



# WHISKY MENU

## WHISKY FLIGHTS

### SCOTCH WHISKY (BY REGION)

SPEYSIDE

HIGHLANDS

ISLAY

LOWLANDS

ISLANDS/HERBIDEAN PRODUCERS

CAMPBELTOWN

### BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

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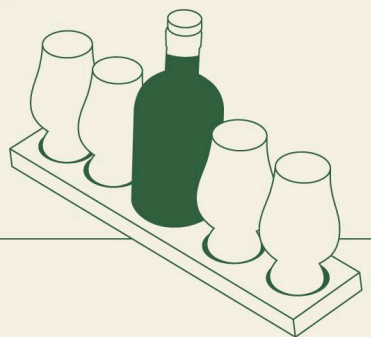
### IRISH WHISKEY

### JAPANESE WHISKY

### ASSORTED INTERNATIONAL WHISKIES

# WHISKY FLIGHTS

Our Whisky flights are a great introduction to Scotch tasting as they allow you to sample a selection of whiskies from a particular region. Sometimes our whisky list can be a little overwhelming, so the flights allow us to make it easier for you. All of our flights are 1/2 pours.



## TOUR OF SCOTLAND \$27

Auchentoshan 12yr  
Glenlivet Founders Reserve  
Old Pulteney 12yr  
Highland Park 12yr  
Ardbeg 10yr

## FIRST CLASS TOUR OF SCOTLAND \$49

Auchentoshan Three Wood  
GlenAllachie 15yr  
Glendronach 15yr Revival  
Talisker 18yr  
Lagavulin Distillers Edition

## HIGHLANDER \$20

GlenDronach 12yr  
Aberfeldy 12yr  
Oban 14yr  
Old Pulteney 12yr

## UP A RIVER \$18

Glen Grant 12yr  
Cardhu 12yr  
Cragganmore 12yr  
Glenfarclas 10yr

## DOWN AND DIRTY \$24

Kilchoman Machir Bay  
Bruichladdich Port Charlotte 10yr  
Ardbeg 10yr  
Laphroaig 10yr Cask Strength Batch 16

## SHERRY BABY \$25

Tullibardine 500  
Dalmore 12yr  
GlenDronach 12yr  
Bowmore 15yr

## DRAMS IN THE WOODS \$27

Auchentoshan Three Wood  
Jura Seven Wood  
Dalmore 15yr  
Laphroaig 10yr Sherry Oak Finish

## ISLAND HOPPER \$18

Talisker Storm  
Highland Park 12yr  
Jura Journey  
The Arran Malt 12yr

## BLENDERS BATCH \$27

The Naked Grouse  
Compass Box Hedonism  
Compass Box The Spaniard  
Johnnie Walker Green 15yr

## WALLET WIGGLER \$250

The Last Drop 50yr  
Jura 30yr  
Glen Scotia 25yr  
Ardbeg 22yr

# SPEYSIDE

Speyside whiskies are known for being frugal with peat and full of fruit. Apple, pear, honey, vanilla and spice all have a part a role in expressions from this region, which are commonly matured in Sherry casks.



## ABERLOUR

Aberlour 12yr	10
Aberlour 18yr	22
Aberlour A'bunadh Alba	16
Aberlour Casg Annamh	11

## ALLT-A-BHAINNE

Allt-a-bhainne 18yr 1995 [Signatory Vintage]	12
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## AUCHROISK

Auchroisk 10yr 1999 [Duncan Taylor NC2]	8
Auchroisk 11yr [Cadenhead]	25
Auchroisk 18yr 1994 [Old Malt Cask]	24
Auchroisk 22yr Cask Strength [A.D. Rattray]	14

## AULTMORE

Aultmore 12yr	10
Aultmore 16yr Cask Strength [A.D. Rattray]	17
Aultmore 21yr [Old Malt Cask]	29

## BALMENACH

Balmenach 12yr [Cadenhead]	17
Balmenach 16yr 1993 [Connoisseur's Choice]	10
Balmenach 25yr 1988 Cask Strength [Signatory Vintage]	31

## BALVENIE

Balvenie 12yr Doublewood	14
Balvenie 12yr First Fill Single Barrel Ex-Bourbon Cask	18
Balvenie 14yr Caribbean Cask	19
Balvenie Peat Week 14yr 2003 Vintage	20
Balvenie 21yr Portwood	48

## BANFF

Banff 38yr 1975 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200
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**BEINN DUBH**

Beinn Dubh	11
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**BENRIACH**

BenRiach 10yr Curiositas	9
BenRiach 10yr The Ten	10
BenRiach 10yr The Smoky Ten	12
BenRiach 10yr Unpeated	10
BenRiach 12yr Horizons	14
BenRiach 12yr Sherry Wood	13
BenRiach 12yr The Twelve	14
BenRiach 12yr The Smoky Twelve	14
BenRiach 16yr Sauternes Cask Finish	15
BenRiach 16yr The Sixteen	20
BenRiach 17yr Septendecim Peated Malt	16
BenRiach 19yr 1994 Peated Malt Limited Edition	23
BenRiach 20yr	20
BenRiach 21yr The Twenty One	36
BenRiach 25yr Authenticus	47
BenRiach 30yr 1976 Peated Malt Port Cask Matured	56
BenRiach 40yr	210

**BENRINNES**

Benrinnes 7yr 2009 [Distiller's Art]	12
Benrinnes 11yr 2008 [Signatory Vintage]	12
Benrinnes 13yr 1995 [Douglas]	15
Benrinnes 14yr 2002 [Distiller's Art]	18
Benrinnes 18yr 1997 [Distiller's Art]	21
Benrinnes 19yr [The Classic Cask]	29
Benrinnes 21yr Cask Strength	69

**BENROMACH**

Benromach 8yr 2005 Peat Smoke	12
Benromach 9yr 2001 Cask Strength	15
Benromach 30yr	60
Benromach The Traditional	16
Benromach Wood Finish Sassicaia Wine Cask Finish	15

**BRAEVAL**

Braeval 11yr [Douglas]	15
Braeval 18yr [Douglas]	20
Braeval 19yr [Douglas]	22
Braeval Braes of Glenlivet 16yr [Cadenhead]	17

**BANFF**

Banff 38yr 1975 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200
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**CARDHU**

Cardhu 12yr	8
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**CONVALMORE**

Convalmore 36yr	135
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**Cragganmore**

Cragganmore 12yr	12
Cragganmore 12yr Distiller's Edition 2016	18
Cragganmore 12yr Distiller's Edition 2021	18
Cragganmore 25yr	87

**Craigellachie**

Craigellachie 11yr 1997 [Connoisseur's Choice]	10
Craigellachie 12yr [AD Rattray]	
Craigellachie 12yr 2008 [Murray McDavid]	24
Craigellachie 13yr	9
Craigellachie 14yr 1996 [Douglas]	13
Craigellachie 17yr	27
Craigellachie 18yr 1995 [Old Malt Cask]	24
Craigellachie 21yr 1995 [Distiller's Art]	23
Craigellachie 23yr	42

**Dailuaine**

Dailuaine 10yr [Prime Malt]	6
Dailuaine 12yr 1995 [Connoisseur's Choice]	9
Dailuaine 12yr 2007 [Signatory]	12
Dailuaine 34yr Limited Release	105

**Dallas Dhu**

Dallas Dhu 34yr 1980 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	81
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**Dufftown**

Dufftown 8yr [Connoisseur's Choice]	9
Dufftown 16yr 1997 [Signatory Vintage]	13

**Glen Elgin**

Glen Elgin 18yr 1998 Limited Release	58
Glen Elgin 25yr [Scott's Selection]	20

**Glen Grant**

Glen Grant 12yr	8
Glen Grant 15yr Batch Strength 1st Edition	14
Glen Grant 17yr 1997 [Signatory Vintage]	12
Glen Grant 18yr	24
Glen Grant 22yr 1990 [The Octave]	21
Glen Grant 25yr 1985 [Douglas]	34
Glen Grant 45yr 1936 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	450
Glen Grant 52yr 1958 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	190
Glen Grant-Glenlivet 15yr [Cadenhead]	17

**Glen Keith**

Glen Keith 22yr 1995 [The Exclusive Malts]	28
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**Glen Moray**

Glen Moray 9yr 2007 [The Exclusive Malts]	12
Glen Moray 10yr Chardonnay Cask Finish	8
Glen Moray 12yr	7
Glen Moray 15yr	10
Glen Moray 16yr	9

Glen Moray 18yr	16
Glen Moray 20yr 1991 [The Octave]	22
Glen Moray 22yr [Adelphi Selection]	35
Glen Moray Elgin Classic	5
Glen Moray Elgin Classic Cabernet Cask Finish	6
Glen Moray Elgin Classic Peated Malt	6
Glen Moray Elgin Classic Port Cask Finish	6
Glen Moray Elgin Classic Sherry Cask Finish	6

#### **GLEN SPEY**

Glen Spey 21yr 1989 Limited Edition	33
Glen Spey-Glenlivet 20yr [Cadenhead]	25

#### **GLENALLACHIE**

GlenAllachie 8yr	11
GlenAllachie 10yr Cask Strength Batch 6	15
GlenAllachie 10yr Cask Strength Batch 7	18
GlenAllachie 10yr Chinquapin Oak Finish	18
GlenAllachie 10yr French Oak Finish	17
GlenAllachie 11yr 2010 Single Cask	30
GlenAllachie 12yr	12
GlenAllachie 14yr [Connoisseur's Choice]	12
GlenAllachie 15yr	16
GlenAllachie 18yr	33
GlenAllachie 29yr 1989 Single Cask #100051	100

#### **GLENBURGIE**

Glenburgie 10yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	8
Glenburgie 15yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	11
Glenburgie 21yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	20

#### **GLENDULLAN GLENLIVET**

Glendullan-Glenlivet 17yr [Cadenhead]	15
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#### **GLENFARCLAS**

Glenfarclas 10yr	9
Glenfarclas 12yr	11
Glenfarclas 17yr	18
Glenfarclas 21yr	22
Glenfarclas 25yr	38
Glenfarclas 105 Cask Strength	15

#### **GLENFIDDICH**

Glenfiddich 12yr	8
Glenfiddich 14yr Bourbon Barrel Reserve	12
Glenfiddich 15yr Unique Solera Reserve	11
Glenfiddich 18yr Small Batch Reserve	15
Glenfiddich 19yr Age of Discovery	28
Glenfiddich 21yr Winter Storm	47
Glenfiddich 23yr Grand Cru	56
Glenfiddich 26yr Excellence	67
Glenfiddich 1963 Replica	17
Glenfiddich Fire & Cane	9
Glenfiddich Project XX	15

## **GLENLIVET**

Glenlivet 12yr	8
Glenlivet 12yr Illicit Still	10
Glenlivet 14yr Cognac Cask Finish	11
Glenlivet 15yr French Oak Reserve	12
Braes of Glenlivet 16yr Cadenhead	17
Glenlivet 18yr	18
Glenlivet 19yr 1996 [Signatory Vintage]	15
Glenlivet 34yr 1981 [Signatory Vintage]	69
Glenlivet 36yr 1971 [Scott's Selection]	53
Glenlivet 36yr 1974 [George & JG Smith's]	48
Glenlivet 40yr 1973 [George & JG Smith's]	75
Glenlivet Caribbean Reserve Rum Cask Finish	8
Glenlivet Enigma	22
Glenlivet Founder's Reserve	9
Glenlivet Nadurra 16yr	14
Glenlivet Nadurra First Fill	14
Glenlivet Nadurra Oloroso Cask Matured	14
Glenlivet Nadurra Peated Cask Finish	14

## **GLENROTHES**

Glenrothes 10yr	7
Glenrothes 12yr	10
Glenrothes 15yr 1999 [Signatory Vintage]	12
Glenrothes 18yr	22
Glenrothes 19yr [Chieftain's]	25
Glenrothes 25yr	80
Glenrothes 1975 Limited Release	68
Glenrothes 1978 Limited Release	108
Glenrothes 1979 Single Cask	131
Glenrothes 1992 Vintage	33
Glenrothes 2001 Vintage	10
Glenrothes Bourbon Cask Reserve	9
Glenrothes Editor's Cask #9973	58
Glenrothes John Ramsay Edition	140
Glenrothes Peated Cask Reserve	8
Glenrothes Select Reserve	7
Glenrothes Sherry Cask Reserve	9
Glenrothes Vintage Reserve	8
Glenrothes Whisky Maker's Cut	13

## **GLENTAUCHERS**

Gleнтаuchers 8yr 2008 [The Exclusive Malts]	12
Gleнтаuchers 11yr 2009 [Signatory Vintage]	25
Gleнтаuchers 15yr 1997 [The Octave]	15
Gleнтаuchers 16yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	9
Gleнтаuchers 16yr 1996 [Duncan Taylor Dimensions]	14

## **IMPERIAL**

Imperial 17yr 1995 [Duncan Taylor Dimensions]	19
Imperial 20yr 1995 [Signatory Vintage]	15

**INCHGOWER**

Inchgower 11yr 2007 [Signatory Vintage]	13
Inchgower 12yr 2008 [Signatory Vintage]	14
Inchgower 13yr [Connoisseur's Choice]	10

**LINKWOOD**

Linkwood 7yr 2008 [Signatory Vintage]	11
Linkwood 10yr 2006 [A.D. Rattray]	17
Linkwood 13yr 1997 Bourbon Cask [Douglas]	18
Linkwood 15yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	11
Linkwood 17yr 1997 Oloroso Sherry Finish [Chieftain's]	17
Linkwood 21yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	24
Linkwood 24yr 1991 [Chieftain's]	28

**LONGMORN**

Longmorn 24yr 1992 [Signatory Vintage]	35
Longmorn-Glenlivet 1967 [Scott's Selection]	32

**MACALLAN**

Macallan 12yr Double Cask	22
Macallan 12yr Sherry Oak Cask	10
Macallan 18yr Sherry Oak Cask	70
Macallan 19yr 1995 [Speymalt]	24
Macallan 19yr 1997 [Signatory Vintage]	24
Macallan 25yr	425
Macallan Edition No.2	20
Macallan Edition No.3	20
Macallan Edition No.4	20
Macallan Edition No.5	20
Macallan Edition No.6	25
Macallan Estate	50
Macallan Gold Double Cask	12
Macallan Harmony Collection Rich Cacao	30
Macallan Rare Cask	55

**MANNOCHMORE**

Mannochmore 11yr 2008 [Signatory Vintage]	14
Mannochmore 16yr 1990 [Connoisseur's Choice]	13

**MILTONDUFF**

Miltonduff 10yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	9
Miltonduff-Glenlivet 11yr 2006 [Cadenhead]	17

**MORTLACH**

Mortlach 7yr 2008 [Signatory Vintage]	11
Mortlach 11yr 1998 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	18
Mortlach 12yr	10
Mortlach 15yr Game of Thrones Edition The Six Kingdoms	25
Mortlach 16yr	19
Mortlach 18yr	44
Mortlach 18yr 1992 [Douglas]	28
Mortlach 20yr	32
Mortlach 21yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	22
Mortlach 25yr	94



Mortlach 25yr [Gordon & MacPhail's]	30
Mortlach 26yr [Adelphi]	44
<b>MUIRHEAD</b>	
Muirhead Silver Seal 12yr	6
<b>PITTYVAICH</b>	
Pittyvaich 25yr	60
<b>SINGLETON</b>	
Singleton of Glendullan 12yr	8
Singleton of Glendullan 15yr	10
Singleton of Glendullan 18yr	13
Singleton of Glendullan 38yr 1976 Limited Edition	185
Singleton of Glendullan GOT Edition House Tully	8
<b>SPEY</b>	
Spey Fumare	10
Spey Tenne	7
Spey Trutina	9
<b>SPEYBURN</b>	
Speyburn 10yr	6
<b>STRATHISLA</b>	
Strathisla 12yr	8
Strathisla 53yr 1957 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	180
<b>STRATHMILL</b>	
Strathmill 25yr [The Classic Cask]	37
<b>STRONACHIE</b>	
Stronachie 10yr [A.D. Rattray]	9
Stronachie 18yr [A.D. Rattray]	13
<b>TAMDHU</b>	
Tamdhu 8yr [The MacPhail's Collection]	6
Tamdhu 12yr	12
Tamdhu 15yr	18
Tamdhu Cask Strength Batch 4	15
<b>TOMINTOUL</b>	
Tomintoul 10yr 2006 [The Exclusive Malts]	15
<b>TORMORE</b>	
Tormore 13yr 1998 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	13
Tormore 14yr [Connoisseur's Choice]	12
Tormore 15yr 1996 [Connoisseur's Choice]	13
Tormore 18yr 1995 [Signatory Vintage]	14

# HIGHLANDS

Highland whisky flavor profiles includes oak, heather, dried fruit, fruitcake, and smoke. Expect a flavor of sweet cereal in the north and dry fruit in the south. The whiskies tend to be more spicy and intense than the Speyside whiskies.



