



TASTING

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Top Shelf Tasters





Auchroisk 10 Year old

Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

More Details:

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Speyside
Bottler:	Flora & Fauna
Series:	Flora & Fauna
Strength:	43%
Bottle Size:	70cl

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



Benrinnes 15 Year old

Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

A very interesting dram, the only Speysider to be triple-distilled like a Lowland malt or Irish whiskey, but with a lot more body and character than either of those styles. Impressive stuff.

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Glenfarclas 15 Year old

Single Speyside Malt Scotch Whisky

Dark, sherried malt from one of the best distilleries in Speyside. As always, Glenfarclas remains one of the best value malts on the market, especially compared to Macallan. Top-quality, consistently great whisky, and with two free glasses this makes a great gift.

More Details:

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Speyside
Bottler:	Distillery Bottling
Age:	15 Year old
Strength:	46%
Bottle Size:	70cl

Tasting Notes:

Tasting Notes by Tim F

On the nose we find fruitcake, raisins, honey, crystallised ginger, orange marmalade, mixed peel, heather and cake spices like cinnamon and clove. The palate is medium-full and silkily-textured and continues with the flavours from the nose all on a base of polished oak, leading to a very smooth, long finish.

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



Auchentoshan Three Wood

Single Lowland Malt Scotch Whisky

A new version of the ever-popular Auchentoshan Three Wood, this is matured initially in bourbon casks before being finished in Oloroso or Pedro Ximenez casks for an extra layer of rich, sweet fruitiness.

More Details:

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Lowland
Bottler:	Distillery Bottling
Strength:	43%
Bottle Size:	70cl

Tasting Notes:

Producer's Tasting Notes

The Three Wood is intense, sweet and complex with a rich golden bronze appearance.

It has a blackcurrant, brown sugar, orange, plum and raisin aroma with a fruit and syrup taste.

The finish is fresh and fruity with long lasting oaky sweetness.

Customer Reviews:

Posted on 09 Sep 2008 :

Drink #3: With the help of our dizzyingly (after the first two drinks) knowledgeable guide, we could have sighted the three casks used for this whisky in the cool, alcoholically atmospheric dunnage warehouse. Just gorgeous. Posted By: James Saxon

Brand Info:

Auchentoshan

www.auchentoshan.co.uk

Founded by Irish refugees in 1825 on the outskirts of Glasgow, Auchentoshan is one of the last active distilleries in the Lowlands. In common with other Lowland (and Irish) whiskies, Auchentoshan malt whisky is distilled three times (as opposed to most Scottish malt whisky, which is distilled twice). This triple-distillation has the effect of softening the flavour and body of the end product. [Read more >](#)

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



PORT CHARLOTTE PC6

18,000 numbered bottles in this bottling. Port Charlotte is spirit made at Bruichladdich peated at 40ppm. Matured in Bourbon and Madeira casks. Bottled with 6 different labels...If you order all 6 we'll try and give you one of each, otherwise its a lucky dip!

NO LONGER AVAILABLE. This 'Dearly Departed' whisky is a rare, discontinued bottling shown for information only. If we find another bottle should we email you?

Description

Details

DISTILLER'S TASTING NOTES

BODY: THE ULTIMATE ISLAY SIX-PACK. IT'S A WAR OF THE ELEMENTS: GAELIC SKILLS, ATLANTIC TEMPESTS, ANCIENT OAK, SMOULDERING PEAT ALL DETONATE FROM THE GLASS IN A THUNDERSTORM OF HEBRIDEAN SPIRIT UNRESTRAINED BY AGE.

