



**THE
WHISKY LIST**

One thing you will, probably, have already worked out is that someone in this establishment is passionate about Whisky. We hope that by the time you have finished reading this you will be tempted to be so too. This list and the prose you are now reading are written with both the novice and the more familiar in mind. If you already know your Cambletown from your Islay and your Butts from your Octaves then please skip ahead. If, however, what I just said was close to utter gibberish: read on.

Firstly, let's be clear on what Whisk(e)y is. Well in the simplest terms; it's weak beer, boiled in a kettle repeatedly till its alcohol content (abv) is stronger than 40% and then put in oak barrels for 3 years or more.

So, without getting into the different types of distillation and stills let's get a few things cleared up:

What is Malt Whisky?

Your 'beer' can only be made from malted barley.

What is Grain Whisky?

Your 'beer' can be made from any grain.

What is Bourbon?

Your 'beer' is made mostly from Corn with some Rye or Wheat and is predominately from North America.

Terms used in this guide:

Grain Whiskies are generally sweeter than Malts. Wheat & Rye whiskies are spicier than those just made with Corn, which has a deep sweetness on its own.

Blended or Vatted Malts are a mix of only Single Malts

Blended Whisky is a combination of Scottish Grain Whisky and Single Malt.

Single Malts are made using the whisky from only one distillery.

Age refers to how long the spirit has been in a barrel and in blends refers to the youngest whisky used and not the oldest.

NAS (no age statement) means that the blender has used a wide range of ages including, most likely, some of the youngest possible (3yrs)

Because of the temperatures experienced in the southern United States, most bourbons distilled their age two-three times as fast as whiskies from Scotland. So, an 8-year-old bourbon would share similar qualities to a 20-year-old Scotch. This is also true of whisky from warmer climates.

Casks, with the exception of Bourbon which has to, by law, use new barrels; all other whisk(e)y is aged in pre-used casks which will, as a rule, impart the characteristics of the previous spirit on the whisky. These casks could have held whisky previously or any other spirit, the most common to find are Sherry, bourbon and rum. Cask sizes vary from Puncheons, Butts and Hogsheads which are about the largest used for whisky at 500-250l, all the way down to Octaves which are a mere 22.5l. The larger the cask the longer the flavour takes to impart, and so often smaller casks are used to 'finish' a whisky.

WHISKY MYTHS

MYTH#1 - Scotland makes the best (malt) whisky

Whilst it is the largest producer of whisky that isn't the same as being the best. In fact because of this myth it arguably forces the rest of the market to over-achieve. The Japanese have long been known for making malts that are technically precise and world renowned, but did you know Taiwan first won World's Best Whisky some 12 years ago? Or that India's distilleries can demand prices in the same region as Scotland? In fact, there are few places in the world that aren't now making delicious malt - so ignore the underdogs at your loss.

MYTH#2 - Single Malts are better than Blends

This *can* be an expensive fallacy and one based in mild snobbery. Whilst there are plenty of filthy tasting blends out there the same is true of single malts. A blend's task is to combine the different complex idiosyncratic malts into one harmonious work. Think of the blender as a conductor; the sound of a symphony can be more wondrous than a solo. There is no reason why a blend should not be better than a single malt other than laziness on the behalf of its producers.

MYTH#3 - Whisky is for after-dinner

Yes, there is nothing nicer than a dignified old whisky in front of the fire after a lovely meal. However, this is not the only or even the best time; in fact your palate is slightly less responsive after being stimulated by a meal. Try one of our lighter malts as an aperitif and you will see what I mean.

And, perhaps, most importantly:

MYTH#4 - Whisky should be drunk neat

This myth has probably done more to keep people from enjoying the wonders of whisky than any. Whisky is, by law, 40%abv or more and in the cases of many of our bottlings far higher. Any spirit at this level is a harsh and concentrated hit to the sense. Water is your friend and saviour from everything you thought you didn't like about whisky; it not only releases the aromas but also allows the flavours to spread gently across the tongue and around the mouth. And that burn at the back of the throat? Gone forever.

But lastly...