## ABERFELDY

Aberfeldy 12yr	7
Aberfeldy 16yr	16
Aberfeldy 18yr French Wine Cask Finish	38
Aberfeldy 20yr Exceptional Cask Sauternes Cask Finish	32

## ANCNOC

anCnoc Peter Arkle Ltd. Edition	11
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## ARDNAMURCHAN

Ardnamurchan AD	11
Ardnamurchan AD/05.23 Cask Strength	16

## BALBAIR

Balbair 10yr	12
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## BEN NEVIS

Ben Nevis 6yr 2011 [Distiller's Art]	12
Ben Nevis 13yr [Ingelred]	26

## BLAIR ATHOL

Blair Athol 21yr 1995 [Distiller's Art]	23
Blair Athol 23yr 1989 [Duncan Taylor Dimensions]	25
Blair Athol 23yr 1993 Limited Release	80

## CLYNELISH

Clynelish 10yr The Jazz Crescendo 2023	34
Clynelish 14yr	11

## CROFTENGEA

Croftengea 11yr [A.D. Rattray]	17
Croftengea 12yr [A.D. Rattray Cask Strength]	18

**DALMORE**

Dalmore 12yr	10
Dalmore 15yr	17
Dalmore 18yr	33
Dalmore 25yr	135
Dalmore 40yr Astrum	415
Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve	23
Dalmore King Alexander III	48
Dalmore Port Wood Reserve	17

**DALWHINNIE**

Dalwhinnie 15yr	10
Dalwhinnie 25yr 1989 Limited Release	80
Dalwhinnie Distiller's Edition	13

**DEVERON**

Deveron 18yr	22
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**EDRADOUR**

Edradour 9yr Sauternes Cask	15
Edradour 10yr The Distillery Edition	9
Edradour 10yr [Signatory Vintage]	11

**FETTERCAIRN**

Fettercairn 9yr 2000 [Douglas]	10
Fettercairn 10yr [A.D. Rattray]	17
Fettercairn 17yr 1997 [Signatory Vintage]	14
Fettercairn 19yr 1996 [Chieftain's]	21

**GLEN GARIOCH**

Glen Garioch 1797 Founders Reserve	10
Glen Garioch 16yr 1982 [Douglas]	18
Glen Garioch 16yr 1995 Bourbon Cask	18

**GLEN MHOR**

Glen Mhor 30yr 1980 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	68
Glen Mhor 34yr 1975 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200

**GLEN ORD**

Glen Ord 12yr 2005 [Cadenhead]	17
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**GLENCADAM**

Glencadam 10yr	10
Glencadam 21yr	34
Glencadam Origin 1825	10

**GLENDRONACH**

GlenDronach 12yr	11
GlenDronach 15yr Revival	20
GlenDronach 18yr Allardice	35
GlenDronach 21yr Parliament	40
GlenDronach 25yr Grandeur Batch 7	125
GlenDronach Cask Strength Batch 11	18
GlenDronach Cask Strength Batch 12	18

GlenDronach Peated 2015 Special Edition	12
GlenDronach Portwood	15

## **GLENESK**

Glenesk 24yr 1984 [Connoisseur's Choice]	19
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## **GLENGLASSAUGH**

Glenglassaugh 30yr	80
Glenglassaugh 40yr	250
Glenglassaugh Revival Sherry Cask	9
Glenglassaugh Torfa Richly Peated	11

## **GLENGOYNE**

Glengoyne 10yr	9
Glengoyne 12yr	11
Glengoyne 20yr 1996 [Distiller's Art]	21
Glengoyne 21yr	30
Glengoyne Cask Strength Batch 6	13
Glengoyne The Legacy Series Chapter One 2019	12

## **GLENLOCHY**

Glenloch 32yr 1980 [Gordon & MacPhail's]	83
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## **GLENMORANGIE**

Glenmorangie 10yr	8
Glenmorangie 12yr Lasanta Sherry Cask Finish	9
Glenmorangie 12yr Malaga Cask Finish	19
Glenmorangie 12yr Nectar D'Or Sauternes Cask Finish	12
Glenmorangie 12yr Quinta Ruban Ruby Port Cask Finish	10
Glenmorangie 12yr Palo Cortado Finish	16
Glenmorangie 13yr Cognac Cask Finish	14
Glenmorangie 15yr Caddell Estate Bourbon Cask	15
Glenmorangie 18yr Extremely Rare	26
Glenmorangie 25yr Quarter Century	110
Glenmorangie A Tale of the Forest	18
Glenmorangie Allta	18
Glenmorangie Astar	18
Glenmorangie Bacalta Malmsey Madeira Cask	18
Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1989	125
Glenmorangie Grand Vintage Malt 1991	125
Glenmorangie Milsean Toasted Wine Cask Finish	17
Glenmorangie Signet	35
Glenmorangie Spios Rye Cask Finish	18
Glenmorangie Tusail Marris Otter Barley	17

## **GLENTURRET**

Glenturret 11yr [MacPhail's Collection]	32
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## **INCHMURRIN**

Inchmurrin 17yr 1996 [Signatory Vintage]	12
Inchmurrin 32yr 1984 [Five Lions]	38

## **KNOCKDHU**

Knockdhu 10yr [Cadenhead]	17
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**LOCH LOMOND**

Loch Lomond 12yr	7
Loch Lomond 18yr	22
Loch Lomond 22yr The Open Edition	50
Loch Lomond Green Meadow Selection Cognac Cask	18
Loch Lomond McScrooge's Selection Sauternes Cask	18

**MACDUFF**

Macduff 10yr 2006 [A.D. Rattray]	17
Macduff 14yr 1998 [The Octave]	19
Macduff 19yr 1997 [Distiller's Art]	21
Macduff 45yr 1968 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200

**MUIRHEADS**

Muirhead's Silver Seal 12yr	6
Muirhead's Silver Seal 16yr	8
Muirhead's Silver Seal 1987	16

**OBAN**

Oban 11yr Soul of Calypso 2023 Release	25
Oban 14yr	14
Oban 18yr Limited Edition	22
Oban Distiller's Edition	17
Oban Little Bay	17

**PULTENEY**

Old Pulteney 12yr	8
Pulteney 11yr [Cadenhead]	17

**ROYAL BRACKLA**

Royal Brackla 12yr	12
Royal Brackla 21yr	45
Royal Lochnagar Game of Thrones Edition House of Balthazar	13
Royal Lochnagar 19yr [Cadenhead]	19

**TEANINICH**

Teaninich 10yr [Prime Malt]	7
Teaninich 11yr [Cadenhead]	17
Teaninich 12yr 1994 [Connoisseur's Choice]	12
Teaninich 17yr Limited Release	50
Teaninich 40yr 1978 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200

**TOMATIN**

Tomatin 12yr	7
Tomatin 13yr 1994 [Connoisseur's Choice]	9
Tomatin 18yr	16
Tomatin Cu Bocan	11
Tomatin Dualchas (Legacy)	6

**TULLIBARDINE**

Tullibardine 10yr 2011 [Firkin Whisky Company]	18
Tullibardine 12yr	8
Tullibardine 15yr	12

Tullibardine 20yr	23
Tullibardine 25yr	65
Tullibardine 225 Sauternes Cask Finish	10
Tullibardine 228 Burgundy Cask Finish	10
Tullibardine 500 Sherry Cask Finish	10
Tullibardine Artisan	7
Tullibardine Sovereign	8

## **WOLFBURN**

Wolfburn	10
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# ISLAY

Islay whiskies from this island are known for a pungent peaty, smoky and oily flavours, with just a hint of salty sea air and seaweed because of the use of peat and the maritime climate.



## ARDBEG

Ardbeg 5yr Wee Beastie	9
Ardbeg 10yr	9
Ardbeg 19yr Traigh Bhan 2019	53
Ardbeg 19yr Traigh Bhan 2021	53
Ardbeg 22yr 1996 Limited Release 2018	100
Ardbeg 23yr Limited Release 2017	100
Ardbeg 25yr	150
Ardbeg An Oa	12
Ardbeg Anamorphic	52
Ardbeg Ardcore	22
Ardbeg Ardcore 2022 Committee Release	28
Ardbeg Arrrrrrdbeg! 2021 Committee Release	36
Ardbeg Auriverdes	16
Ardbeg Blaaack 2020 Committee Release	24
Ardbeg Corryvreckan	25
Ardbeg Drum	18
Ardbeg Fermentation 2022 Committee Release	36
Ardbeg Grooves	20
Ardbeg Grooves 2018 Committee Edition	22
Ardbeg Heavy Vapours	23
Ardbeg Heavy Vapours 2023 Committee Release	30
Ardbeg Scorch	21
Ardbeg Scorch 2021 Committee Release	27
Ardbeg Uigeadail	15

## BLACKADDER

Blackadder Peat Reek 10yr	30
Blackadder Red Snake Redneck #84	17
Blackadder Red Snake Redneck #86	17

## **BOWMORE**

Bowmore 12yr	7
Bowmore 13yr 2002 [Chieftain's]	20
Bowmore 15yr	11
Bowmore 18yr	23
Bowmore 26yr The Vintner's Trilogy French Oak Barrique	90
Bowmore 28yr 1981 Limited Release	115
Bowmore 29yr 1982 Limited Release	115

## **BRUICHLADDICH**

Bruichladdich 6yr Organic 2003	18
Bruichladdich 10yr Port Charlotte Heavily Peated	14
Bruichladdich 24yr Black Art 11.1 2023 Release	95
Bruichladdich 25yr MCMLXXXV 1985 DNA Series #3	45
Bruichladdich 29yr Black Art 10.1 2022 Release	125
Bruichladdich 2013 Port Charlotte Heavily Peated Islay Barley	14
Bruichladdich Cuvee 382 'La Berenice' (Sauternes Casks)	35
Bruichladdich Cuvee 640 Eroica (Limousin Oak Casks)	35
Bruichladdich Islay Barley 2011	12
Bruichladdich Islay Barley Rockside Farm Single Estate	12
Bruichladdich Scottish Barley 'The Classic Laddie'	9
Bruichladdich Octomore 13.1	38
Bruichladdich Octomore 13.2	45
Bruichladdich Octomore 13.3	50
Bruichladdich Octomore 14.1	38
Bruichladdich Octomore 14.2	47
Bruichladdich Octomore 14.3	52
Bruichladdich The Organic 2010 Release	15

## **BUNNAHBHAIN**

Bunnahabhain 12yr	15
Bunnahabhain 27yr 1988 [Distiller's Art]	57

## **CAOL**

Caol Ila 8yr 2010 [Signatory Vintage]	15
Caol Ila 9yr 2009 [Signatory Vintage]	16
Caol Ila 12yr	10
Caol Ila 15yr Unpeated 2014 Edition	20
Caol Ila 17yr Unpeated 2015 Edition	24
Caol Ila 18yr Unpeated 2017 Edition	19
Caol Ila 30yr 1983 Cask Strength 2014 Release	122
Caol Ila 31yr 1983 [Signatory Vintage]	90
Caol Ila 32yr 1984 [Blackadder Raw Cask]	125

## **KILCHOMAN**

Kilchoman 6yr Blanc de Blancs 2023	22
Kilchoman 7yr 2008 Vintage	16
Kilchoman 10yr Marsala Cask 2023	27
Kilchoman 13yr Single Cask 2023	34
Kilchoman 14yr Single Cask 2006	30
Kilchoman 100% Islay 11th Edition	18
Kilchoman 100% Islay 12th Edition	18
Kilchoman 100% Islay 13th Edition	18



Kilchoman Casado	19
Kilchoman Machir Bay	9
Kilchoman Madeira Cask Matured 2022 Edition	18
Kilchoman Port Cask Matured 2018 Edition	19
Kilchoman PX Sherry Cask 2023 Release	18
Kilchoman Sanaig	12
Kilchoman Sauternes Cask Matured	20

## **LAGAVULIN**

Lagavulin 8yr	10
Lagavulin 9yr Game of Thrones Edition House Lannister	13
Lagavulin 11yr Offerman Edition Charred Oak Cask	13
Lagavulin 12yr Cask Strength 2021 Edition	30
Lagavulin 12yr Ink of Legends 2023 Release	30
Lagavulin 16yr	20
Lagavulin 37yr 1976 Special Release 2013	340
Lagavulin Distillers Edition	18

## **LAPHROAIG**

Laphroaig 10yr	11
Laphroaig 10yr Cask Strength Batch 16	15
Laphroaig 10yr Sherry Cask Finish	16
Laphroaig 15yr 2001 [Distiller's Art]	40
Laphroaig 25yr Cask Strength 2015 Limited Edition	70
Laphroaig 30yr Cask Strength 2016 Limited Edition	140
Laphroaig Cairdeas Fino Cask Finish	13
Laphroaig Cairdeas Port & Wine Cask Finish	19
Laphroaig Cairdeas PX Matured	19
Laphroaig Cairdeas Warehouse 1	19
Laphroaig Quarter Cask	13
Laphroaig Select	10

## **PORT ASKAIG**

Port Askaig 8yr Islay	11
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## **PORT CHARLOTTE**

Port Charlotte 11yr [The Classic Cask]	22
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## **PORT ELLEN**

Port Ellen 34yr 1978 13 <sup>th</sup> Limited Release	285
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## **MACGAVINS**

Macgavin's Islay Single Malt	7
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## **SMOKEHEAD**

Smokehead High Voltage	16
Smokehead Islay Single Malt	9
Smokehead Rum Rebel	14
Smokehead Sherry Bomb	17

## **THE EXCLUSIVE REGIONS**

The Exclusive Regions Islay Single Malt	8
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# LOWLANDS

Soft and smooth malts are characteristic of the region, offering a gentle, elegant palate reminiscent of grass, honeysuckle, cream, ginger, toffee, toast and cinnamon.