NOSE: OPENS BEAUTIFULLY, BALANCED ON MALT, PEAT AND YOUNG SPIRIT. THE YOUTH AND STRENGTH OF THE SPIRIT INFUSING THE AROMAS OF GREEN APPLE, MILD MINT, CLOVE, BAYLEAF AND FOREST GREENWOOD. GIVEN A DASH OF WATER AND TIME LITTLE NOTES OF MEADOWSWEET, IRIS AND HONEYSUCKLE PUT THEIR HEAD ABOVE THE PARAPET BUT DON'T LINGER TOO LONG AS THE NEXT WAVE OF BRACKEN AND SMOKE WITH A SLIPSTREAM OF VANILLA IS ABOUT TO OVERLOAD THE OLFACTORY SENSES. THE MADEIRA CASK INFLUENCE LIES DEEP IN THE GLASS AND BRINGS THE RICH NOTES OF SYRUPY DATES AND RAISINS WHICH HOLD UP WELL TO THE ONSLAUGHT.

PALATE: ABSOLUTE ROCK 'N' ROLL ISLAY. THE HEAT OF 61.6% PLUS 40PPM PEAT – AND IT'S STILL ONLY SIX YEARS OLD – TOGETHER DEVELOP INTO A UNIQUE PALATE EXPERIENCE. IF YOU LOVE PEATED MALT THIS KID HAS THE "WOW" FACTOR. IT'S GOT AN EFFERVESCENCE OF SPINDRIFT AND SMOKE, SWEET CITRUS – THE TEXTURE OF THE SPIRIT IS AWESOME DUE TO TRICKLE DISTILLATION. IT'S THE INTEGRATION OF ALL THE CHARACTERS OF THIS ISLAND – PARTICULARLY THE GUYS WHO MADE IT – THAT GIVES THIS SPIRIT A 100% ISLAY DNA. THIS IS A SPIRIT THAT CHALLENGES, IT EXHILARATES AND IT DELIVERS – BIG TIME.

FINISH: ALBERT EINSTEIN SAID: "EVERYTHING THAT IS GREAT AND INSPIRING IS CREATED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LABOUR IN FREEDOM". I BELIEVE THIS SPIRIT MEETS HIS VISION.

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



Bowmore 1988 / 21 Year old / Port Wood Matured

Single Islay Malt Scotch Whisky

A new version of Bowmore 21 year-old, this was distilled in 1988 and has been full-term matured in Port Wood casks, giving it a very alluring ruby glow.

More Details:

Country:	Scotland
Region:	Islay
Bottler:	Distillery Bottling
Age:	21 years old
Vintage:	1988
Bottling Date:	2009
Strength:	51.5%
Bottle Size:	70cl
Cask Type:	Port Wood

Brand Info:

Bowmore

www.bowmore.co.uk

BOWMORE

Bowmore was the first of Islay's distilleries to receive a license, springing fully-formed into official existence in 1779. It is likely that the founder of the distillery, one William Simson, had been distilling in Bowmore since shortly after his arrival in 1766, at a time when Daniel Campbell the Younger (the laird of the island) was expanding the village into the island's capital. The distillery passed through four owners before 1963, when it was bought by the Morrison family, who sold to the Japanese whisky company Suntory in 1994.

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



Kilchoman Inaugural Release / 3 Year old / Sherry Finish

Single Islay Malt Scotch Whisky

Well, it's here at last. I'm not even sure I should bother writing all this as it'll be sold out by tomorrow! 1 per customer, obviously.

More Details:

Country:**Scotland**

Region:**Islay**

Bottler:**Distillery Bottling**

Age:**3yo**

Strength:**46%**

Bottle Size:**70cl**

Cask Type:**Sherry Finish**

Chill Filtered:**No**

Number of Bottles:**8450**

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Rating:

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Palate:

Finish:

Rating:



Southern Tier "Imperial Pumking" 9% abv, NY

Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:



Dog Fish Head "Punkin Ale" 7% abv, Delaware

Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:



Erie Brewing Co, "Fallenbock" Octoberfest Lager 7.8% abv, PA

Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Cape Ann Brwing Co. "Fisherman's Pumpkin Stout" 7% abv, Massachusetts



Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Leinenkugel's "Oktoberfest" German-Style Marzen, no abv listed, Wisconsin



Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

Heavy Seas "Prosit" Imperial Oktoberfest Stout
9% abv



Head:

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