#5 Mixers & Ice are for the ignorant

Adding anything to your drink without knowing why, and what it does, can be considered foolish, but if you know what you're doing it can turn your drink up a notch (think Martini versus a GnT). Ice will soften the flavours even more than water as it not only dilutes but also cools and lowering the temperature lowers your ability to pick up the subtler notes as well as the burn. Mixers can be either a blessing or a curse and whilst we don't mind how you want to drink your dram; we would suggest that it's a wasteful gamble with many of these bottlings. But if you want the sublime and softer pleasures offered by doing this we have, below, picked out some perfect pairings:

Whisky & Soda:

The King & Soda (Great King Street Artists Blend)	8.5
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Whisk(e)y and Ginger Ale:

The Finest & Ginger (Ballantine's Finest)	7.
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The Bush & Ginger (Bushmills Black Bush)	8.
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The Canadian & Ginger (Canadian VO)	8.
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Whiskey and Coke:

The Canadian & Coke (Canadian VO)	8.
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The Gentleman & Coke (Gentleman Jack)	8.
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How to use the list:

1 Light & Fragrant

Springtime in whisky; flowers cut grass, green apples and gooseberries. Sometimes lemon, pears and pineapple will join the picnic.

These malts are the delicate ones with balancing sweetness. Production-wise these are whiskies with low wood impact and produced with long fermentation which helps produce the fruity flavours.

2 Fresh & Fruity

Whilst similar in production methods these malts are beginning to show the influence of the wood (often Bourbon or Rum casks) that they have been in. Springtime has given way to the summer holidays; Coconut and spices combine with heavier fruits than those seen in the lighter malts; green apples are now softer orchard fruits like peach & apricot.

3 Rich & Fruity

We skip autumn completely and are now firmly in the Yuletide 'spirit'; all the ingredients of Christmas pudding and fruit cake are here, sometimes with lashings of treacle. Sherry casks and European oak are the responsible ones for these seasonal notes of cloves, Christmas pudding and incense. The longer the time in the cask, the bigger the whisky will be in.

4 Smoke & Peat

Before the railways bought the plentiful supply of firewood almost all Scotch was made using peat as fuel to malt the barley and this flavour sticks throughout the distillation. Where the peat is from can change this from heathery in Orkney to salty in Islay and smoky and woody if from the mainland. These range from peaty whiskies to be drunk when it's cold outside to smoky malts with an additional fruit to the flavour that are somewhat like the end of the perfect BBQ.

Lastly, just a few words on how we have made the selection, we have, came about.

This is a collection pulled together over 10 years or so & it is influenced by nothing other than a personal love of the spirit. So, despite there being over 300 bottlings in our cellar you will notice plenty of whiskies, common in other establishments, that we don't stock... as a general rule it is because we don't rate them and (insert name of a major drinks company here) isn't paying us to say otherwise.

N.B. Some of these bottles listed are from demolished, lost, distilleries and are therefore quite pricey.

We change our list quarterly to reflect what are the most appropriate drams for that time of the year.

So peruse at leisure and give the number (in brackets) that is listed in the title of your choice to order.

Sláinte

THE LIGHT & THE FRAGRANT

Lowland

Kingsbarns(91)	(nas)	Dream to Dram	9.5
<i>Young & delicate with floral spices and light fruits.</i>			
Ailsa Bay(1)	(nas)	1.2 Sweet Smoke	12.
<i>Smoky but not as you know it - lowland sweetness with Islay smoke</i>			
Bladnoch(18)	25yr old	Single cask 1990 bottling by Cadenhead's	19.5
<i>Floral grassiness, passion fruit, lemon zest and pepper.</i>			
Bladnoch(20)	10yr old	The legendary discontinued Flora & Fauna	24.5
<i>Lemon, lime and lashings of marmalade.</i>			
Rosebank(139)	12yr old	The Flora&Fauna bottling of this lost distillery	45.
<i>Spicy, fresh grass and citrus. Sweetens with a drop of water.</i>			
Rosebank(138)	21yr old	Rare the last bottle sold at auction for £1,700!	85.
<i>Zesty, salty dry spicy lemon, orange and a whisper of peat on the finish</i>			
St. Magdalene(144)	29yr old	Single cask 1982 from (yet) another lost distillery...	85.
<i>Dark cherries, chocolate & juicy barley.</i>			