## AUCHENTOSHEN

Auchentoshen 12 Year	12
Auchentoshen American Oak	10
Auchentoshen Three Wood	15

## BLADNOCH

Bladnoch 10yr	11
Bladnoch 11yr	11
Bladnoch 21yr [Connoisseur's Choice]	30
Bladnoch 24yr 1990 [Adelphi Selection]	38

## CAMBUS

Cambus Single Grain 30yr 1990 [Murray McDavid]	62
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## CARSEBRIDGE

Carsebridge Single Grain 44yr 1974 [The Exclusive Malts]	50
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## DAFTMILL

Daftmill 2006 Summer Batch 2019 US Exclusive Release	40
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## GIRVAN

Girvan Patent Still 25yr Single Grain	60
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## GLENKINCHIE

Glenkinchie 12 Year	10
Glenkinchie 24yr	75
Glenkinchie 27yr Floral Treasure 2023 Release	70
Glenkinchie Distiller's Edition	13

## INVERGORDON

Invergordon Single Grain 34yr 1987 [359 Spirits Dram Hunter]	45
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**INVERLEVEN**

Inverleven 25yr 1979 [Scott's Selection]	28
Inverleven 34yr 1978 [Duncan Taylor Tantalus]	200

**LADYBURN**

Ladyburn 42yr 1973 [William Grant & Sons]	225
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**LITTLEMILL**

Littlemill 20yr 1984 [Scott's Selection]	23
Littlemill 22yr 1990 [Duncan Taylor]	41
Littlemill 28yr 1985 [Rare Old Gordon & MacPhail's]	105

**LOCHLEA**

Lochlea Harvest Edition First Crop	12
Lochlea Our Barley	11
Lochlea Ploughing Edition First Crop	13
Lochlea Sowing Edition Second Crop	13

**NORTH BRITISH DISTILLERS**

North British Distillers Single Grain 32yr 1988 [Murray McDavid]	57
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**PORT DUNDAS**

Port Dundas Single Grain 25yr 1991 [The Exclusive Malts]	25
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**ROSEBANK**

Rosebank 21yr 1990 Special Release 2011	100
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# ISLANDS

The whiskies produced on the Islands are extremely varied and have few similarities, though can often be distinguished from other whisky regions by generally having a smokier flavour with peaty undertones.



## ISLE OF ARRAN

Arran 6yr [PM Spirits Project]	16
Arran 10yr	8
Arran 12yr Cask Strength	11
Arran 14yr	13
Arran 18yr	20
Arran Machrie Moor	11
Arran Port Cask Finish	12
Arran Sauternes Cask Finish	12
Arran The Devil's Punch Bowl	18

## ISLE OF JURA

Jura 10yr	8
Jura 12yr	9
Jura 18yr	22
Jura 24yr 1991 [Distiller's Art]	33
Jura 30yr	96
Jura Brooklyn	9
Jura Journey	11
Jura Seven Wood	14

## ISLE OF MULL

Ledaig 9yr [A.D. Rattray]	13
Ledaig 10yr	17
Tobermory 15yr	27

## **ISLE OF ORKNEY**

Highland Park 8yr [MacPhail's Collection]	6
Highland Park 12yr	12
Highland Park 15yr Fire Edition	48
Highland Park 15yr Viking Heart	19
Highland Park 16yr Odin	50
Highland Park 15yr Viking Heart	17
Highland Park 17yr Ice Edition	50
Highland Park 17yr The Dark	50
Highland Park 17yr The Light	50
Highland Park 18yr Viking Pride	26
Highland Park 21yr	57
Highland Park 24yr [Gordon & MacPhail]	30
Highland Park 25yr	66
Highland Park 30yr	140
Highland Park 35yr 1976 Orcadian Vintage	400
Highland Park 40yr	360
Highland Park Cask Strength	17
Highland Park Cask Strength Batch 4	18
Highland Park Full Volume	16
Highland Park Magnus	7
Highland Park Valknut	14
Highland Park Valkyrie	13
Scapa Skiren	14

## **ISLE OF RAASAY**

Isle of Raasay (Original)	13
Isle of Raasay Chinkapin Oak Cask	21
Isle of Raasay Ex-Bordeaux Cask	21

## **ISLE OF SKYE**

Talisker 10yr	12
Talisker 18yr	28
Talisker 25yr	50
Talisker 27yr 1985 Cask Strength Maritime Edition	95
Talisker Distiller's Edition	17
Talisker Storm	10
Talisker Wild Explorador 2023 Release	22

# CAMPBELTOWN

Campbeltown whiskies are varied and full of flavour. Hints of salt, smoke, fruit, vanilla and toffee mingle in whiskies of robust and rich character.



## GLEN SCOTIA

Glen Scotia 10yr Festival Edition Bordeaux Finish 2021	20
Glen Scotia 10yr Peated	14
Glen Scotia 25yr	100
Glen Scotia Double Cask	12

## HAZELBURN

Hazelburn 10yr	14
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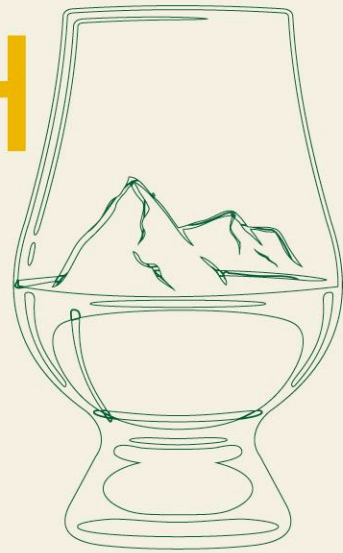
## LONGROW

Longrow Peated	17
Longrow 13yr Red	29

## SPRINGBANK

Springbank 13yr 2015 Green Organic Barley	20
Springbank 18yr	36
Springbank 19yr 1997 Re-Charred Sherry Single Cask	45
Springbank 20yr 1997 Fresh Sherry Single Cask	53
Springbank 20yr 1997 Refill Bourbon Single Cask	53
Springbank 21yr	66
Springbank 25yr	133

# BLENDING SCOTCH WHISKIES



## ANTIQUARY

Antiquary 12yr 6

## BIG PEAT

Big Peat 13

## BIG SMOKE

Big Smoke Islay Blend 13

## BLACK BULL

Black Bull 12yr 9

Black Bull 21yr 25

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Antiquary 12yr 6

## BIG PEAT

Big Peat 13

## BIG SMOKE

Big Smoke Islay Blend 13

## BLACK BULL

Black Bull 12yr 9

Black Bull 21yr 25

## BLACK GROUSE

Black Grouse 7

## BUCHANANS

Buchanan's 12yr Delux 8

Buchanan's 18yr Special Reserve 14

**CHIVAS REGAL**

Chivas Regal 13yr Rye Finish	7
Chivas Regal 18yr	9
Chivas Regal 21yr Royal Salute	23
Chivas Regal Extra	6
Chivas Regal Mizunara Cask Finish	7

**COMPASS BOX**

Compass Box Affinity	22
Compass Box Artist Blend	8
Compass Box Asyla	10
Compass Box Great King Street Artist	7
Compass Box Great King Street Glasgow	7
Compass Box Hedonism	23
Compass Box Oak Cross	9
Compass Box Orchard House	10
Compass Box Peat Monster	13
Compass Box Spice Tree	12
Compass Box Story of the Spaniard	13

**CUTTY STARK**

Cutty Sark 25yr Tam O'Shanter	44
Cutty Sark Prohibition Edition	6

**DEWARS**

Dewar's 8yr Illegal Smooth Mezcal Finish	6
Dewar's 8yr Portuguese Smooth Port Finish	6
Dewar's 12yr	8
Dewars 19yr US Open Edition	14
Dewars 21yr Double Double	21
Dewar's 27yr Double Double	40
Dewar's 32yr Double Double	60
Dewar's White Label	5
Dewar's White Label 'Scratched Cask'	6

**DIMPLE**

Dimple Pinch 15yr	6
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**FAMOUS GROUSE**

Famous Grouse Smoky Black	7
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**FEATHERY**

Feathery	10
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**HAIG CLUB**

Haig Club	5
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**HIGHLAND RESERVE**

Highland Reserve 12yr	7
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**HOGSHEAD PEATED**

Hogshead Peated Blend	8
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**JONNIE WALKER**

Johnnie Walker 12yr Black Label	7
Johnnie Walker 15yr Green Label	10
Johnnie Walker 18yr Platinum Label	20
Johnnie Walker Blue Label	40
Johnnie Walker Game of Thrones Edition A Song of Fire	7
Johnnie Walker Game of Thrones Edition A Song of Ice	7
Johnnie Walker Game of Thrones Edition White Walker	7
Johnnie Walker High Rye	12
Johnnie Walker Select Cask Rye Finish	7
Johnnie Walker Wine Cask Blend	6

**LAST DROP**

Last Drop 50yr	260
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**MACNAIRS**

Macnair's Lum Reek Peated 12yr	13
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**MONKEYS SHOULDER**

Monkey Shoulder	7
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**NAKED GROUSE**

Naked Grouse	7
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**PIGS NOSE**

Pig's Nose	7
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**SHEEP DIP**

Sheep Dip	7
Sheep Dip Islay Blend	9

**SIA**

SIA	9
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**STORM**

Storm by Whisky Shack	6
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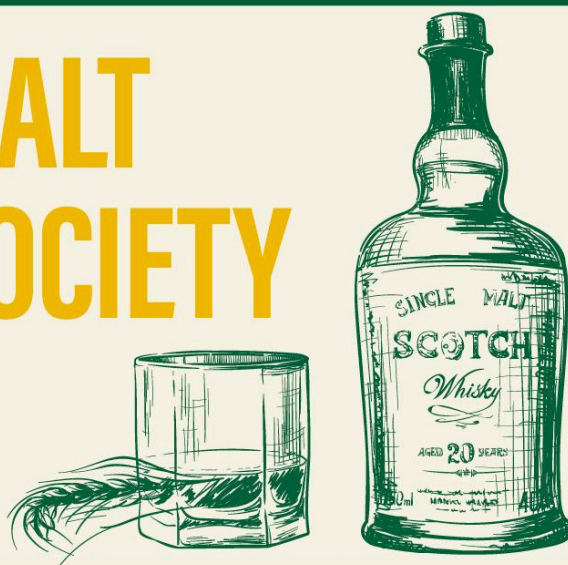
**USQUAELBACH**

Usquaebach 15yr	11
Usquaebach Reserve	8

**WILLAM GRANT & SONS**

William Grant & Sons Ghosted Reserve 26yr	65
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# SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY



## YOUNG & SPRITELY

### PILE-DRIVER PUNCH WHISKY

28.26      10yr      61.4%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$28.00

The nose hinted at paint and glue – water shifted this to fresh linen and warm photocopies; we didn't find that in the taste. The rest of the nose had herbal, grassy notes (hay, thyme, cucumber) and fruity sweetness (brandy snaps, orange zest, peach stones, golden syrup, chili marmalade). The palate had a pile-driver punch of spirity heat (even with water) but after a couple of sips we learned to take it on the chin – nice grassy, cereal notes, including popcorn, riverbank reeds and mint, then more of that fruity sweetness (mandarin, rhubarb and pineapple, with spun sugar, vanilla and pink Chewits).

### SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

46.29      14yr      59.1%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$34.00

Young Bond prepared the ingredients for his cocktail: bruised mint, Gomme syrup, pink peppercorn and aromatic cherry and violet. As he mixed his ingredients for this Old Fashioned together he scanned the scene, it was a bit of a mystery. A large arrangement of flowers was the first observation. A table set with a curious collection: Fox Glacier mints, chocolate chip ice cream, Jolly Jammers and salted limes. He sipped his cocktail and enjoyed its sprightly kick. The perfumed scent of some exotic beauty lingered. He investigated further finding cream soda, marshmallow and Kendal Mint Cake. What did it all mean?

### PERFECT FOR ANY CELEBRATION

48.106      10yr      57.4%      First-fill barrel/Ex-bourbon      \$23.00

We were sitting comfortably in a North Frisian roofed wicker beach chair with the sea in front and the sand dunes and pine forest behind enjoying juicy fruity jelly beans as well as iced Moroccan mint tea with a hint of lemon, topped with sparkling water and a splash of vodka garnished with pomegranate seeds – wonderfully refreshing! With water we opened a bottle of Buck's Fizz on the nose, whilst on the palate we moved on to some light-bodied summer ales with a hoppy herbal lemon taste combined with a sweet malty, crisp and very refreshing finish.

## MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

48.50      13yr      56.9%      1st Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$33.00

Who is the fairest of them all! Imagine Snow White feasting on shiny red apples, juicy peaches and pineapple whilst perched on a newly varnished pine stool. She dipped her pinkie in lemon meringue pie and nibbled a pink wafer. She wrinkled her pretty nose at full strength as she found it nippy and fizzy but then confectionary sweetness and milk chocolate brought a smile to her rosebud lips. Water opened up Caribbean punch fruitiness of melon, lychee and mango wrapped in waxed paper. She polished off with Bakewell tart and summer pudding and glugged at pink grapefruit Robinsons juice.

## NEAT HEAT, TURNING MELLOW AND SWEET

70.13      9yr      57.8%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$27.00

The nose had various elements – pencil shavings, Weetabix and hay, toffee bonbon and honey sweetness, Murray Mints and Pandrops plus subtle hints of Imperial Leather soap. The minty heat came through on the palate – aniseed, chili, white pepper and Extra Strong Mints – we also got a lot of biscuity sweetness (Hobnobs, Digestives) and some exotic fruits. The reduced nose suggested a variety of unconnected things – plastic poolside furniture, citrus, raisins and tomato ketchup crisps. The palate had mellowed somewhat, replacing lively heat with moreish drinkability – now combining sweet, mild spices with tangy citrus, Atholl brose (honey, oats) and a chocolate fountain.

