

Kingston Single Malt Society
A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky
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**This evening's menu celebrating the
250th Anniversary of
Robbie Burns Birthday**



Robert Burns was born on the 25th January 1759 in a clay cottage in Alloway, Ayr built by his father. The name of Robert Burns parents were William and Agnes Burns though Rabbie dropped the e from Burns. The brothers of Robert Burns were Gilbert, William and John and his sisters were Agnes, Annabella and Isobel. The maiden name of Robert Burns mother was Broun and she was born in 1732 at Maybole. His father was a poor farmer and initially ran a market garden, He invested in education for his sons, in particular English grammar and composition. To achieve this he leased nearby Mount Oliphant farm and then pooled financed with other farmers to hire a schoolmaster called John Murdoch to teach all their children. Like most farm children the opportunity for formal education was limited because children had to help on the farm, especially at harvest time. This hard physical work caused Robert Burns to develop the heart condition rheumatic fever which was later to claim his life at an early age on the 21st July 1796.

Robert Burns' birthday is now celebrated the world over as "Robbie Burns Night" with special suppers of cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, and topsy laird for dessert. Guests Address the Haggis, Toast the Lasses with Whiskey, and recite his poems and sing his songs. Burns' "Auld Lang Syne" is still sung to celebrate the New Year and Scottish Hogmany (last day of the year). Many of his songs and poems on this site have notes by Burns himself, and Allan Cunningham, who edited *The Complete Works of Robert Burns* in 1855.

MENU

Soup: Cock-A-Leekie

1st Nosing: ROBERT BURNS SINGLE MALT
(introduced by: Tom Bedford)

Entree: Roast Beef- Prime Rib
Haggis

Neeps and Tatties (Turnips & Potatoes)
& Green Things

2nd Nosing: THE ARRAN MALT TOKAJI ASZÚ WINE CASK ISLE OF ARRAN SINGLE MALT
(introduced by: Chris Good)

Dessert: Atholl Brose

3rd Nosing: THE ARRAN MALT SASSICAIA WINE CASK ISLE OF ARRAN SINGLE MALT
(introduced by: Sylvain Bouffard)

COST OF THE MALTS

I know members are always interested in the cost of the single malts we taste. Plus the \$75 Special Occasion Permit and the 16% levy charged by the LCBO for all alcohol served at the dinner.

- ROBERT BURNS SINGLE MALT

VINTAGES 981084 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 45.60
Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- THE ARRAN MALT TOKAJI ASZÚ WINE CASK ISLE OF ARRAN SINGLE MALT

VINTAGES 81935 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 77.95
Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 55.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- THE ARRAN MALT SASSICAIA WINE CASK ISLE OF ARRAN SINGLE MALT VINTAGES

77925 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 86.95
Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 55.0% Alcohol/Vol.

NOVEMBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money raised by November attendees) = \$3090.00
November dinner 58 persons = \$31.00/ea = \$1798.00
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO = \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$1217.00
Cost of Single Malts: = \$850.26
KSMS Monthly operational balance = \$366.74
Cost per person (All inclusive) = \$46.95

remaining Dinner dates for KSMS 2008-2009

February 23, 2009 - Highlands
March 23, 2009 – St.Patrick's (Irish)
April 20, 2009 - Islands
May 25, 2009 - Islay
June 22, 2009 – BBQ (Final Exam)

Membership and Dinner prices for 2008-2009:

Membership Fees:	\$40 (singles)
	\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$50 (member)
	\$60 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$45 (member)
	\$55 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (non-member)
(includes \$5 donation per attendee to RMC Pipes & Drums with Highland Dancers)	
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$55 (member)
	\$65 (non-member)

Global demand forces LCBO to scratch scotches from liquor list

The insatiable demand for scotch whisky in China, India and Russia has tipped three popular brands from the shelves of Ontario liquor stores, and will drive up the prices of several popular single-malts.

Johnnie Walker Green Label, Black & White Blended Scotch Whisky and Bell's Scotch Whisky will no longer be available in LCBO outlets once current supplies are gone, probably by year end, a spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The sobering news comes after liquor distributor Diageo Canada, a branch of the world's largest alcohol group, told the LCBO that if it wanted to continue to sell many of its products it would have to pay more to compete with growing markets abroad.

The LCBO agreed to meet Diageo's demands in some cases, but apparently balked when it came to the three brands to be discontinued.

That also means the Diageo-distributed products the LCBO will continue to sell are likely to go up in price by amounts that will vary depending on the brand. Some of those brands include high-end single malt scotches such as Glenkinchie, Dalwhinnie, Oban, Talisker, Lagavulin, Gragganmore and Brora, as well as Johnnie Walker's Red, Blue, Gold and Black labels.