Speyside

Auchroisk(8)	12yr old	Candenhead's Small Batch	9.
<i>Soft and easy; icing sugar, vanilla with salty cream and zesty wood.</i>			
Auchroisk(7)	14yr old	Single cask 2000 bottling by Berry Bros.	10.
<i>A summer's day dram; banana and orange peel, apple pie & green grapes.</i>			
Knockdhu(93)	12yr old	Ancnoc - one of the most delicate Speysides	13.
<i>Pear, pineapple with velvety cream & custard.</i>			
Tamnavulin(150)	10yr old	'Naturally Light' distillery bottling	23.
<i>Elegant and light with hazelnut and malty goodness.</i>			

Highland

Glencadam(58)	10yr old	A long-time house favourite	7.5
<i>Orange blossom, juicy malt and lemon sherbet.</i>			
The Deveron(166)	12yr old	Distillery bottling	7.5
<i>Apples, sweet fruity vanilla and cinnamon.</i>			
Dalwhinnie(35)	15yr old	If Fisher Price made a "my-first-whisky", this is it...	9.
<i>Honied almonds and creamy spices</i>			

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Glen Ord(164) 11yr old Cadenhead's Small Batch 9.
White mint chocolate, lemon cheesecake & crystalised ginger

Glen Keith(47) 15yr old Scott's Selection 1996 17
Sweet & strong with all the fruit and citrus you could hope for.

England

Cotswolds(33) 3yr old Odyssey Barley 03/2017 9.
Fresh fruity notes giving out to a gingery marzipan finish.

Filey Bay(37) (nas) 2nd release from The Spirit of Yorkshire 9.
Light and fruity, citrus vanilla caramel biscuits.

The Norfolk(156) (nas) Parched 2017 11.
Green, fresh and sweet. Its young, yes, but good.

St. George(153). 4yr old Chapter 6 batch 001 15.
Sweet dry citrus, malt & bubble-gum(?).

Sweden

High Coast(79) (nas) Älv (Swedish for river) 9.
Tropical fruit, black pepper with cereal and light toffee.

Mackmyra(112) (nas) Svensk Ek (Swedish Oak) 9.
Green Apple, vanilla, pepper and sawdust.

Ireland

Waterford(162) (nas) Sheestown 1.1 Single 'terroir' Irish whisky 12.
A full yet gentle taste; unripe fruit, honey and marzipan.

Vatted

The Epicurean(154) 20yr old Lowland blend by Douglas Laing 20.
Grassy with honey nut caramel.

Juveniles(89) (nas) Made for the Paris wine bar Juveniles Bistro 27.
Young in t'sun; wine gums and freshly cut grass meets ginger and vanilla.

Blended

Campbletown Loch(29) (nas) Another lost blend, this time from Springbank 8.
Apples pears with a seaside bag of candy and the faintest whisper of smoke.

Asyla(163) (nas) Compass Box 9.5
Apples and orange skin, a light and very easy drinking blend.

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- BNJ(22) (nas) A now discontinued blend from Glenmorangie 13.
Mouth-watering barley with vanilla and toffee.
- Putachieside(137) 12yr old A Cadenhead blend, now sadly no more 17.5
Pear, melon and a whisper of smoke. A perfect summer dram.

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Lowland

- Glenkinchie(183)** 12yr old Distillers Edition 9.
Elegant, lovely and fruity.
- Annandale(4)** (nas) Man O'Words bourbon cask 20.
Lime juice and immaculately soft milk chocolate.

Speyside

- Tomintoul(159)** 16yr old Distillery bottling 7.
Boiled sweets, espresso, almonds with barley sugar.
- Glen Grant(44)** 10yr old Distillery bottling 7.5
Declared by some as the best scotch in the world.
- Tomatin(161)** 12yr old Cadenhead's Original Collection 8.
Bourbon casks working at their best; popcorn, marzipan, fudge & lemon meringue.
- Glen Spey(53)** 8yr old SMWS 80.20 'Easy Peasy' 8.5
Lemon confit, Jaffa cakes and ginger.
- Glen Grant(45)** 12yr old Distillery bottling 8.5
Orchards and icing sugar with some almonds and barley thrown in.
- Linkwood(104)** 8yr old SMWS 39.208 'Vim & Vigour' 9.
Mint biscuit, lime marmalade meets a fragrant side of earl gray & coconut.
- Linkwood(105)** 12yr old Flora & Fauna Bottling 9.
Complex, grassy, very fruity with sweet honey and malt. Beautiful.
- Glen Elgin(41)** 13yr old SMWS 85.65 'Sweetness & Light' 9.5
Dangerously delicious; green fruits, golden syrup and custard.
- Strathmill(146)** 14yr old Connoisseurs Choice 1999 9.5
Light and bright apples, pineapples and oranges.
- MacDuff(108)** 11yr old SMWS 6.47 'Sweet Shop & Ice Cream Parlour' 10.
The title of this bottling describes it perfectly.
- Glentauchers(76)** 12yr old Cadenhead's Authentic Collection Bourbon cask 10.5
Bananas, lime peel & honeycomb. Butterscotch & ginger.
- Glenfarclas(59)** 9yr old SMWS1.236 'It Shines' 11.5
Fresh fruity, like spicy chutney with a hint of perry.
- Glen Grant(43)** (nas) Rothes Chronicles Cask Haven 12.
Gorgeous. That's all there is to say.
- Glenrothes(73)** 14yr old Cellar Collection 2004 12.
A dry mix of mango, vanilla and coconut.