## GRANNIES BEHAVING BADLY (AND MADLY!)

85.32      9yr      60.3%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$27.00

A teatime treat for cheeky grannies in pursuit of their youth. A veritable feast of goodies to indulge: bubble gum, apple chews, apricot sweeties and vanilla fairy cakes. They nibbled at Empire biscuits and raspberry tartlets while dabbing their lips with apple lip balm. Our guzzling grannies slurped cheap peach ice cream, cherry lips and melon balls. They nonchalantly flicked through glossy magazines while sipping gin and tonic and eating Cape gooseberries.

## SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

### ENIGMATIC AND MASCULINE

1.200      15yr      55.7%      1st Fill Barrel      \$35.00

An interesting nose; floral, pot-pourri and grassy notes balanced fruitiness (pineapple, blackcurrant, raspberry, foamy bananas). We also discovered a contrapuntal interplay between sweetness (syrup sponge, white chocolate, vanilla, toffee) and charred oak and clove. The palate was muscular, powerful and tasty; masculine flavours of balsamic, aniseed, pepper and various toasted notes (hazelnut, coconut, pizza crust) slightly overshadowed the Madeira cake and fondant icing sweetness. The reduced nose brought sugar-coated fennel seeds and bicycle repair shops. The reduced palate was slightly enigmatic – we found stem ginger, walnut whips, and chocolate digestive biscuits – but unquestionably moreish – a good cask, and a good dram.

### FLORAL PERFUMES IN A CHINESE RESTAURANT

5.47      14yr      59.8%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$34.00

We found the nose straightforward but attractive, with vanilla, lemon puffs, green apple, rhubarb and chalky sweets (Edinburgh Rock) but one panelist was in a Chinese restaurant (five-spice, fragrant rice, fortune cookies). With water the floral, citric perfumes edged forward and it became more buttery (popcorn, shortbread, caramel). The palate had good viscosity and body, with sweet and tart flavours of stewed rhubarb, gooseberry, plums, red grape Shloer, Haribos and Astro Belts; it even seemed fizzy and lively at times. Water emphasized different aspects – pistachios, almonds and salty bread, with lemon rind, white pepper and aniseed bringing dryness to the finish.

## IN THE ABSENCE OF CONVENTION

5.70      18yr      56.3%      First-fill Oloroso Hogshead      \$34.00

The first sniff took us straight to aged riesling wine with a delightfully oily hue. On the second inspection we discovered pineau des charentes, and further to that armagnac. 'Is this whisky?' we thought as calvados now erupted from the glass. Then more familiar notes of roasted chestnuts and dark chocolate emerged alongside apples, sultanas and cinnamon stick. The palate carried a sticky thickness as dried figs joined Black Forest gateau. With water we wandered into aged cider and cherry liqueur with a warm slice of tarte tatin and a dollop of apple chutney. Then oily walnuts continued through to a finish that was heavy with dried orange and coconut. After spending 15 years in an ex-bourbon Hogshead this was transferred to a 1st fill oloroso Hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

## SEA BREEZES OVER THE BERNAL MACHAIR

10.87      10yr      61.9%      Refill Ex-Bourbon      \$28.00

The nose, notwithstanding honey, sherbet straws and ice-cream is dominated by floral fragrances and sea breezes over the machair. The palate, intense at first, mellows with water to light smoke, lots of citrus, Parma violets and salt; fresh, sharp and pleasing.

## SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

26.106      29yr      58.0%      Refill Ex-Sherry Butt      \$54.00

The first impression is of sweet pastry – shortbread – with vanilla notes, increasingly supported by fruit cake or dried fruits steeped in tea. In time it lightens: fresh figs, melon, fresh grass, rosemary. At natural strength, the taste is heavier: herbal tea and jasmine tea, musty/waxy, nutty (macaroons, hazelnuts and almonds), flower honey. The last increases with a dash of water, becoming more waxy/oily – sunflower oil, crème Anglais, light nuts. Now the texture is soft, the taste sweet with honeycomb, then slightly bitter (edible flowers like nasturtiums) in the finish. Complex and ever-changing.

## AUTUMN FEELINGS

28.27      10yr      61.6%      Refill Barrel      \$28.00

This dram evoked autumnal feelings in us all, even though slightly different ones. From walking in woodland searching for blackberries and mushrooms to grape harvesting on a warm afternoon and picking apples in an orchard; eventually we all celebrated harvest festival. For that we were eating plum, orange and almond cobbler, toffee apples, caramelised pears and pumpkin pie. With water the first signs of winter appeared, the cool wind and the comforting aromas of spiced hot apple cider and vanilla scented candles drew us inside enjoying a cherry pie with a nutty crumb crust and real whipped cream.

## COCK-A-HOOP WITH HAPPINESS

35.117      17yr      54.6%      1st Fill Designer Barrel      \$38.00

A luxurious array of aromas courted the panel. Red rose petals, bergamot and lavender woven into a hedgerow. Sweet desserts of strudel sprinkled with demerara sugar and sponge cake teased the taste buds. In dived the adventurous crew to find a jammy mix of strawberry, apricot and marmalade. Cooler angelica, licorice and eucalyptus prowled over the tongue. Water opened Pandora's box of Jamaica loaf, carrot cake and pork pie. Student memories were evoked of Tiger balm, warm leather guitar straps and aromatic crispy duck. An extravagant and lavish dram.

## HEADY, AROMATIC, AND TONGUE-TICKLING

37.75      18yr      55.1%      2nd Fill Ex-Sauternes Hogshead      \$39.00

Seventeen years in a refill barrel before finishing in Sauternes gave this a delightful nose – aromatic and heady – full of floral perfumes (sweet peas, freesias) and tropical fruits (Tooty Frooties, fruit pastilles, jam donut) with some varnished wood. The palate was lip-smacking and tongue-tickling – mainly sweet and fruity (pineapple cake, brown sugar on pink grapefruit, candied lemon, pick-n-mix) but with floral notes and playful, tingling woody spices at the end. The reduced nose found pavlova and sherbet lemons – comments included ‘warm and inviting’ and ‘my kind of whisky!’ The palate was sweetly succulent, with juicy melons and ‘dessert trolleys going by’.

## 1960'S FRENCH BREAKFAST

39.122      8yr      62.5%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$26.00

We were struck by the complexity of the nose – certainly perfumed and fruity, with red fruits, orange, tutti-frutti – even raisins – but there was also chocolate, fudge, treacle and cookie dough – and hints of wool carpets, olive soap and elder flower. The palate was very pleasant indeed – fruity confectionery, orange zest and orange blossom, apricot jam, honey and buttery brioche – could have been a French breakfast. The reduced nose just got even more complex – pineapple and watermelon; marmalade on croissants and hints of tobacco – French breakfast circa 1960s. The palate now had coffee grinds, iced tea, crème Anglaise and toasted crumpet – Ooh-la-la!

## SUBTLE COMPLEXITY

44.65      24yr      52.4%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$47.00

The nose neat was very soft, gentle and enticing compared to an Impressionist painting creating patches of light with soft pinks and purples. Aromas mentioned were sweet and salty crunch nut bars with honeycomb, a bowl of porridge with golden syrup and chocolate rice crispy cakes. A soft gentle heat to taste reminded us of roast pork in sweet tangy apple sauce. Water added more sweetness, tropical fruit salad with big pineapple chunks and cream, as well as Stroopwafel over a Latte. There was the exciting fizziness and juiciness of a Vin Gris with flavours of pear, mango and strawberry – subtle but complex.

## TEA TIME TREAT

44.68      12yr      61.0%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$32.00

The nose neat was a real potpourri of aromas ranching from cedar wood shavings over lemon oil to dried roses. There was also some kind of tangy and sweet fruitiness, like that of a green apple smoothie or a gooseberry Bellini. On the taste neat it was that tanginess and sweetness of rhubarb and custard bonbons at first, before custard creams arrived. Water helped releasing more complex aromas of baked custard rice pudding, cinnamon vanilla toasted oats and brown sugar apple cobbler. The mouthfeel was now smooth with a good texture of, iced fairy cakes, jammie dodgers and bourbon cream biscuits.

## SPARKLING, LIVELY, AND PLAYFUL

55.31      17yr      58.3%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$38.00

The nose had an unassuming substructure of wood, which supported a delightful and elegant edifice of pot-pourri, fresh laundry, magic balloons and an exuberant Caribbean fruit punch. The palate was exotic and tropical, mellow and lively, all at the same time – tutti-frutti, sherbet lemons, Sangria, juicy blood orange, three fruit marmalade and a few tingling spices bringing up the rear. The reduced nose was still fresh and invigorating – pink grapefruit, lime marmalade, floral and citric perfumes and suggestions of coconut and vanilla. The reduced palate was bright, sparkling, summery and playful – sweet and juicy, with pineapple humps and Key lime pie.

## BITTER-SWEET AS LOST LOVE

64.65      14yr      60.3%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$34.00

The nose had unstinted salivating sweetness (toffee, marshmallows, nougat, maple syrup on ice-cream, Crunchie bars, sugary espresso dregs) plus a mesmerizing melange of exotic fruits, some pine and old-fashioned perfumes. The palate was really juicy and lively – slightly bitter but attractive fruits dancing jigs on our willing tongues (kumquat, preserved lemon, Caribbean punch, sherbet lemons) – we also got balsamic glaze, cinnamon stick, vanilla and juicy oak. The reduced nose seemed fruitier, fresher and mouth-watering, with pineapple, apricot, melon, tutti-frutti and lemon tart. The reduced palate was as bitter-sweet as Tennyson's lost love – lemon drizzle cake, bitter lemon and pickled ginger.

## BEST OF THE MED

85.29      15yr      54.2%      Refill Hogshead      \$36.00

Different panel members got different associations nosing this one. China Martini liqueur was one, flavoured with cinchona bark, herbs and spices. Sambuca an aniseed flavoured liqueur was another and finally Jaegertee –over proof rum, black tea sugar and spice. This carried on in the taste; mead (fermenting honey with water, fruit and spices), Krupnik from Poland and an Amontillado sherry from Andalucía. With water aromas and flavours of Torrone, better known as nougat made from honey, egg whites, vanilla, walnuts and almonds as well as a light, sweet, creamy Crema Catalana. This was like a trip around the best the Mediterranean can offer in a glass.

## DEEP, RICH, & DRIED FRUITS

### ANYTHING BUT AIRY-FAIRY!

28.31      9yr      60.0%      Virgin Heavy Toast Medium Char Oak      \$27.00

Once upon a time we smelled rum and raisin mud cake with plenty of dark spiced rum, with chocolate covered macadamia nuts and sweet pickled figs. Quiet, dark and dense on the palate; Madeira infused pate with port-soaked apricots and prune cake, all washed down with Damson brandy liqueur. With water we felt we were being transported to the wicked witch's gingerbread house in Hansel and Gretel - we broke a piece off the roof – delicious, juicy and mouth-coating. Nine years in a 2nd fill Oloroso sherry butt, finished in a virgin oak butt with a heavy toast and a medium char.

## STAVE NEW WORLD

5.48      14yr      59.6%      Second-Fill Butt      \$36.00

The wood hit our noses as oak shavings, fresh-cut pine and furniture stores; then we detected eucalyptus, ginger and new leather shoes; but it was also sweet (Oreos, syrup, plum sauce on sponge) and floral. The palate's deeper regions gave us liquorice root, black tea, cinnamon and dry oak, while its lighter face had figs, guava, raspberry jam and fruit cake. Water brought sauna wood and clove-studded ham to the nose; cough syrup, rich toffee and Chupa Chups to the palate. After 13 years in an ex-bourbon Hogshead, we transferred this into a sherry butt for the remainder of its maturation.

## DEEP, DARK, AND PLEASANTLY ATTRACTIVE

30.89      24yr      58.3%      Refill Hogshead      \$47.00

The nose was deep and dark, but pleasantly attractive – we found dates, Demerara, mocha, rum truffles and candy floss; a lady's wooden dressing table and a French polisher's tool-bag. The neat palate was very sweet – treacle toffee, rum cake, Dr Peppers, and Calypso coffee, but with hints of perfume and Benylin linctus offering intrigue and interest. The reduced nose suggested cinder toffee, fly cemeteries (fruit slice) and sherry trifle with lady finger biscuits in the bottom. The palate had moist ginger cake and sugary espresso dregs, with black tea, dry wood and gentle spices giving a satisfying shimmer to the finish.

## ROMANTIC INSPIRATION

35.162      21yr      54.5%      1st Fill Toasted Oak Hogshead      \$43.00

A wonderful and well-balanced scent of old rose combined with peach and violet as well as perfumed woody aromas set us up for a very romantic journey. In candlelight we shared sherry trifle with layers of sponge fingers, fresh raspberries and raspberry jam, custard and cream and topped with toasted almonds, as well as a stollen wreath with dark rum and lemon marzipan. A drop of water moved us to a different place and time; orange blossom season in Seville and on the palate we were clinking glasses filled with Vintage Champagne whilst watching a tropical sunset over the ocean.

## CURIOUS AND INTRIGUING

71.41      17yr      57.6%      Refill Gorda      \$38.00

A curious and intriguing nose – we found spiced toffee apples, roasted chestnuts, figs, fudge and old wood (cigarette boxes?); a mixture of treacle, some rich sherry and a matchbox. The neat taste had tongue-numbing menthol and eucalyptus and made us think of figs, sherry, burnt toffee, honey-roast parsnips and beetroot crisps; old tea chests and erasers. The reduced nose got dried flowers on a lavender polished table, old leather chests, hazelnuts and menthol cigarettes. The reduced palate had pleasant woodiness, some acceptable earthiness (roasted sweet potato, walnuts, hay) and candy floss sweetness (including chewing the stick).

## BURNT SPOTTED DICK

72.47      10yr      59.7%      1st Fill White Wine Hogshead      \$28.00

When we first approached this sample, it felt like opening the bonnet of an overheated car with the steam from hot oil as well as burnt capacitors. Whilst we were waiting for the engine to cool down we had a slice of Spotted Dick, steamed sponge pudding with currants and raisins, served with treacle sauce. To taste initially as if performing a fire breathing act using paraffin oil, soon turning into flapjacks and candied oranges. Water clearly dowsed the fire, Banoffee pie, prunes and raisins next to brown sauce and a hot glue gun while in the finish, burnt orange salty caramel sauce.

## TARTS IN A TEA HOUSE

73.65      24yr      55.9%      Refill Butt      \$47.00

Fresh figs and mango to begin then the nose develops with root ginger, coriander and sesame seed oil. There are notes of tweed and leather boots on a walk in the hills. The palate offers more fruit with plums, raisins and a tangerine tart. A salty, savoury element comes from burnt bacon and toast. With water added we enter a tea house; it has old furniture and sweet perfumed ladies sipping on mint tea and well brewed Earl Grey. There is cinnamon spice and red flower oil and a satisfying taste of tarte tatin and caramelised malt loaf. A finish of Lapsang Souchong follows, from the distillery meaning 'big burn'.

