

Blended Scotch whisky—a kosher vice?

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There has been an increased interest in whisky in recent years, and with it a lot of confusion about the halachic permissibility of drinking blended Scotch. The issue involves the old sherry casks in which it is sometimes aged. Since this non-Jewish sherry would be forbidden to drink, some say the whisky is also forbidden. However, when I was a rabbi in Scotland I learned a few things about the production of Scotch, and I have a different opinion on this -- Is Scotch Kosher?

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