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Glenlossie(168) 18yr old	Blackadder 1996 Raw Cask	15.5
<i>Smooth and rich with all the fruits you'd find on that kind of holiday.</i>		
Glentauchers(74) 20yr old	G&M 1996	17.
<i>Once voted whisky of the year...</i>		
Glenlivet(66) 14yr old	Connoisseurs Choice 2004	17.
<i>Pear and lychee meet milk chocolate praline.</i>		
Glen Grant(42) 22yr old	Berry Bros 1995 single cask	18.5
<i>Fresh tropical fruits, dried apricots and mango.</i>		
Glen Grant(46) 18yr old	Distillery bottling (rare edition)	18.5
<i>Fruity waxy & floral. A perfect and complex balance of flavours.</i>		
Glenlossie(70) 24yr old	SMWS 46.67 'Relaxing in a Sauna'	20.
<i>Custard creams, tinned peaches and dolly mixture meet wood and spice.</i>		
Macallan(165) 26yr old	Cadenhead's Authentic Collection 1989	23.
<i>An un-sherried Macallan - rare as hens' teeth and way tastier.</i>		
Glenfiddich(62) 21yr old	Winter Storm #03	28.
<i>Light and silky peaches and pears with a spicy sweetness.</i>		
Linkwood(102) 35yr old	Soho Whisky Club 1988	30.
<i>Whisky of the Year 2015.</i>		
Dallas Dhu(34) 34yr old	G&M 1980 bottling of a demolished distillery	41.
<i>Shy smoke, green apple, lemon finishing with a woody spicy fruit.</i>		
Glenfiddich(61) (nas)	Snow Phoenix	57.
<i>Juicy apples with spicy menthol lemon sugar.</i>		
Highland		
Glencadam(57) 13yr old	Distillery bottling	9.
<i>Pears and oak, a fruity clean bourbon matured whisky.</i>		
Glen Ord(49) 11yr old	SMWS 77.67 'Esoteric Gibberish'	9.
<i>Dry fruity rhubarb and pineapple with woody crème brûlée.</i>		
Fettercain(36) 11yr old	Cadenhead's Authentic Collection 2007	9.
<i>Milk chocolate, spiced apples, toasted pine-nuts and custard creams.</i>		
Tobermory(158) 12yr old	Distillery bottling	10.
<i>Peach, barley and brown sugar with orange peel and toffee.</i>		
Isle of Arran(87) 17yr old	Master of Malt single cask	12.
<i>Pear drops and passion fruit.</i>		

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Clynelish(32)	17yr old	Wemyss Malts 1997 'Waves of Pepper'	15.
<i>Creamy pepper and fresh fruit & toffee.</i>			
Glengoyne(169)	18yr old	Distillery bottling	15.
<i>Fruity toffee, walnuts and light spice.</i>			
Glencadam(56)	18yr old	Distillery bottling	15.5
<i>Honey floral freshness with malty honey shortbread.</i>			
Blair Athol(21)	24yr old	Wemyss Malts 1991 'Nuts about Pears'	20.5
<i>Creamy peach and banana with spicy chocolate finish.</i>			
Glen Mhor(48)	31yr old	G&M single cask 1980	36
<i>Devine and fated never to be repeated.</i>			
Clynelish(31)	21yr old	XOP Douglas Laing bottling	39.
<i>Lychee, barley, roasted nuts and honey with all the poise of its age.</i>			
Glen Albyn(40)	15yr old	SMWS 69.2 Single cask from another lost distillery	46.
<i>Aged elegance like this is never seen again.</i>			

