



History of the Whisky Mac Cocktail

THE WHISKY MAC or Whisky MacDonald is named for Colonel Hector MacDonald, also known as “Fighting Mac” who was a distinguished British soldier (pictured right).

MacDonald is said to have created the drink around the turn of the 20th century during his time serving in India. A cholera outbreak fell upon the region and ginger wine became popular among British soldiers in the area due to the perceived medicinal properties of ginger. MacDonald mixed scotch whisky with ginger wine to ease his symptoms and the Whisky Mac was born.



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The classic cocktail can be served over ice, at room temperature or even mixed with hot water for a warming wintertime iteration. It is a continued favorite for those who know it well, especially among golfers on chilly days at the course.

MACK'S ORIGINAL GINGER WINE, crafted by the famous fortified creators – the McWilliam's Family, is the ideal component for a Whisky Mac. To make your own simply combine...

1 ½ oz MACK'S ORIGINAL GINGER WINE and 1 oz BLENDED WHISKY

Sources: *Liquor.com, Difford's Guide and Barina Craft*