## SPICY & DRY

### BUILDERS AT BREAKTIME

39.110      14yr      58.0%      Refill Hogshead      \$34.00

There wasn't anything delicate about this, and the panel were in conflict. Chips wrapped in warm newspaper, meaty broth and malty drink tangled with turpentine and oily engines. Tea break continued with sweet dough balls covered in dark chocolate sauce, then espresso with cinnamon sprinkles. The bad boys broke off their cement mixing to have a cheeky shot of tequila with the salt and lime. They nibbled twiggy crisps, crunchy peanut brittle and garibaldi biscuits and put their tools down for the day. The panel couldn't agree if the builders went wild camping or to a coal cellar.



## UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY

41.81      12yr      59.1%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$33.00

The initial comments on the nose neat were ranged from ‘very little’, over ‘shy’ to ‘austere’; but when given a little time a picture evolved, like making a puzzle out of pieces you don’t think belong together. How about a dessert made with whipped ricotta, rhubarb, candied olives and tarragon syrup. Let’s give it a try; sweet and spicy with some creaminess and sourness, flavours of vanilla, cinnamon, Turkish delight and rhubarb – all well balanced. Water added maple glazed pineapple tarts and apple and cinnamon spiced Danish on the nose and we were all taken by surprise with the dry, spicy wood finish.

## IF I WERE A CARPENTER

46.43      14yr      58.5%      2nd Fill Oloroso Butt      \$36.00

The nose is a balanced marriage between a sweet lady (maple pecan Danish, stroopwafel, caramel wafer) and a well-muscled carpenter (oiled wood, putty, charred staves). The palate perpetuates this pairing – cinder toffee, fruit cake, bourbon biscuits, sweet sherry and chocolate-coated raisins matching nutty, woody spice (ginger, clove, nutmeg). With water, the lady takes the upper hand – so more sweet and less heat; butterscotch and chocolate orange sweetness pleases the tongue, while the gentle spices and black-jacks slyly tease the finish.

## BIG BEAR HUG

50.70      25yr      54.2%      Refill Barrel      \$49.00

We were greeted by an enticing combination of citric and sweet aromas with lemon cookies, lemon meringue pie, lime sorbet, candied citrus peel and a white chocolate and lime mousse. The taste was like a big bear hug, a nice gentle feeling of warmth. Flavours still citric; lime and sea salt dark chocolate and a rose petal ice cream with ginger lemon shortbread. Water changed the nose and palate substantially; chalky, dry and a minerality for which the Mosel Rieslings are well known and liked for. In the long finish, there was a nice spicy sweet crystallised stem ginger note.

## NOT SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED

58.17      10yr      60.4%      Refill Barrel      \$28.00

We all stepped into an old fashioned sweet shop; plenty of dust but the floor was recently spring cleaned with bleaching powder and chlorinated lime. When we left we strangely bought pancetta, prosciutto, freshly grounded coffee and Amontillado Sherry. The taste neat was like an erupting volcano with the lava flowing into the sea and causing a sizzling hot spray – exhilarating! Water calmed the scene and fruity aromas of apples, pears, plums and grapes appeared out of nowhere with the refreshing sparkle of a white grape and raspberry juice on the palate and a perfect Martini in the finish.

## SINBAD PREPARING FOR A JOURNEY

71.42      17yr      57.5%      Refill Butt      \$38.00

The invigorating nose gave us cinder toffee, crème brûlée, burnt sugar, maple syrup, smoky bacon crisps, pork crackling and patchouli; also something between an old-fashioned boat-builder’s yard and an Eastern rug shop – we thought of Sinbad preparing for a journey. Adding water brought Dairy Milk chocolate in a steamroller cab and an Asian dish of prunes and roast pork. The palate was big, tasty and dark – treacle cake, pancakes and bacon with maple syrup, caramel pop-corn, vanilla ice-cream, chili chocolate, caramelized apples with pork; beef jerky and leather. In reduction – sweeter and more pleasant –tarte tatin, bacon, custard and cigars.



## VEGETARIAN!

112.8      14yr      57.8%      Refill Barrel      \$34.00

Initially some were on a DIY trip applying linseed oil window putty whilst others returned to their childhood making shapes with Play-Doh and drawing with wax crayons – all eating Garibaldi biscuits! With time aromas of a black raspberry fruit pie developed as well as roasted hazelnuts resembling biting into a Ferrero Rocher. The taste was like a spiced Scotch pie but with rhubarb and apple filling, white pepper and chili flakes. Water released aromas of adding a splash of vegetable oil into your hot wok preparing a vegetable Chow Mein with beansprouts, shiitake mushrooms, water chestnuts and hoisin sauce.

## PURE INDULGENCE

121.100      17yr      50.1%      First Fill Charred Ex-Red Wine Barrique      \$40.00

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## BANANA WALNUT CORNBREAD

G1.14      37yr      54.1%      Refill Hogshead      \$47.00

The nose neat was clean and fresh, but at the same time invitingly rich, like a newly, well-polished wooden bar top. In time, a seductive sweetness developed; candied almonds, toffee apples, fondant fancies and a quality ice wine. Given its age the taste was surprisingly vibrant with a ginger, chili heat but again the attractive sweetness of caramel apple cake and lemon blossom honey. Water released honey porridge, scones with clotted cream and toasted flaked almonds. On the palate now a dry spiciness of banana walnut cornbread and cinnamon rolls, all washed down with a sparkling elderflower fizz.

## OLD & DIGNIFIED

### IT'S GOOD TO ARRIVE

7.116      29yr      58.5%      Refill Hogshead      \$54.00

Elegant, Sumptuous, exotic, rich, smooth, spicy,...No, mere words cannot do it justice – you have to try this one for yourself and whoever said “to travel is better than to arrive was wrong!”

### WICKED VISCOSITY

7.148      26yr      61.0%      Refill Bourbon Hogshead      \$69.00

Wonderfully rich and indulging aromas of hot chocolate cake with toffee sauce, chocolate bread and butter pudding and freshly brewed coffee made this a very stimulating and enticing experience right from the start. Thick, succulent and creamy were just some of the adjectives used when tasted neat; carrot cake with lemon peel, raspberry spice cake and warm apple pie with hot vanilla sauce – it was simply ‘Yummy’! A drop of water and the nose turned a little brighter, a little subtler, walking through blossoming orange trees in Seville and on the palate, wickedly viscous like coconut orange raspberry swirl muffins.

## DANS UNE AUBERGE EN CASCOGNE

35.129      27yr      53.8%      Refill Hogshead      \$51.00

The nose was slow to waken but led to comments like ‘Warm, rich, teasing’ and ‘high quality’ – toffee, chocolate éclairs, fudge and golden syrup promenaded alongside flower meadows and fresh hay – but slate, coal-tar, leather, brass and pine spoke of old-fashioned iron-mongers. The unadorned palate was pleasantly mouth-flooding with big flavours of sherry, roasted chestnuts, leather, dried fruits and heather stems after moor-burning. The second nosing had candles, fortified wine and saddles (d’Artagnan arrives at the inn?). Water helped the palate to consolidate and come together in harmony – brown sugar, dark chocolate orange creams, rum-soaked cherries, sweet liquorice and dark honey.

## GREEN GROW THE RUSHERS OH!

63.31      25yr      51.6%      Refill Barrel      \$49.00

All were delighted by the aroma and flavours of an exotic temple. Delicately baked stone fruits sprinkled with rosewater, pistachio, cardamom, then fresh pine and beeswax polish. In the darker corners there was cooling lychee and cucumber, then and breezy jasmine. Malted digestive biscuits with a slather of honey and baked pastry added depth. For some, water brought out lovely clean notes of grape, kiwi, gooseberry and melon. For others, wet slate, damp dog and rain smattered stone. The finish was crisp green apple and lime pastilles, warm brown paper, fresh laundry and mint cornetto ice cream.

## A SYMPHONY OF OAK

76.124      28yr      55.9%      Refill Hogshead      \$52.00

Nosing this one neat was an awe-inspiring moment, like stepping into a grand house standing in the entrance hall with open eyes and mouth. Aromas of polished wood and shiny marble mixed with luxurious leather and the sensual fresh scent of orange blossom. The taste was like a symphony of oak played in perfect harmony with spicy notes of ginger and clove and the bittersweet finish of a Turkish coffee. Water transported us into an antique woollen mill still using the old-fashioned spinning jenny and the flavours dry, bitter, oaky, sweet and fruity, all beautifully interwoven like in a Persian oriental rug.

## LIGHT & DELICATE

### BUMBLEBEES BY THE SEA

26.105      29yr      57.6%      Refill Butt      \$54.00

The first aromas were predominantly dark runny honey over crackers, followed by salted lemon and fresh kiwi fruit. With time, camphor and citronella candles burning in a damp pine forest. Juicy Fruit gum emerged on the nose and in the taste. It retained a white peppery heat at full strength, with lemon zest and lime posset emerging. Aspen bark, cinnamon and spearmint all became easier to find with water as if they had all been washed up on a seashore. A muskiness reminiscent of coastal dunnage warehouses belied its age, but homemade lemonade and green Starbursts lifted any hint of heaviness.

### REFRESHING AND LIP-SMACKINGLY TASTY

41.71      11yr      59.5%      1st Fill Barrel      \$30.00

The nose was sweet, creamy and fruity – wine gums, Gummi Bears, Randoms, pineapple humps, vanilla slices and donuts filled with cream and covered in chocolate. The palate was also sweet and fruity (pineapple, lemon) but our mouths were warmed by aniseed and fiery ginger beer and our curiosity aroused by perfume, quinine and lemon zest. The reduced nose kept our interest – Tangfastics, sherbet lemons, laundry, vanilla-scented candles and lemon and lime. The palate had pineapple, lemon and lime sorbet, a flake of ginger, a lemon balm leaf but still retained some yoghurt creaminess. Simple but very refreshing, perfumed and lip-smackingly tasty.

## **ZESTY, ZINGY, AND ALIVE**

44.63	15yr	55.4%	Refill Butt	\$36.00
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## **DAINTY, MEASURED, AND DELICATE**

55.28	14yr	58.0%	Refill Hogshead	\$34.00
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Light, perfumed, dainty, measured and delicate. We were met with the heady scents of a lemon syrup sponge served in a garden centre, with iced tea and Toffee Dodger biscuits on the side. On further exploration it was sweet and peachy, with lychees, vanilla, white pepper zing and burnt orange syrup. Water brought apple scented soap, distant potpourri, rose petals, cut flower stems and white lilies. On the taste we found apple juice jelly, condensed milk and icing sugar with vanilla and dried cranberries to finish. Gentle, yes, but give this time and you will find that it is no shrinking violet!

## **TOFFEE AND SUNNY, RUNNY HONEY**

58.18	10yr	60.4%	Refill Barrel	\$28.00
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The nose found feverfew, camomile and grass, but the main event was fruity sweetness, like jam tarts, rhubarb and custard sweets, Danish pastries, vanilla slices and stewed fruits. The sweetness was less fruity on the palate – we got barley sugars, buttery tablet, pastries and McCowan's Highland toffee – then a late spice kick of ginger, chili and pink peppercorns. The reduced nose was young and fresh (flower meadows, laundry, lemon, pencils) but still sweet – this time sunny runny honey, Hobnobs, ice-cream wafers and dark chocolate. The reduced palate had less heat and seemed tastier – dried papaya, Granola bars and chocolate milk-shake.

## **A TREASURE CHEST OF SWEET DELIGHTS**

G6.4	35yr	47.9%	Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead	\$62.00
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We sniffed – and were rewarded with a treasure chest of caramel cupcakes, Jaffa cakes, Gold Bars, Frosties, cinder toffee, lemon and orange blossom – also hints of polished pine. The palate was 'light but right' – banana toffee, pink wafers and buttery shortbread – we also picked up warming notes of ginger snaps and spiced bourbon punch. The nose became more delicate with water – maple syrup and Toffifees accompanied a picture of a vase of flowers on a varnished windowsill – a grassy flower-meadow outside. The reduced palate was sweet and easy-drinking, with white chocolate and ripe figs – an attractive dessert of a dram.

## **JUICY, OAK, AND VANILLA**

### **CONTRAPUNTAL HARMONY**

5.58	16yr	55.9%	First-fill charred red wine barrique	\$34.00
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The nose held our attention with attractive, wood-derived notes of dunnage, vanilla and tobacco leaf; but also sweet, perfumed aromas of jam donuts, brandy snaps, Dolly Mixtures, banana and tulips. The palate balanced sweetness with acidity – unripe nectarine, pomegranate, black cherries and lime; Haribo Astro Belts, hyacinths and subtle wine hints. The reduced nose had fresh-sawn oak, chamomile leather, coconut and laurel leaf counterpointing fudge, marshmallow and Turkish Delight. On the palate, we found Amarena cherries and limoncello – still tangy and lip-smacking but much sweeter. After 16 years in ex-bourbon wood we transferred this into a first-fill red wine Hogshead.

### **PLAYING 'SEA BATTLE' IN THE GARDEN**

9.84	25yr	55.6%	Refill Butt	\$49.00
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One Panel member found himself on the gun deck of an old wood-hulled warship with smells of ash, gun powder and spent cartridge, whilst others, more peacefully, are turning earth in their herb garden. The taste is hot and fiery – the battleship is in action – or we take a break from gardening on a sunny afternoon and enjoy rye bread dipped in olive oil. With water we take a rest sitting in a wicker chair on a warm cedar decking surrounded by pots of sage and heather. The taste now juicy, warm and

pleasant like waffles with runny vanilla custard.

## FLOWERS AND CHOCOLATES FOR CHURCHILL

46.30      14yr      58.6%      Refill Hogshead      \$34.00

The nose beckoned us into a garden centre, with green, leafy, floral and earthy elements, including the shop selling cane furniture and Yankee candles; in time we were transported to Churchill's cabinet room (leather, wood and cigars). The palate was a bitter-sweet experience – vanilla, chocolate and sugared strawberry sweetness against more bitter aspects of wood, lime, ash and floral perfumes. With water, the nose presented rose and lime chocolate creams in paper cups in a wooden box. The palate turned considerably sweeter – burnt toffee, cookies and ice-cream – still some gooseberry, rhubarb and lime – but now wrapped in tasty, floral sweetness.

## SNIFFING A BEE'S KNEES

46.31      22yr      54.2%      Refill Hogshead      \$45.00

The nose was sweetly seductive – toffee, caramel, Flumps, Tunnock's Snowballs and carrot cake, but far from one-dimensional – it also had hessian, coconut, macadamias and insinuations of citrus. The palate offered fantastic, mouth-watering sweet acidity, like Moffat toffees; plus, exotic fruits, flowers and strawberry jam tarts – and the finish – teasingly dry with woody tannins, coconut and clove. Floral notes increased on the reduced nose – Parma violets, lavender (someone imagined sniffing a bee's knees) – not to forget pineapple, sherbet and granola. The palate now danced on our tongues – lively as lollipops and cream soda, with lots of interesting back-flavours (cardamom, anise, angostura) – engaging.