Sweden

Mackmyra (111)	(nas)	Svensk Rok - Swedish Rock	9.
<i>A light smoky and sweet malt with juniper notes.</i>			
Mackmyra(110)	(nas)	Brukswhiskys - Everyday Whisky (sic.)	9.
<i>Apples & apricots with oaky caramel.</i>			
High Coast(80)	7yr old	Cadenhead's 2013	12.
<i>BBQ'd bananas, biscotti and candied ginger. Whiffs of smoke on the finish.</i>			
Mackmyra(109)	(nas)	Skördetid (Harvest Time)	17.5
<i>Marzipan and grassy notes give way to sweet fruits balanced with spice.</i>			

Switzerland

Langatun(98)	10yr old	The Swiss Single	17.5
<i>Crisp lemon, caramelised nuts and an enjoyably herbaceous salinity.</i>			

Japan

Miyagikyo(117)	(nas)	Nikka Coffey Malt	11.
<i>Sweet, gentle and spicy.</i>			
Suntory(148)	(nas)	Hakushu Single Malt Distiller's Reserve	12.
<i>Mint and citrus with whiffs of smoke.</i>			
Matsui Shuzo(94)	(nas)	The Matsui Mizunara Cask Single Malt	22.
<i>A nutty mix of citrus with honey, custard and pepper.</i>			

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India

- Paul John(129)** (nas) Edited 9.
Mint chocolate, whispers of smoke, wood spice and demerara.
- Paul John(130)** (nas) Brilliance 9.5
Almond pastry with orange cocoa.
- Paul John(125)** (nas) Classic 12.
Dry and spicy stewed tropical fruits.

Israel

- Milk & Honey(116)** (nas) Classic Single Malt 9.
Peach and dried fruit flapjacks with a dusting of cocoa and a peppery finish

Ireland

- Cooley(86)** 10yr old Berry Bros bottling 8.5
Juicy apple with oily spices and vanilla.
- Bushmills(167)** 10yr old Cadenhead's Small Batch 8.5
Amazingly complex for its age and very fruity.
- Irish Single(85)** (nas) Knappogue Castle 1992 Mark Andrews exclusive 22.
Exemplary of how delicious Irish single malts can be.
- Irish Single(84)** 22yr old We can't *legally* say this is a malt from Bushmills... 32.
A sweet shop of fruit pastilles, toffee and spice.

Vatted

- Myths & Legends 1(118)** (nas) Compass Box 23.
Ginger toffee creaminess.
- Myths & Legends 2(119)** (nas) Compass Box 23.
Fruity fragrant juicy spiciness.
- Stranger & Stranger(145)** (nas) Compass Box 25.
A desert of a dram; vanilla cream pudding with lemon and cinnamon.

Blended

- Ben Alder(14)** (nas) G&M blend from the 1970s 7.5
Sultanas and winter spice with subtle sherry notes.
- Lauder's(101)** (nas) Port Edition Ruby Cask 7.5
Fresh fruity and perfectly balanced with honey and spice.

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- Great King Street(77)** (nas) Artists Blend 8.
Apple crumble with all the spices.
- Johnnie Walker(88)** 15yr old Green Label 8.5
Proof that they can make good whisky at decent price if they want to.
- Ballantine's(10)** 17yr old One of the world's greatest whiskies. 9.5
Pear drops, gooseberry, golden syrup and cocoa with a whisper of smoke.
- Sassenach(140)** (nas) Ltd. Batch Release 'Spirit of Home' 14.
Apricots and orange meets cinnamon and nutmeg.

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Bladnoch(19) 30yr old SMWS 50.113 'Tropical Goodies In A Stately Home' 32.
Waxed jackets, old fashioned sweets. Marmalade chocolate ice cream.

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Glentauchers(75) 8yr old SMWS 63.71 'Plum-Boom' 8.5
A plum bake-off meets plum brandy.

Glenfiddich(63) (nas) Fire & Cane 8.5
Oily flowers with brown sugar and a hint of smoke.

Glenfiddich(64) (nas) Project XX #02 9.
Sweet cinnamon spiced almonds & the warm summer fruitiness of a classic.

