

The Dalmore

If you enjoy visiting whisky distilleries Dalmore is a must. You have to book in advance for your tour. I had booked our tour while still in Canada taking into account that we would be traveling from Ullapool to Dalmore after taking the ferry back to the mainland from the Isle of Lewis. We arrived at the ferry landing in Stornoway and wondered why no other vehicles were in line. Turns out we'd arrived an hour early and our ferry didn't leave until 7 am, not 6 am. Oops! Once back on the mainland we called Dalmore and they were very gracious in saying it was no problem that we'd be an hour late.



Doug attempting to abscond with a barrel of Dalmore!

This is a fantastic tour with excellent tour guides and a terrific video at the end of the tour. We lucked out that we were the only 2 on our tour. This distillery is steeped in history and the story behind the stag (which any of you that have seen Doug's tattoo will recognize) is compelling. The tastings were varied and we enjoyed each dram.

Their store (at least when we visited) unfortunately does not carry an apparel line but they do have Glencairns, which we purchased, and Doug got an awesome pair of staghead cufflinks. They also have an fantastic selection of whiskies that can be purchased, including The Constellation Collection which runs at too many pounds per bottle for us to enjoy. Apparently they're popular with collectors, but our thought is, why have a bottle you can't drink?

Where to start with what we have enjoyed of The Dalmore. Of their Principal Collection, over the years we've purchased The 12, The 15, The 18, The Cigar Malt and the King Alexander III (this last one we saved for our 5-year vows renewal ceremony). Some day we'll get The 25 and finish off the collection. Doug has had The Valour from the travel collection. For tasting notes on these whiskies click [here](#). In my cabinet I have The 15 and the Distillery Exclusive which can only be purchased on-site. I love The 15; it's very smooth and easy drinking. The nose has a hint of sweetness and spice. You can taste the sherry in the finish. The 15 is Doug's go-to whisky.

Unfortunately, we're not likely to ever try a Dalmore 62, which appears and has a role in the movie *Kingsman, The Secret Service*, Oh well, we'll continue to sip our way through many bottles of Dalmore in the years to come.