



## Williams Brothers Brewing, Scotland

A long time ago, in a home brew shop not too far away..... A lady of Gaelic descent came into the Williams owned homebrew shop in Partick, bearing a translation of a 17th century recipe for 'Leanne Fraoch' (Heather Ale), Inherited from her Gaelic family. It was her goal to try to recreate recipe made famous by the old legend of the Pictish king who supposedly threw himself off a cliff after the 'Scot' king captured & tortured his son in an attempt to coax the recipe from the Pict King. This translated recipe was developed in homebrew size quantities by shop owner Bruce Williams to the recipe that is still used today.

The company started life in 1988 with Bruce brewing their flagship beer Heather Ale, in a tiny brewery in Taynult, where they could producing no more 5 barrels per batch, just enough to supply 5 pubs across Scotland; 2 in Edinburgh, 2 in Glasgow & The Clachaig Inn in Glencoe. As demand grew the project expanded & a bigger brewery was needed to brew the larger quantities required. So the recipe was taken to the old Maclay's brewery in the traditional Scottish brew town of Alloa. Along with Heather Ale, 4 other historic Scottish ales were developed using natural Scottish produce such as elderberries, the shoots of Scots pine, seaweed & gooseberries. In 2002 the Heather Ale brewery moved its production of cask ales & offices to the New Alloa Brewery at Kelliebank, Alloa, where they are the last remaining brewery in the old Scottish brew capital.





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### Williams Kelpie Seaweed Ale 500ml 4.4% abv

Prior to the 1850's there were many Scottish coastal alehouses, brewing their own ales, these ales were made from local malted barley, which was grown on fields fertilised with seaweed. This environment gave the barley a very specific flavour which Williams have recreated by the inclusion of fresh seaweed in the mash tun. Seaweed (bladder rack) taken fresh from the water on the Argyll coast is 'mashed in' with the malted and roasted barley. Kelpie is a rich chocolate ale which has an aroma of fresh sea breeze and a distinctive malty texture.

### Williams Fraoch Heather Ale 500ml 5.0% abv

Brewed in Scotland since 2000 B.C. heather ale is probably the oldest style of ale still produced in the world. From an ancient Gaelic recipe for "leann fraoich" (heather ale) it has been revived and reintroduced to the Scottish culture. Into the boiling breo of malted barley, sweet gale and flowering heather are added, after cooling slightly the hot ale is poured into a vat of fresh heather flowers where it infuses for an hour before being fermented. A light amber ale with floral peaty aroma, full malt character, a spicy herbal flavour and a dry finish.

### Williams Grozet Gooseberry Ale 500ml 5.0% abv

Grozet - From the Gaelic "Groseid", Since at least the 16th century Scots monks and alewives brewed indigenous drinks from cereals, wild herbs and ripe fruits. Tibbie Shiels green Grozet was immortalised by such Scots literati as Sir Walter Scott, and Robert Burns who considered it a most convivial drink. Brewed with lager malt, wheat, bog myrtle, hops and meadowsweet then secondary fermented with ripe Scottish gooseberries. A pale golden beer, with a refreshing fruit aroma, clean palette, fruity wheat flavour and crisp finish.

### Williams Roisin Tayberry Fruit Beer 500ml 4.3% abv

Roisin is Williams Bros very own fruit beer. They brew a light, crisp blonde ale and add bucket loads of fresh Tayberries in the cold storage tank and leave the two to mingle for 3 weeks. The Tayberry is a cross between a Raspberry & a Blackberry, (relative of the American 'Loganberry'). The fruit is named after the Tay region in which it is grown. Roisin pours champagne pink with sweet hop & berry aromas which also carry through to the taste, with a satisfyingly tart finish.





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## Williams Joker IPA 500ml 5.0% abv

There's at least one in every pack and this is our their own agent of chaos. Created from a complex layer of malts and blended hops, this well balanced IPA delivers satisfaction every time. Golden in the glass, fruity on the nose with hints of cedar. Joker IPA is Bitter/Sweet, full of flavour and is sure to put a smile on your face.

## Williams Midnight Sun Porter 500ml 5.6% abv

An instant classic: This spiced porter, pours as black as the Midnight Sun and is created from a blend of malted barley, oats, roast barley, chocolate malt then balanced with a generous helping of hops. An after bite of fresh root ginger elevates this ale to another level. The flavours are as paradoxical as the name.

## Williams 7 Giraffes Ale 500ml 5.1% abv

A blend of 7 grains, 3 hop strains and a late infusion of Elderflower & Lemon: This aromatic IPA was named by Scott's daughter. It pours a deep gold with aroma's of elderflower and citrus hops, followed by sweet caramel. On the palate the biscuity malts are perfectly balanced with the bitterness of the hops, freshness of the lemon & lingering floral elderflower aftertaste. An extraordinary brew.

## Williams Birds & Bees Ale 500ml 4.3% abv

Brewed for the summer evenings when everyone should down tools for the day and repair to the beer garden; this bright, golden ale is a blend of pale malt, cascade and bobek hops with a late infusion of fresh elderflowers and lemon zest. Fruity, aromatic and deliciously refreshing.

## Williams Ceilidh Lager 500ml 4.7% abv

Ceilidh - A 'gathering' of ingredients from around the world: Hops from the Czech Republic and the U.S. Belgian pilsner malt, German yeast, and Scottish water take their own good time to combine and produce a delicious, crisp, citrusy lager. Ceilidh is 'lagered' for a minimum of 90 days - similar to classic European lagers such as Budvar.

## Williams Cock O The Walk 500ml 4.3% abv

Cock O' The Walk pours like a cherry, sunburst guitar delivering an explosion of colour into your glass. A classic Red Ale brewed with large amounts of crystal malt and an eclectic blend of hops from around the world.