## CONTRAPUNTAL ELEGANCE

50.67      25yr      56.2%      Refill Barrel      \$49.00

Unmistakable sweetness on the nose – sticky dates, honeycomb, strawberry milk-shake and salted caramel – but other aromas added to the complexity and sophistication – we passed a housekeeping trolley in a hotel lobby (perfumed soaps, fresh laundry, cleaning stuff and confectionery) on our way to the spa. The palate was amazing – caramel, vanilla, rich toffee, Crunchie bars and waffles, but with sharp, fizzy pear sorbet and popping candy as one counterpoint and mouth-drawing toasted oak and leather as another. The reduced nose was indulgent and rewarding – like standing between an Arran Aromatics shop and an ice-cream parlour. The palate – elegant, tasty and complex.

## A NIPPY SWEETIE!

54.37      9yr      61.5%      Refill Barrel      \$27.00

Superlicious sweet notes of peach, ripe apple and juicy pears sprinkled with icing sugar and topped with buttercream. The aromas of delicate cherry and apple blossom blended with freshly baked biscuits and warm balsa wood. The panel found the palate zingy with lemon zest, then tinned pears in syrup laced with chili flakes and a dusting of cinnamon. Water opened up fresh apple and custard, lime basil and mandarin candle, mirabelle plum and wild flowers. Fresh pencil shavings and dusty chalk added depth with clean grapefruit giving in to fizzy sherbet and rich dark chocolate for a pleasing dry finish.

## SPRUCE-UP FRUIT SALAD

64.84      12yr      58.7%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$32.00

This felt like a spruced-up tropical fruit salad of grapefruit, orange, pineapple and kiwi more exotic perfumed lychee and slightly nutty dragon fruit, all 'dressed up' with watermelon vinaigrette using a combination of agave and Dijon mustard. Smooth and mouth-watering like a breakfast quinoa fruit salad; fresh berries, orange zest, vanilla powder and cinnamon. Diluted, a perfect Eiskaffee – creamy iced coffee made with extra strong coffee, two scoops of vanilla ice cream topped with whipped cream and a sprinkling of chocolate brittle whilst the finish turned into a cafe Mexicana called 'café de olla' with cinnamon and orange peel.

## TRIP TO A SHOPPING MALL

100.12      10yr      58.7%      Refill Barrel      \$28.00

On the nose, lemon, elderflower and tinned fruit salad gradually gave way to deeper notes of cashews, raisins, cinnamon, ginger and Buttercup cough mix. The neat palate had light spice and lots of sweetness (marshmallows, cherry lips, cola cubes, foamy bananas, Nutella and sticky toffee pudding). The reduced nose offered banana liqueur, red laces and rum and raisin ice-cream; some panelists were transported to a shopping mall (noodle bar, hairdresser and confectioner nearby). Oaky spice and vanilla began to show through on the reduced palate, along with butterscotch, banana chips, popcorn and toasted marshmallows – and a hint of Murray mints.

## AFTERNOON COCKTAILS

108.9      8yr      58.0%      First Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$24.00

Our extended afternoon tea began in a truly civilised manner with strong earl grey tea, treacle tart, eccles cakes and cinnamon buns sprinkled with desiccated coconut. After sweetening the tea with a spoonful of brown sugar I reached for a chocolate digestive biscuit and proceeded to dunk it in the tea until the chocolate had melted. We then progressed onto cocktails with manhattans and an old fashioned and debated how spiced rum would taste with cloudy lemonade. Breaking open a packet of dark chocolate with chilli we could smell the fresh oak from the nearby timber yard that gave the air a wonderfully fresh and clean scent.

## SPICY & SWEET

### A MEAN GREEN GENIE!

2.94      9yr      60.4%      Refill Barrel      \$26.00

Let Aladdin transport you to a land of green pear, agave, gooseberries sprinkled with icing sugar and crystalized angelica. The magic carpet of hessian scented with lavender and orange oil. Whoosh - the taste is sharp and sweet with hot chili, fresh ginger and caramelized oranges sprinkled with plump yellow raisins. A box of exotic wood bursting with hazelnuts opens and with water, yields peaches and cream, vanilla slice and custard creams. Our genie emerges with a bowlful of crushed meringue, strawberry and melon spritzed with orange zest. The finish is short and dry...was it all a dream?

## GETTING FRUITY AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

36.104      12yr      57.2%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$26.00

The initial aromas transported the panel into an old church with its wooden pews and old leather-bound books mingling alongside perfumed incense, scented candles and the fuschia bush beside the entrance. Then sweetness filled the air with jelly beans and sherbert straws married with apricot yoghurt and sugar-coated nuts. On the taste we found more spicy wood, gob stoppers and iced buns but with a fruity bridal gown of mango, mandarin, strawberry jam and blackcurrant cheesecake. Baptism unveiled flavours of stollen bread, sweet pink nougat, and the refreshing zing of gooseberries, grapefruit and raspberry coulis to finish.

## CURIOUS COMPLEXITY

37.82      13yr      58.9%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$33.00

The unreduced nose was curiously complex – vanilla ice-cream and creamy toffee, but with fresh floral and herbal notes that spoke of summer hedgerows and cooling Murray Mints. With water it seemed more straightforwardly sweet – eliciting a long list of confectionery – pineapple cubes, sherbet straws, rhubarb rock, etc. The neat palate was an intriguing sweet and tart combination (lemon meringue pie, raspberry jam, dandelion and burdock), but with warming ginger and Liquorice Allsorts spiciness creeping up behind. Like the nose, this also sweetened with water, but retained lemon balm, white pepper and coltsfoot rock to dry out and spice up the finish.

## STEM GINGER IN SYRUP

37.92	13yr	59.4%	Refill Hogshead	\$31.00
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## A LITTLE WARMTH

4.218	16yr	55.9%	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel	\$37.00
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## GINGER AND HONEY SWEET TEA

4.222	16yr	56.2%	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel	\$41.00
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A fresh, light and crisp nose at first; sitting on a pebble beach, the morning after the night before, with the salty sea breeze clearing heads and somewhere in the distance a camp fire being lit for breakfast. The taste is like a wakeup call; ginger tea with spiced caramel biscuits and heather honey on slightly burned toast. When we added some water, sweet smoke emerged reminiscent of the scented candles from last night next to waxy lemons and Sicilian blood orange juice. On the palate now perfectly balanced between sweet honey, ashy wood char and a sea salt milk chocolate bar.

## BALANCED AND HARMONIOUS

9.89	25yr	57.5%	Refill Ex-Sherry Butt	\$49.00
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The nose began slightly sharp and spirity (hot lemon sauce, brambles, nettles, balsam and pine) but lots of goodies too – coconut, liquorice allsorts, tinned pineapple, dried fruit, vanilla. With time and a little water, it became dusty and woody (newly sawn wood, workshop shavings, tea, hay, pepper) – but with teasing sweetness (honey, chocolate, orange jelly) and delicate roses. The palate flooded the mouth with flavour – dark cherries, dark chocolate, strawberry jam, blackberry, lemon and lime – all nicely agitated by tongue-tingling peppery spice. In reduction, bitter fruits see-sawed with honey, raisin and creamy custard sweetness – bringing balance and harmony. Rothes' oldest distillery.

## SPICY 'ADULT' SWEETNESS

9.90	26yr	55.1%	Refill Ex-Sherry Butt	\$50.00
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Lots of fine sweetness on the nose – we found caramel wafers, toffee, nougat and dulce de leche, but sweet tobacco, marmalade and sugary espresso dregs gave depth to that sweetness; we also got hints of pepper, Airfix glue, wicker and wax. That spicy, 'adult' sweetness characterised the palate too – Crunchie bars, honeycomb, pain au chocolat, coffee fondant and crystallised ginger, with one or two earthier notes (pepper, wood, tequila). The reduced nose evoked cinnamon-dusted rice pudding and satay sauce, while the palate's yummy chocolate gingers and Tia Maria got the thumbs up all round. This famous Rothes distillery dates from 1840.

## PLAYFUL POPPING IN A FRUIT MARKET

9.95	23yr	53.6%	Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead	\$46.00
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The nose context was a fruit market (pear, orange, lemon, lychee, cherry) but we also found a leather handbag containing fag packets and nail varnish and paper bags of assorted fudge (vanilla, rum and raisin, ginger). The neat palate was quite an experience – apple pie, vanilla ice-cream, puff candy and honey sweetness, with menthol cigarette, aniseed and cardamom depth, while fizzy Vimto, soor plooms and white pepper popped playfully on the tongue. The reduced nose developed pleasantly – Battenberg, Bounty Bars and champagne sorbet. The palate continued to tingle and enervate – Lucozade, lemongrass and lollipop sticks. From the first distillery in Rothes.

## PURE INDULGENCE

28.30      25yr      53.3%      2nd Fill Sauternes Hogshead      \$49.00

This one made its presence known straight away. A rich and flavourful punch like dark thick cut Seville orange marmalade on spongy crumpets and black currant jam sweetened with honey on buttered burnt toast. The taste was that of seared duck breast with red wine and orange sauce. With water; cinnamon roasted pineapples and cinder toffee and the never-ending finish was a dark chocolate cake flavoured with Barolo Chinato and served with whipped cream and raspberries – pure indulgence. After 24 years in an ex-bourbon refill Hogshead, we transferred this whisky directly into a Sauternes cask for the remainder of its maturation. Spicy/smoky finish.

## SWEET TREATS AND FORBIDDEN TREASURES

35.142      21yr      56.2%      1st Fill Hogshead Toasted Oak      \$43.00

On the nose – fudge, pecan pie, crème caramel, marzipan, set honey, banoffee pie, rum-soaked raisins; waxed jackets, incense smoke, toasted oak, tobacco pouch, sweet mint. And here are some of our comments – Amazing. Fantastic. Deeply satisfying. Complex. Rewarding. Can't put it down. Sweet treats. A sniffer's dram. On the palate – dark Madeira honey cake, Jamaican truffles, Moroccan spice markets, buttered toast, marmalade, treacle, rich caramel, spiced almonds, maple syrup, ginger biscuits. Yet more comments – Forbidden pleasures. Manna from Heaven. Moreish. A voyage of discovery. Sometimes being on the panel is not so bad!

## DINNER AT THE DINER

36.87      17yr      57.7%      Refill Barrel      \$38.00

The initial nose was brimming with strawberry and peach topped with fudge sauce and served with coffee flavoured toffee and cream soda. To taste it tingled with nutmeg and cinnamon, with warm woody spice numbing the tongue. Water opened a big bag of berry fruits and gummy confectionary, newly plained wood counter polished with linseed oil, crystallised angelica and eucalyptus. It reminded one panelist of a lady's cabinet with pressed powder, scented creams, fragrant lotions and potions. It retained a nippy sweetness with lemon bonbon, honey fudge offset with sharper citrus and mint. An invigorating and perky dram.

## GETTING STEAMY IN THE SAUNA

39.104      14yr      58.5%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$34.00

A peppery bite softens into blood orange, pear, peach and banana bread with honey. A steamy aroma reminiscent of saunas meshed with sunny orchards and freshly cut daffodils. Cheek clenching at first with some black tea and lime pickle but dissolved into tinned peach and pineapple. It had oily black olives that morphed into pine resin and Ambre Solaire when watered. Then bountiful sugared almonds, on iced fairy cakes, shortcrust pastry, blackcurrant cordial and cherry Bakewell tart bounced from the glass. The finale was of flapjacks and Digestives with dates, prunes and hazelnuts. Pine nuts had the final shout.

## CHARMING CHALICE OF CHA-CHA-CHA

44.67      25yr      52.2%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$49.00

Our noses were beguiled by flower shops, ripe vanilla pods, orange Muscat, brown sugar and cinnamon swirls. On the palate, this charming chalice of cha-cha-cha combined the sweet melody of Rocky Road, muscovado and vanilla sponge, with harmonic layers of pot-pourri and gooseberry fool – all thrumming to the passionate rhythms of Chinese five-spice and bourbon woodiness. The reduced nose was a bright kitchen, containing raspberry Creamola foam, pink Angel Delight, honey on toast and apple pie and fruit scones fresh from the oven. And now the sexy palate dance continued with lemon drizzle cake, banoffee pie, Armagnac and brandy snaps – mmmm.



## PEPPER CROP-DUSTED OVER ORCHARDS

48.43      12yr      55.5%      1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$32.00

Our noses were tickled by pepper, mustard, straw mats and sawdust, but it settled to jellied fruits, blackcurrant chews, orange jelly, fruity toffee, tinned pineapple and syrup sponge with custard. With water, those black pepper clouds parted and the sun shone on ripened orchard fruits (apple, pear, peach, apricot, cherry). The palate offered a warm peppery tingle, hinting at nutmeg and chili; we also found honey, toffee, fruit pastilles, blackcurrant, lemon, ice lolly sticks and some biscuit-y dryness. In reduction, fruits of the forest were balanced nicely by hints of humbug, pepper, liquorice, leather and tea.

## LOVELY JUBBLY!

54.35      17yr      55.1%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$38.00

Picture a thatched cottage nestling among fields filled with dusty hay bales after a brief shower of summer rain. Step through a doorway circled by nasturtiums and geraniums and be drawn to the inviting aromas of baking: hot scones, almond tart, cinnamon pastries and rich Battenberg cake. Nibble on white chocolate studded with white peppercorns, yellow jelly babies and juicy lychees in syrup. Our buxom hostess sets blowsy red roses on the table now set with rhubarb and apple pie with vanilla custard, buttered croissants with creamy coffee. She folds palmolive scented towels to air on the Aga. Idyllic!

## OUTDOOR, MASCULINE DRAM

55.26      14yr      57.3%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$34.00

The nose was complex and interesting – sweet and spicy with some cosmetics and light struck match, plus an array of outdoor impressions (earthy, grassy, ripe fruits, wood sap, twigs and riverbanks). It seemed fresher with water (peach melba yoghurt, leaf mould, washing blowing in the breeze) though one panelist got a rugby player's kit-bag. The palate however had massive, intense sweetness and mouth-scorching peppery, ginger heat – panelists reported Vimto concentrate and rhubarb dipped in brown sugar. With water, we found toffee, butterscotch, Old English spangles and ice-cream soda, with a few more masculine hints of mint tic-tacs, old wood and allotments.

## GYMKHANAS AND GYM CLASS

64.59      11yr      62.6%      1st Fill Barrel      \$30.00

A gaggle of girls perched on dusty haybales as they fussed over groomed ponies. The scent of oiled wood mingled with plaited manes and well-worn leather saddles. They feasted on well stewed apple and cinnamon crumble with creamy toffee sauce, along with hazelnut praline. The giggling girls pursed their cherry lips in surprise at the sudden heat. They fed their ponies waxy apples and hard pears. They bounced old basket balls on freshly cut grass, then lolled in the sun while weaving daffodils into their hair. They munched on banana bread with clotted cream washed down with homemade ginger beer.