Glenlossie(71) 11yr old SMWS 46.106 'Something Caught Your Rye?' 9.5
Rich & savoury with soft wood spices.

The Balvenie(13) 14yr old Caribbean Cask 10.
Muscovado, banana and pineapple. Sherry and milk chocolate finish.

Glenrothes(72) 10yr old Cooper's Choice Port cask finish 10.5
Fizzing oak, blackberries, banana fritters with chocolate sauce.

Glenlivet(67) (nas) Nadurra Oloroso Cask 12.
Treacle, blackberry and Christmas.

Knockando(92) 21yr old 1994 Master Reserve (Sherry & Bourbon casks) 13.
A classically dignified malt of marmalade & cocoa.

Longmorn(107) 16yr old SMWS 7.253 'Who Ate All The Cakes' 14.
Turkish delight and tropical fruits.

Linkwood(103) 17yr old Ex Islay Cask 14.
A wonderful mix - no peat or smoke just unctuous flavour.

Glenlossie(69) 19yr old Rhine Collection 1992 17.5
Complex fruits, honeys and herbs.

Strathmill(147) 14yr old Signatory 2006 sherry cask 18.
Treacle tart, ginger, Nutella and spice.

The Balvenie(12) 17yr old Doublewood 18.
Cereal, dried fruit and cinnamon.

GlenAllachie(54) 14yr old 2006 Trilogy Pt.3 Tyndrum Whisky 18.5
Oh Sherry sherry baby.

Speyside(141) 18yr old Cadenhead's Small Batch 19.
Rich fruity chocolate with mouth coating sherry.

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Allt-A-Bhainne(2) 23yr old Berry Bros 1995 single cask <i>Rich fruity coconut, delicate peat and sweet grassy notes.</i>	20.
Miltoduff(115) 25yr old Old Malt Cask 1994 <i>Pineapple, oranges and sweet apples.</i>	20.
Glenlivet-Minmore(64) 24yr old Claret Cask Finish 1998 <i>Rich stewed spicy fruit (pastels?).</i>	20.5
Glenfarclas(142) 28yr old OMC 1986 Probably Speyside's finest distillery <i>A secret bottling of a very dignified Glenfarclas.</i>	24.
Imperial(83) 17yr old G&M Exclusive for the whiskey mercenary Pears, apples and lime with a creamy spiciness.	27.
Glenfarclas(60) 30yr old Distillery bottling <i>Hazelnuts & fruit opening to a spicy dark chocolate with creamy espresso.</i>	45.
<u>Highland</u>	
Benraich(15) 12yr old 3 cask matured distillery bottling <i>Charred orange, dark chocolate and fruit peel.</i>	8.5
Balblair(9) 12yr old G&M Discovery <i>Leather, liquorice, honey and mouth-watering barley.</i>	9.5
Oban(124) (nas) Old Teddy The Macleans Ltd. Edition <i>Dried fruits & vanilla lemon toffee pudding.</i>	22.
<u>Campbeltown</u>	
Glen Scotia(50) (nas) Victoriana <i>Cooked apples with coffee liquor biscuits.</i>	14.5
Glen Scotia(52) 18yr old Distillery bottling <i>Peachy vanilla with cinnamon; long and spicy.</i>	16.
<u>Islay</u>	
Bunnahabhain(25) 28yr old Wemyss 'Untold Riches' <i>Salty leather, oiliness with ginger, pepper, honey nuts & orange peel.</i>	21.
<u>England</u>	
St. George's(152) 4yr old Chapter 12 Sherry Cask <i>The softest sherry; light dry smoke with cooked fruit.</i>	13.

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Wales

Penderyn(134) (nas) Rhiannon 12.
Dry and spicy fruit, very complex.

India

Amrut(3) (nas) Fusion 8.5
Fruit, peat, spicy and sweet.

Paul John(126) (nas) Christmas Edition 2018 (oloroso & peat) 9.
Like the perfect relative to invite for xmas: warm, rich and slightly smoky.

Paul John(128) 5yr old SMWS 134.5 'Ringo George' 26.
The name alone tells you all you need: Fab would be an understatement.

Paul John(127) (nas) Kanya 28.
A blockbusting chocolate orange, gooseberries and banana.

Taiwan

Kavalan(90) (nas) Soloist single ex-Bourbon cask 18.5
Tropical fruits, maple & blackberries with a sweet oak finish.

