriate. Tax

treatment depends on individual circumstances and may change. The spirit is new make and must complete a minimum of three years' maturation in Scotland before it may be described as Scotch whisky. The Bowmore reference describes the place of distillation; this is an independent trade offer and is not an official Bowmore release. Comparable bottle and cask pricing is shown for context only and does not imply an exit value for this cask. Bottle yield is an estimate based on stated cask volume, ABV, and bottling at 46% ABV; actual yield will depend on angel's share, regauging, and bottling decisions.