

## GETTING TECHNICAL

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Distillery name:** North Point Distillery  
**Parent company:** North Coast Distillers  
**Address:** Forss Business and Energy Park, Thurso, Scotland, KW14 7UZ  
**Years of operation:** 2020–present  
**Open to the public:** Yes

### TEAM & OUTPUT

**Founders:** Alex MacDonald, Struan Mackie  
**Head distiller:** Greg Benson  
**Distillery manager name:** Heather Ricker  
**Production team size:** 14 full-time  
**Maximum annual capacity:** 32,000lpa  
**Present working capacity:** 20,000lpa  
**Operation time:** Five days per week  
**Automation:** No automation

### WATER

**Water source:** Loch Calder

### CEREALS & MASHING

**Cereal varieties:** Maris Otter  
**Cereal preparation:** Crisp Malt  
**Average ppm of malt:** 0  
**Peat source:** N/A  
**Mill type:** N/A  
**Mash tun type:** Semi-lauter  
**Batch size:** 0.4 tonnes  
**Wort clarity:** Semi-cloudy  
**Mashes per week:** Five to six

### FERMENTATION

**Washbacks/Fermenters:** Six washbacks  
**Wash charge volume:** 4 x 2,000 litres, 2 x 1,200 litres  
**Temperature control:** No  
**Switchers:** No  
**Duration:** Minimum seven days  
**Yeast source:** Lallemand  
**Yeast varieties:** Norwegian Farmhouse/Kviek (Voss strain)

### DISTILLATION

**Still fabricator:** DES  
**Number of stills:** Four stills, only two used for whisky – one wash and one spirit  
**System type:** Two wash distillations feed one spirit distillation  
**Distillation type:** Double distillation



**Wash still capacity, shape, and charge:** 2,000 litres, lantern shape  
**Wash still run time:** Seven hours  
**Wash still lyne arm angle:** 7.5 degrees  
**Wash still heat source:** Electrical elements within steam jacket  
**Wash condenser type(s) and material:** Stainless steel shell and tube

**Spirit still capacity, shape, and charge:** 1,000 litres, lantern shape  
**Spirit still run time:** Nine hours  
**Spirit still lyne arm angle:** Slight decline  
**Spirit still heat source:** Electrical elements within steam jacket  
**Spirit condenser type(s) and material:** Stainless steel shell and tube

**Purifiers:** No  
**Doubler/Thumper:** No  
**Water jacket:** No  
**Receivers:** Three receivers

### SPIRIT

**Cut points:** All done by taste, typically 76%–61%  
**Bulk spirit yield:** 350 litres  
**Average receiver strength:** 70% ABV  
**Spirit styles produced:** Unpeated, nutty  
**Average ppm phenols in new spirit:** N/A

### MATURATION

**Cask filling strength:** 63.5%–65% ABV  
**Warehousing:** On-site maturation – dunnage and K-Rax racking solution, soon to launch a subterranean bunker maturation facility from the Cold War