## 'WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...'

70.35      10yr      59.6%      Re-fill Barrell/Ex-bourbon      \$23.00

On the nose neat we were baking buttery shortbread biscuits and we heavily dusting with powdered sugar a stolen (bread like cake with nuts, spices and candied fruits). On the palate neat, malty, salty and spicy like peppernut or gingerbread cookies filled with marzipan and apricot jelly. When we added water herbal, citrus aromas were released at first before we were back at the cookies – browned butter pecan chocolate chip ones this time. To taste, as I was told from a reliable source, the cocktail you have to drink whilst in Las Vegas called Verbena with the so called 'Szechuan Button'.



## PUT YOUR FEET UP

85.42      16yr      57.9%      1st Fill Oloroso Sherry Butt      \$38.00

On the nose neat it was dark, dense and sweet like a mocha cake with a balsamic strawberry whipped cream filling, chocolate icing and topped with crunchy toasted hazelnuts. A lot less sweet on the palate, still dark and sticky but now more like a prune and date cake or spicy oven-roasted plums seasoned with cloves and allspice and toasted almonds sprinkled on top. Water released bitter orange, liquorice, chocolate covered prunes and a touch of wax. A lot more herbal now to taste like a Jagertee - strong black tea, red wine, plum brandy, over-proof dark rum and plenty of spices.

## TAKE TWO

93.66      13yr      58.4%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$33.00

Wow! We were miraculously transported to Kentucky, into an old fashioned rackhouse where Bourbon gets matured. It is hot and dry, the air is filled with intense vanilla, woody, spicy aromas and we feel like those angels getting their fair share. Before we got hypnotized by the heady surroundings we took a sip. How satisfying; white chocolate chili brownies, honeyed granola cereal with banana chips and dried mango and passion fruit. Water added orange oil, buttery popcorn and that rare earthy/exotic scent found in grated black truffles. On the palate, like German soft candy filled with fruit juice called - 'Nimm 2' (take two).

## GLAZED COCKTAIL SAUSAGES

95.20      18yr      53.2%      2nd Fill Ex-Sherry Butt      \$39.00

Crème brûlée then thick custard over pears, soon becoming more savoury ("quiche Lorraine with brown sauce"), chorizo sausage, Bovril, with traces of treacle toffee. At natural strength the taste echoes this: burnt sausages with toffee glaze - meaty and spicy. Water raises classic Spanish oak notes initially: dry overall, with matchbox striker, dusty dried fruits and baking spices. Jam roly-poly pudding in the mouth, then a return of the savoury flavours (Marmite, Bovril), drying towards a spicy finish. Umami...After 17 years in a refill Hogshead, we transferred this whisky directly into a sherry butt for the remainder of its maturation.

## A CURIOUS AND ECCENTRIC CONUNDRUM

121.80      14yr      54.6%      Refill Hogshead      \$34.00

This nose was a curious and eccentric conundrum - earthy bass notes of pepper, burnt twigs, tarry wood and salty sweetness growled resonantly with sugared almonds and meatballs, yet we also found trills, triplets and tremolos of fruit (pomegranate, banana, wine gums) and even flowers. The palate also had this odd salty/sweet combination - chocolate, toffee and ice-cream ricocheting off sea-salt, sardine and salted caramel. The reduced nose suggested salt and vinegar crisps, lavender and a Bloody Mary sprinkled with celery salt. The palate remained mouth-tingling, with dark honey, salt and wood - odd as three different socks - but very tasty.

## OILY & COASTAL

### SWEET AND SALTY SEAWEED

3.254      19yr      58.1%      Refill Hogshead      \$40.00

We were greeted by a fresh coastal sea breeze reminding some of us of walking the dog on a bright early morning along a pebble beach with scattered crab baskets and the enticing aroma of salty and sweet seaweed in the air. Salty and sweet it was on the palate too, like scallops and sweet chili garnished with rocket leaves drizzled generously with balsamic vinegar. With a drop of water, we carried on walking, passing a fisherman giving a new lick of paint to his upside-down boat. The taste now like smoked haddock chowder with leeks and sweetcorn.

## FUN ON THE BEACH

3.285      20yr      Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead      \$48.00

Our noses were greeted by that old familiar character of perfumed floral smoke – a beach scene unfolded – some were playing beach cricket with limes and barrel staves instead of bats and balls; someone was squeezing lemons over salted prawns; others just sat idly by sipping margaritas and wearing Jo Malone's lime, basil and mandarin perfume. The palate had the same DNA – an exquisite balance between sweet and smoky, salty and citric – flavours of herb and pepper-crusted barbecued fish, rocket and feta salad, peppermint, ash, salted liquorice, lemon and lime – a delight for all the senses and a gift to the imagination.

## NORDIC NOSH

4.217      19yr      53.9%      Refill Hogshead      \$40.00

We felt like filling our plate from the buffet at a garden party. Whilst some got smoked mackerel salad with beetroot, sweet potato and horseradish seasoned with red wine vinaigrette, others enjoyed sweet cured marinated herring and new potato salad with sour cream. The main course was sweet and slightly ashy, barbequed succulent herbal sausages, Swedish meatballs, dry-cured smoked ham and summertime sweet pickles. With water, the vegetarian option, grilled glazed kebab skewers with courgette, aubergine, cherry tomatoes and pepper in a honey mustard oil dressing and in the finish, slightly burnt with a hint of ash, marshmallows.

## A PERFECT MOMENT

29.241      20yr      49.3%      First-fil Oloroso Hogshead      \$63.00

Aromas filled the room in a harmonious fusion as scallops and king prawns drifted alongside smoked duck and walnut bread. A sticky sweetness was present with honey and treacle tart that seemed to be perfectly complimented by toasted pine nuts and strong black tea. Behind the sticky black tar and charcoal of the palate sat sweet carrots and parsnips roasted in honey and herbs. Water took us on a more maritime tour with smoked lobster and muscles in almond oil and balsamic glaze. Down to the finish of salted butter, liquorice sweets and sausage casserole, everything combined in one perfect moment of unity. This whisky previously inhabited an ex-bourbon hogshead.

## LIGHTLY PEATED

### ECCENTRICITY AT ITS BEST!

66.67      24yr      48.1%      2nd Fill Butt      \$47.00

We found this an eccentric and incredibly enjoyable whisky. Aromas of dough, pine wood, rock pools, salted limes, seaweed, fish boxes, lavender bath salts, prawn cocktail, tuna sushi roll, Paddington Bear marmalade, ... do I need to continue? In the taste we found seared scallops in a herb-butter sauce, grilled king prawns and eggs Benedict on a charred muffin. In reduction; salty sea spray, steamed mussels and sea salted chocolate, with flavours of oysters in lime juice and a glass of Prosecco in the finish. After 23 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky directly into an Oloroso Sherry butt for the remainder of its maturation.

## SMOKY INCARNATIONS

53.252      11yr      57.8%      Refill Hogshead      \$34.00

Thick plumes of smoke filled the nose as piles of wet leaves smouldered in the heat of the bonfire. Through the bellowing clouds came a subtle complexity that portrayed carnation and nasturtium with lily of the valley and sweet fennel seeds floating happily in the citric appeal of earl grey tea. With water a maritime mood moved in as oily mackerel and sardines complement the clean salt of glistening rock pools. The palate echoed a sweet resonance that bounced between smoked fudge and orange liqueur before being lost in a strong brew of lapsang souchong tea. A light dusting of smoked paprika balanced the finish as reverberations of new oak could be heard from the distance.

## HEAVILY PEATED

### THE CROWD PLEASER

10.113      10yr      59.0%      2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$33.00

This is no shy and retiring dram! Carbolic soap and poster paint aromas begin, then the sweet smoke from burnt heather and fresh autumnal undergrowth. Medicinal like old first aid kits and sweet hot smoked salmon by the beach. Take a sip at full strength and it is satisfyingly big! A bitterness like chewing liquorice root and burnt sticks. the smoke fills your mouth and leaves a hint of iodine. Water calms things down (if that's what you want). Floral with dried herbs on the nose. Then the medicinal theme continues - sticking plasters, TCP, savlon and lint bandages. All with newly made raspberry jam in the background.

## PEATED

### SEASIDE SMOKE

3.241      16yr      65.9%      Refill Barrel      \$36.00

The nose evokes sea breezes over a Calmac ferry pier, peat smoke, barbeques and demolition sites; also marshmallows, beeswax and leather. On the palate, steaks and lavender are burning on the barbeque – ash, smoke and perfumed soot; sherbet straws emerge later.

### SWEET SMOKE ON THE WATER

3.299      20yr      54.2%      2nd Fill French Hogshead      \$50.00

The BBQ was in full swing, crackling as we added heather, lavender and sweet Applewood to the charcoals, the smoke from which danced across the wet sands of the beach. The mussels in creamy white wine sauce and lobster bisque had already been served and we were just searing juicy scallops and king prawns with sweet chili sauce. Pouring another glass of vintage German Riesling we prepared the smoked duck and ribs with sticky glaze to go with a fennel and cream sauce and pea and ham soup. After 20 years in an ex-Bourbon Hogshead this was transferred into a 2nd fill French oak Hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

## **POLARIZING PERCEPTIONS**

16.37      7yr      56.9%      Re-charred Hoghead      \$23.00

We were throwing the ultimate barbeque with sizzling sage sausages, pulled pork, burgers and chicken drumsticks but also fancier like halloumi wrapped bacon bites and baked BBQ tofu toast. There was a lot of seasoning going on as the taste was fiercely hot – wasabi and strong mustard came to mind next to spicy Texas-style barbeque sauce. After a gulp of water ashy and sooty, slightly dirty and oily smoke teased our olfactory system and on the palate cod liver oil, smoked sardines in olive oil and salty liquorice graced our palate – certainly not to everyone's taste.

## **SHETLAND PONIES AT THE SEASIDE**

29.174      20yr      56.7%      Refill Barrel      \$42.00

Our four-legged friends were trotting over mossy grass, their wee hooves kicking up the turf in divots. Over summer, their woollen blankets had been stored in a wooden chest, scented with camphor and lavender. The adults barbecued prawns, Portuguese sardines and honey-glazed eggplant while snacking on wasabi fresh sushi and frittata. The ponies nuzzled into to the fire – smoke mingling in their hairy coats. Rain came, as predicted, and brought sweetness as the children guzzled candy floss, fudge and chalky rock candy. The afternoon ended with cooling mint and wet ash, the ponies happily munching handfuls of malt.

## **PEAT SMOKED CANDIED ANGELICA**

29.201      17yr      58.9%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$51.00

There was immediately a lovely smoky sweetness, best described like opening the door to a walk-in humidor with a chocolate fountain operating inside. We then sat in comfy leather sofas and snaked on smoky salty peanuts and old-fashioned Macintosh toffee. The taste however was a medicinal peat smoke, ash and tar attack, almost acrid but saved by the dark sweetness of chewy treacle toffee. Water turned the nose into smoked chicken pot pie with a sweet potato crust and the taste was now completely transformed; gentle sweet peat smoked candied angelica on a salted chocolate tart.

## **DARK, DEEP, AND MYSTIC**

29.221      21yr      56.4%      Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel      \$54.00

The nose insinuated fruity sweets (wine gums, cherry Tunes) but its core was herbal, mineral, cleansing smoke in an American Indian sweat lodge – one panellist got a cigar-smoking artist in his studio. The palate was rather dark, deep and mystic – bramble jam sweetness against ash, tar and liquorice root. Water shifted the nose to a softer, sweeter place (vanilla, fresh fruit salad) but nonetheless the impression was an island blackhouse with creosoted fence, roofing felt on a wooden coal bunker and sheep dip nearby. The reduced palate struck a reasonable balance between fruity sweetness (candied orange, limeade) and lively, medicinal smoke.

## **SMOKE THREATENING THE LAUNDRY**

42.19      9yr      58.2%      Refill Barrel      \$27.00

Our noses detected laundry (wooden tubs, washboards, mangles) with lemon soap; some sweetness developed (lemon bonbons, Moffat toffees, Oddfellows) while smoke, coal bunkers and creamy goat's cheese rolled in ash arrived later. Water highlighted the savoury, spicy notes – chili onion jam, humbugs, cinnamon swirls and pork belly cooked with five-spice. The palate however, was big and smoky from the word go – wood ash, tar and carbolic; quite a bit of wood (sweet oak, old tarry ship's timbers) with sweetness (Edinburgh Rock) that was sometimes deeper and darker (syrup of figs, liquorice, sherbet fountains, sweet and sour, soy sauce, char sui).

## ENJOY THE RIDE!

66.107	8yr	60.8%	Refill Barrel	\$27.00
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Aromatherapy in a glass – one sniff and the scent of sweet smoke was sending us all into peat heaven. The aroma of sage roasted pork belly and caramelised crispy pork rinds with preserved lemons, rosemary and chilli flakes left us almost in a trance. The taste neat was then like a pick-me-up! A real bruiser; lively, hot and ashy flavours mixed together with extra strong mint freshness. Water added aromas of sweet and salty popcorn, candyfloss and toasted marshmallows. The taste was now much more manageable, smoked vanilla custard and smoked salted toffee apples. That was a rollercoaster but we enjoyed the ride.