Japan

Taketsuru(149) (nas) Taketsuru Pure Malt Whisky 11.5
Coconut and toasted pineapple with a smoky finish.

Matsui Shuzo(95) (nas) Pure Malt Whisky 13.
Baked bread with mint, apples and a touch of ginger.

Ireland

Bushmills(27) (nas) Rum Cask, Rare Release Steamship Collection 16.
Tropical fruits, buttery toffee and white pepper.

Bushmills(28) 17yr old SMWS 'Smooched Shamrocks & Gooseberry Gueuze' 18.5
Tamarind and turmeric gives way to fruit chutney and candy floss.

Vatted

Nectar Grove(121) (nas) Wemyss Blend Batch strength #001 9.5
A little bit of Christmas in a glass.

Spice Tree(143) (nas) Compass Box 10.
Spicy marmalade, fruity chocolate and soft pepper.

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**The Story of
The Spaniard(157)** (nas) Compass Box 11.
Sherried notes of fruit dry spice and red wine.

Magic Cask(114) (nas) Compass Box 22.
Oily & rich cinnamon meets wine gums and nuts.

Myths & Legends 3(120) (nas) Compass Box 23.
Maple syrup, peat smoke, pineapple chocolate s'mores.

Blended

Ballantine's(187) (nas) Finest 6.5
Arguably one of the best blends here, if you take the price in to account it's #1.

Macnamara(113) (nas) Rum Cask Finish 8.
Honeyed malt, brown sugar and spicy raisins.

Glenborrodale(55) 8yr old Adelphi Blend 9.
Cooked fruit, sweet sherry, salted caramel with whiffs of peat smoke.

The Double Single(151) (nas) Compass Box 22.5
Tropical fruit, spice; long, sweet and warming.

THE SMOKE & THE PEAT

Speyside

Tomintoul(160)	(nas)	Single Peated Malt Scotch	7.5
<i>Powerful and pungent; heather, pepper, peat and smoke.</i>			
Ardmore(6)	11yr old	SMWS 66.185 'You'll Have Had Your Tea'	9.5
<i>Lardons, seaweed vinegar, hay with browned shallots and vanilla pie.</i>			
Longmorn(106)	14yr old	G&M 2003	13.
<i>Delicate smoke, Malteser and soft honey.</i>			
The Balvenie(11)	(nas)	TUN 1509 Batch 6	32.
<i>Larger than life and reveals even more.</i>			

Campbeltown

Glengyle(65)	12yr old	Kilkerran	8.5
<i>Toasted marshmallow and dried salty fruit pudding with hints of peat.</i>			
Glen Scotia(51)	15yr old	Campbelltown Festival 2019 Peated Rum Cask Finish	12.
<i>Upfront fruit with sweet oils and smoky ginger nuts.</i>			

Highland

Old Pulteney(136)	12yr old	Distillery Bottling	8.
<i>Salty liquorice with soft vanillas and peat.</i>			
Old Pulteney(135)	21yr old	Distillery 2016 Bottling	38.
<i>One of the greatest Old Pulteneys ever, coastal whisky at its best.</i>			

Orkney

Highland Park(82)	14yr old	The Ultimate Unnamed Orkney 2005	9.
<i>Apples and honey drops balanced with salty smoke.</i>			
Highland Park(81)	9yr old	Jack's Pirate Orkney Whisky for Nurnberg 2015	17.5
<i>An anonymous bottling and everything you would expect from HP.</i>			

Islay

Ardbeg(5)	(nas)	An Oa	8.
<i>Butterscotch, fennel gives way to cigars and flapjacks.</i>			
Laphroaig(100)	10yr old	Distillery Bottling	8.
<i>The classic Islay: medicinal peat smoke.</i>			
Laphroaig(99)	(nas)	Quarter Cask	8.5
<i>A sweet layering of peat upon peat.</i>			

THE SMOKE & THE PEAT

Bruichladdich(24) 10yr old Port Charlotte <i>Maple syrup and smoke, lots of it.</i>	9.
Bunnahabhain(26) 6yr old The Octave Peated 2014 <i>Charcoal smoke, dark chocolate, salted caramel and warm spice.</i>	9.5
Lagavulin(97) 8yr old Distillery Bottling Peat smoke and chocolate with light citrus notes.	11.5
Caol Ila(30) 10yr old Berry Bros 2009 single cask <i>A very dry, sweet smoke with lemon vanilla cream.</i>	15.5
Lagavulin(96) 12yr old 2020 Special Distillery Release <i>Possibly one of the best examples of this distillery.</i>	21.
Bruichladdich(23) 6yr old Octomore 10.3 <i>Smoke and peat in mythic amounts; very agricultural.</i>	23.