## SINGLE CASK SPIRIT: BOURBON

### SHEER BRILLIANCE

B5.1	13yr	52.2%	New charred American oak barrel	\$43.00
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On the nose neat; rich oak, a fresh bunch of peony flowers, rose water, violet essence and perfectly ripe strawberry mascarpone tart with a Port glaze. Very smooth with an oily/silky mouthfeel and an explosion of flavours; glace cherries, marzipan, chocolate coconut and Turkish delight truffles. If you wish to add a drop of water, however, we almost refused to do so, you will not be disappointed as herbal aromas of steaming turmeric roasted sweet potatoes and macadamia soup appeared and on the palate, still very balanced, very classy just a little spicier maybe like mocha eclairs with cinnamon espresso crème anglaise. Region: Tennessee, USA

# BOURBON & TENNESSEE WHISKIES



## **1876**

1876 Texas Straight Bourbon

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## **2XO**

2XO American Oak Bourbon

13

## **ANGELS ENVY**

Angel's Envy Cask Strength

54

Angel's Envy Straight Bourbon

18

## **BAKERS**

Baker's 7yr

10

## **BALCONES**

Balcones Texas Pot Still

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## **BARREL CRAFT SPIRITS**

Barrell Craft Spirits 15yr Cask Strength

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Barrell Craft Spirits Batch 15

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Barrell Craft Spirits Batch 16

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Barrell Craft Spirits Batch 17

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Barrell Craft Spirits Infinite Barrel Project

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Barrell Craft Spirits New Year 2018

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## **BASIL HAYDENS**

Basil Hayden's

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## **BELLE MEADE**

Belle Meade Reserve Cask Strength

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## **BLACK MAPLE HILL**

Black Maple Hill

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## **BLACKENED CASK**

Blackened Cask Strength Brandy Cask Finish

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**BLOOD OATH**

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**BOOKERS**

Booker's 25

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**BRADSHAW**

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Buffalo Trace 8

**BULLEIT**

Bulleit 7

Bulleit 10 Year 9

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**CALUMET**

Calumet 12yr Single Rack Black 25

Calumet 14yr Single Rack Black 32

Calumet 15yr Single Rack Black 35

**CASTLE & KEY**

Castle & Key Small Batch #2 13

**CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY**

Chattanooga Whiskey 100 Proof Bottled in Bond 15

Chattanooga Whiskey 111 Proof 13

Chattanooga Whiskey Founder's Reserve 17

**COOPERS CRAFT**

Cooper's Craft 7

**CUMBERLAND CASK**

Cumberland Cask Experimental Cask Strength Neutral Oak 20

Cumberland Cask Experimental Cask Strength Cacao Nibs 20

**DAVID NICOLSON**

David Nicholson Reserve Straight Kentucky Bourbon 10

**DAVIDSON RESERVE**

Davidson Reserve Genesis 26

Davidson Reserve Wheated Bourbon 11

**E.H. TAYLOR**

E.H. Taylor Barrel Proof Bourbon	25
E.H. Taylor Single Barrel	25

**EIGHT AND SAND**

Eight & Sand Blended Bourbon	8
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**ELIJAH CRAIG**

Elijah Craig 18yr Single Barrel Bourbon	40
Elijah Craig Barrel Proof Bourbon	16
Elijah Craig Small Batch Bourbon	10

**ELMER T LEE**

Elmer T Lee	40
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**EVAN WILLIAMS**

Evan Williams Single Barrel Bourbon	8
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**FAR NORTH**

Far North Bodalen Bourbon	13
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**FORBIDDEN**

Forbidden Small Batch Bourbon	34
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**FOUR ROSES**

Four Roses Bourbon (Yellow Label)	6
Four Roses Limited Edition Small Batch Bourbon 2022	40
Four Roses Limited Edition Small Batch Bourbon 2023	62
Four Roses Small Batch Bourbon	10
Four Roses Small Batch Select Bourbon	15

**GARRISON**

Garrison Brothers Balmorhea Double Barrel Bourbon	40
Garrison Brothers Cowboy Barrel Proof Bourbon	52
Garrison Brothers Guadalupe Port Cask Finish Bourbon	32
Garrison Brothers Honeydew Honey Stave Finish Bourbon	17
Garrison Brothers Small Batch	17

**GEORGE DICKEL**

George Dickel 8yr Bourbon	10
George Dickel 15yr Single Barrel Bourbon	15
George Dickel 17yr Reserve Cask Strength Bourbon	47
George Dickel Barrel Select	9
George Dickel Bottled in Bond	10
George Dickel No. 12 Bourbon	7

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George Remus 14yr Volstead Reserve	55
George Remus Repeal Reserve	23

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George T. Stagg	35
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Happenstance Straight Bourbon 12

**HARD TRUTH**

Hard Truth Sweet Mash Wheated Bourbon BIB 14

**HEAVEN HILL**

Heaven Hill 7yr Bottled-In-Bond Bourbon 13

**HENRY MCKENNA**

Henry McKenna 6

Henry McKenna 10yr Bottled-in-Bond 11

**HIGH WEST AMERICAN PRAIRIE**

High West American Prairie 8

**HIGH WIRE**

High Wire Jimmy Red 25

**HIRSCH HORIZON**

Hirsch Horizon 10

**I.W. HAPER**

I.W. Harper Bourbon 8

I.W. Harper Cabernet Cask Finish 12

**JEPHTHA CREED**

Jeptha Creed Bloody Butcher Corn Four Grain 12

Jeptha Creed Red, White and Blue Heirloom Mash 30

Jeptha Creed Heavy Rye Bourbon BIB 12

**JACK DANIELS**

Jack Daniels No. 7 Tennessee Whiskey 7

Jack Daniels 10yr 18

Jack Daniels Bonded 9

Jack Daniels Bonded Triple Mash 9

Jack Daniels Gentleman Jack 9

Jack Daniels Single Barrel Select 13

Jack Daniels Single Barrel, Barrel Proof 35

Jack Daniels Sinatra Select 2023 Release 30

Jack Daniels No. 27 Gold Double Barrel 23

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**JAMES OWNBY**

James Ownby Reserve 17

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Jefferson's Very Small Batch Bourbon

**JIM BEAM**

Jim Beam Bourbon 6

Jim Beam Distiller's Masterpiece 2018 PX Sherry Cask Finish 50

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Kentucky Owl Takumi Edition Straight Bourbon	50
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Michter's Small Batch Straight Bourbon	10
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**NEW RIFF**

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Old Forester 1897 Bottled in Bond Straight Bourbon	13
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Old Forester 86 Proof	6
Old Forester Statesman Straight Bourbon	14

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Old Grand Dad 114 Proof	8
Old Grand Dad Bottled in Bond 100 Proof	7

**OLD HICKORY**

Old Hickory	8
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**PENELOPE**

Penelope Four Grain Bourbon	11
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Sweeten's Cove	35
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**TOWN BRANCH**

Town Branch Bourbon	11
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**TRAVELLER**

Traveller Blended Whiskey	8
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**WL WELLER**

WL Weller 12yr	30
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WL Weller Antique 107	13
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WL Weller CYPB	40
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WL Weller Full Proof	30
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WL Weller Single Barrel	25
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WL Weller Special Reserve	9
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**WILD TURKEY**

Wild Turkey 101	8
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Wild Turkey Longbranch	12
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**WILLETT**

Willett 6yr Single Cask Cask Strength Bourbon	32
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**WOODFORD RESERVE**

Woodford Reserve Bourbon	9
Woodford Reserve Double Oaked Bourbon	11
Woodford Reserve Master's Collection Batch Proof	34



# RYE & NORTH AMERICAN WHISKIES

## ANGELS ENVY

Angel's Envy Ice Cider Rye 66

## BARREL

Barrell Bourbon Rye Batch 002 Cask Strength 20

Barrell Rye Single Barrel 13yr Cask Strength 20

## BASIL HAYDEN'S

Basil Hayden's Dark Rye 13

Basil Hayden's Malted Rye 13

## BUFFALO TRACE

Buffalo Trace Kosher Rye Recipe 11

Buffalo Trace Kosher Straight Rye 11

## BULLEIT

Bulleit Rye 7

## CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY

Chattanooga Whiskey Rye 10

## E.H. TAYLOR

E.H. Taylor Straight Rye 25

## FAR NORTH

Far North Roknar Rye 13

## GEORGE DICKEL RYE

Dickel Rye 6

Dickel x Leopold Bros. Three-Chamber Rye 23

## HARD TRUTH

Hard Truth Sweet Mash Rye 19

## HEMINGWAY

Hemingway Rye 17

**HIGH WEST**

High West Double Rye 8

**JACK DANIELS**

Jack Daniels Bonded Rye 8

Jack Daniels Distillery Series Rye 2022 16

Jack Daniels Tennessee Rye 7

**JOHN EMERALD**

John Emerald Single Malt Whiskey 14

**KENTUCKY OWL**

Kentucky Owl 11yr Straight Rye 42

Kentucky Owl The Wiseman Straight Rye 16

**KNOB CREEK**

Knob Creek Rye 9

Knob Creek Rye Cask Strength 2009 18

**LOCK STOCK & BARREL**

Lock Stock & Barrel 16 Year Rye 40

**MITCHTERS**

Michter's 10yr Single Barrel Straight Rye 40

Michter's Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Rye 14

Michter's US1 Barrel Strength Rye 26

**NEW RIFF**

New Riff Single Barrel Rye 16

New Riff Sour Mash Single Malt Cask Strength 20

**OLD FORESTER**

Old Forester Single Barrel Barrel Strength Rye 20

Old Forester Straight Rye 6

**OLD HENRY CLAY**

Old Henry Clay Straight Rye 7

**OLD OVERHOLT**

Old Overholt Rye Bottled-in-Bond 8

**PARKER'S HERITAGE**

Parker's Heritage 10yr Cask Strength Rye 48

**PIKESVILLE**

Pikesville Straight Rye 13

**SAZERAC**

Sazerac Rye 9

**STRANAHAN'S**

Stranahan's Sherry Cask Finish American Single Malt 20

**SUGARLAND**

Sugarland Roaming Man Straight Rye 25

**TEMPLETON**

Templeton Rye 4yr Small Batch 10

**WESTLAND COLERE**

Westland Colere 3rd Edition American Single Malt 43

**WHISTLEPIG**

Whistlepig 10yr Straight Rye 27

**WILDERNESS TRAIL**

Wilderness Trail Straight Rye, Single Barrel, Barrel Proof 14

**WILD TURKEY**

Wild Turkey 101 Rye 12

Wild Turkey Master's Keep: Cornerstone Rye 46

**WILLETT**

Willett 8yr Single Cask Cask Strength Rye 55

# CANADIAN WHISKEY

## CROWN ROYAL

Crown Royal	8
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## PINE CREEK

Pike Creek 21yr Double Barrel Oloroso Sherry Cask	20
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# IRISH WHISKEY

## BUNRATTY

Bunratty Peated Malt	7
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## BUSHMILLS

Bushmill's 10yr Single Malt	8
Bushmill's 12yr Single Malt	17
Bushmill's 16yr Single Malt	36
Bushmill's 21yr Single Malt	60
Bushmill's Black Bush	13
Bushmill's Original	7
Bushmill's Red Bush	7
Bushmill's Prohibition Recipe	8

## CONNERMARA

Connemara Original Peated Single Malt	11
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## HA'PENNY

Ha'Penny Four Cask	9
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## JAMESON

Jameson	7
Jameson Black Barrel	8
Jameson 18 Year Limited Reserve	35

## KILBEGGAN

Kilbeggan	12
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## KINNITTY CASTLE

Kinnitty Castle 10yr	16
Kinnitty Castle Cider Cask Finish Irish Single Malt	14
Kinnitty Castle Dapper Blend	12

## KNAPPOGUE

Knappogue Castle 21yr	50
Knappogue Castle 36yr 1951 Vintage	225

## MIDELTON

Midleton Barry Crockett Legacy	78
Midleton Very Rare 2017 Vintage	50
Midleton Very Rare 2020 Vintage	63

## PADDYS

Paddy's Blended	6
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**PEARE**

Pearse “The Original”	9
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**POWERS**

Powers Gold Blended	8
Powers John’s Lane Release Single Pot Still	19
Powers Three Swallows Release Single Pot Still	13

**REDBREAST**

Redbreast 12yr Single Pot Still	15
Redbreast 15yr Single Pot Still	39
Redbreast 21yr Single Pot Still	85
Redbreast 27yr Single Pot Still	185
Redbreast Cask Strength	29

**SLANE**

Slane Triple Cask	6
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**SPOT WHISKIES**

Blue Spot 7yr Cask Strength	30
Green Spot Single Pot Still	19
Yellow Spot 12yr	32

**TEELING BLACKPITTS**

Teeling Blackpitts Peated Single Malt	20
Teeling Single Grain	13
Teeling Single Malt	17
Teeling Single Pot Still	17
Teeling Small Batch	13

**THE IRISHMAN**

The Irishman 12yr	16
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**TULLAMORE**

Tullamore D.E.W Blended	6
Tullamore D.E.W 12yr	15
Tullamore D.E.W 18yr	28
Tullamore D.E.W XO CaribbeanRum Cask	9

**TWO STACKS**

Two Stacks	10
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**WATERFORD**

Waterford Biodynamic Luna 1.1	30
Waterford Organic Gaia 2.1	28
Waterford Single Farm Dunmore	25
Waterford Single Farm Organic Gaia 1.1	26
Waterford Single Farm Rathclogh	25

**WEST CORK**

West Cork 10yr	12
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# JAPANESE WHISKY

## AKASHI

Akashi Single Malt	18
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## FUYU

Fuyu Small Batch	8
Fuyu Small Batch Mizunara Finish	13

## HAKATA

Hakata 12yr	17
Hakata 16yr	25

## HAKUSHU

Hakushu Single Malt 12yr	22
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## HATOZAKI

Hatozaki Finest	8
Hatozaki Small Batch	11

## HIBIKI

Hibiki Japanese Harmony Blended	21
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## HINOTORI

Hinotori 5yr Blended Whisky	15
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## ICHIRO

Ichiro's Chichibu Peated Malt Whiskey 2020 US Edition	56
Ichiro's Malt & Grain World Whiskey	38

## IWAI

Iwai Mars Japanese Whisky	7
Iwai Mars 45	7
Iwai Natsu Umeshu Cask Finish	18

## KAIYO

Kaiyo Mizunara Oak Cask Strength	15
Kaiyo The Peated	8
Kaiyo The Single	8

## KURA

Kura The Whisky Rum Cask Finish	10
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## NIKKA

Nikka Pure Malt Black	12
Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt 17yr	34
Nikka Whisky From the Barrel	13
Nikka Yoichi Single Malt	15

## SENSEI

Sensei	8
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**SUNTORY**

Suntory Toki Blended	8
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**TAKAMINE**

Takamine 8yr	17
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**YAMAZAKI**

Yamazaki Single Malt 12yr	34
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**YAME**

Yame Eight Goddesses Blended 10yr	15
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# ASSORTED INTERNATIONAL WHISKIES

## AUSTRALIA

Starward Nova Single Malt	10
Starward Solera	13

## ENGLAND

Cotswolds Single Malt Whiskey	10
Filey Bay Flagship	12
St. George's English Classic Single Malt	13

## INDIA

Amrut Blackadder Raw Cask 2016	26
Amrut Kadhambam	20
Amrut Single Malt Whiskey Peated Cask Strength	15
Indri Single Malt Trini The Three Wood	8
Paul John Brilliance	12
Paul John Classic Cask Strength	14
Paul John Classic Select Cask TN Exclusive Release	17
Paul John Nirvana	8
Paul John Peated Cask Strength	15
Paul John Edited	10

## ISRAEL

Milk & Honey Classic	9
Milk & Honey Elements Pomegranate Wine Cask Finish	12

## NEW ZEALAND

Dunedin 18yr Double Cask Whisky	30
Pokeno Discovery	13
Pokeno Exploration Series #1 Totara Cask	24
Pokeno Exploration Series #2 Winter Malt	15
Pokeno Single Cask PX Sherry Cask	20
Pokeno Origin	11

## TAIWAN

Kavalan Ex-Bourbon Cask Whisky	22
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## WALES

Penderyn 6yr Moscatel Cask Finish Single Cask	18
Penderyn 6yr Tawny Port Cask Finish Single Cask	18
Penderyn 12yr Ruby Port Finish Single Cask	26
Penderyn Dragon - Celt: Ex-Peated Cask Single Malt	10
Penderyn Dragon - Legend: Madeira Finish Single Malt	9
Penderyn Dragon - Myth: Ex-Bourbon Matured Single Malt	10
Penderyn Gold Portwood	16
Penderyn Gold Rich Oak	13
Penderyn Gold Sherrywood	15