Wales

Penderyn(133) (nas) Peated Portwood, Icon of Wales <i>Peachy fruit and, unsurprisingly, peaty too.</i>	10.
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Vatted

Berry Bros Peated(16) (nas) Classic Range, Cask Matured Blended Malt <i>A soft, gentle & yet full smoke.</i>	7.5
Finlaggan(38) (nas) Anonymous Single Malt Islay at cask strength <i>Monolithic peat and smoke.</i>	9.
Peat Monster(132) (nas) Compass Box <i>Gentle peat and smoke with salty sweets.</i>	10.
Peat Chimney(131) (nas) Wemyss Batch Strength batch 002 <i>Salt, smoke and peat by the shovel.</i>	12.
Flaming Heart(39) (nas) Compass Box Ltd. Edition <i>Beauty like this comes once in a while.</i>	18.5
No Name(122) (nas) Compass Box <i>Well it does have a name: Ardbeg, but with a twist of oily tropical fruits.</i>	21.

Blended

Big Peat(17) (nas) <i>Bonfire & peat reek meet hickory & cocoa.</i>	8.5
The Lost Blend(155) (nas) Compass Box <i>Smoke, bright fruit, leather and salt.</i>	20.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Grain Whisky

Lowland

North British(123) 15yr old Signatory 1997 single grain collection 9.5
Ulmo honey, mocha and vanilla. A whisper of smoke.

Blended

Hedonism The Muse(78) (nas) Compass Box 30.
Blended grain like you have never tasted before (Haig who?).

Irish

Jameson(181) (nas) Pot Still & Grain Blend 6.5
Ubiquitous yes, but dismiss this at your loss - a delicious dram, if taken seriously.

Bushmills(184) (nas) Black Bush 7.
Aged in Oloroso casks giving it a deep, rich fruity flavour.

Jameson(180) (nas) Black Barrel 8.
Everything we love about this brand but with a double char bourbon cask.

Redbreast(179) 12yr old Single Pot Still 8.
Bottled candy! The Bourbon and Oloroso casks give this great whiskey so much.

Writers' Tears(182) (nas) Pot Still & Single Malt Blend 8.5
Fruity, salivating, chewy, yet delicate and light. A standout blend.

Bourbon & Rye

Buffalo Trace(187) (nas) 6.5
Spicy and sweet with toffee apple, cinnamon and raisins.

Seagram's(173) (nas) VO Canadian Blended 7.
Juicy, spicy rye & dried apricots. Medium bodied, spicy and sweet.

Wild Turkey(176) (nas) 101 Kentucky Bourbon 7.
Full and rich with cigar box sweetness; honey on granary toast.

Wild Turkey(177) (nas) Kentucky Straight Rye 7.
Spicy sharp rye with considerable oak for its age.

Gentleman Jack (nas) Daniel's better-behaved brother 7.5
Roasty, toasty liquorice with spices and banana.

New Riff(174) (nas) Kentucky Straight Rye 9.
Rosemary, cinnamon and butterscotch with plenty of oak & pepper.

Wild Turkey(178)	(nas)	Rare Breed	9.
<i>Buttery clove and oak with caramel, chocolate & a whiff of smoke & menthol</i>			
Yellow Rose(175)	(nas)	Outlaw Bourbon	11.5
<i>Green apples, caramel, black pepper and sweet vanilla.</i>			
Few(172)	(nas)	Single barrel 101 proof	12.5
<i>Hot chocolate & oak-y cloves with honey & orange peel.</i>			
Copperworks(170)	3yr old	That Boutique-y Whisky Company Batch 1	16.
<i>Toasted oak, fresh green apples and malty vanilla.</i>			
Colonel E.H. Taylor	(nas)	<i>Small Batch</i>	16.
<i>Caramel apples with spicy rye and sweet corn flavours</i>			
Elijah Craig(171)	12yr old	Small Batch Barrel Proof	18.5
<i>Caramelised brown sugar, chilli chocolate and walnuts.</i>			