Some of the more expensive brands are made by small distilleries that can only produce limited quantities, which drives up demand and prices.

"Essentially it was out of our control," LCBO spokesman Chris Layton said yesterday. "Diageo came to us and said the demand from places like China,

India and Russia was outstripping its ability to supply them."

He said Diageo is simply selling to the buyers willing to pay the most.

It could be worse. In several other provinces, including New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, even more brands will no longer be available. New Brunswick is losing 11 brands, for instance.

The move comes as burgeoning middle classes in China, India, Russia, South Korea and Vietnam look for new ways to spend their money. According to a British economic analysis published in March, China's spirits market alone is expected to be worth \$50 billion U.S. by 2011. India's market is growing by more than 15 per cent a year, and could exceed \$35 billion by the end of next year.

The sheer size of those markets can make it difficult for Canadian liquor buyers and sellers - even those as large as the LCBO, whose total alcohol sales are worth more than \$3.5 billion annually - to stay in the game.

"It's the bad side of success," Frank Scott, owner of an award-winning whisky bar in Fredericton, told the New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal. "Scotch has always been seen as a success product and with incomes growing, people want the American dream."

Mr. Scott believes that London-based Diageo, which has been focusing on Asia-Pacific markets for the past few years, will eventually re-offer some of its products in Canada. But he thinks drinkers might have moved along to new brands.

Mr. Layton said that even with the cuts, the LCBO will continue to sell more than 200 varieties of scotch, the largest selection in Canada.

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SENDING HAGGIS PIZZAS TO ITALY

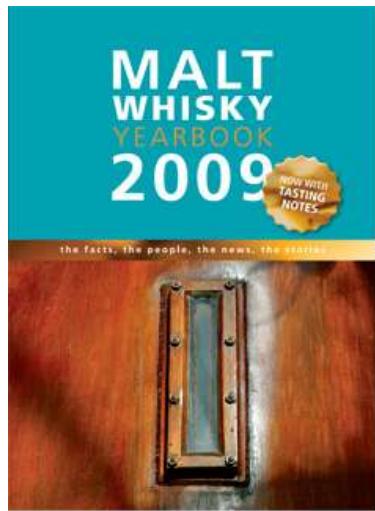
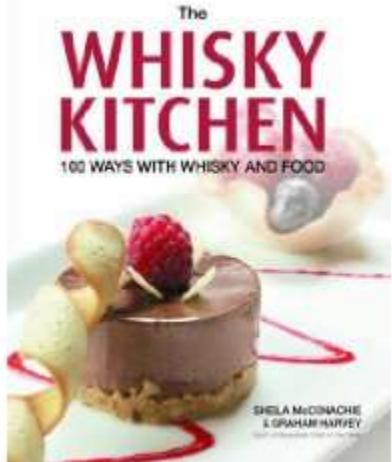
Haggis pizzas produced by Midlothian frozen food firm have proved a surprise hit with Italian food lovers.

The family-owned Cosmo Products sold more than 600,000 of the uniquely Scottish pizzas in Italy last year. It is also supplying shops and schools across Europe.

Owners of the legendary Cosmo's Restaurant in Edinburgh listed Sean Connery among their regulars at Il Ristorante on Castle Street in Edinburgh. Cosmo Products began making pizzas in the 1970s. They

became a major supplier of frozen food in the late 1980s, and moved to their Bonnyrigg plant in 1993.

Something new in the world of Whisky
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Malt Whisky Yearbook has become an authoritative book that whisky enthusiasts worldwide look forward to each autumn. This is the fourth edition – Malt Whisky Yearbook 2009.

The Yearbook is again fully revised and packed with new and up-to-date information on whisky distilleries from all over the world. Once again, distinguished whisky profiles such as Charles MacLean, David Stirk, Gavin Smith, Ian Buxton, Dominic Roskrow and Walter Schobert contribute with initiated features penned exclusively for the Yearbook.

Malt Whisky Yearbook 2009 lists hundreds of whisky shops, whisky sites and new bottlings. A

comprehensive summary of the whisky year that was and all the latest statistics is also included.

A new feature for this year are the nearly 200 tasting notes describing the flavour of single malts from all working distilleries in Scotland and Ireland.

Finally, with more than 500 colour photographs (most of them new since the last edition), "Malt Whisky Yearbook 2009" is as much an essential reference guide as a book to read for pleasure.

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Hi Roberto,

I have set up the discount code for your Kingston Single Malt Society Members. Please let them know that we are offering them a one year Canadian subscription for 50% off our subscription price. If they enter code KSMS1 in the discount code box when placing their order, they will receive a one year subscription for \$12.00 instead of the regular subscription price of \$24.00. **(offer expires: May 2009)**

Thank you,

Heather Greco



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Reservation policy

- Our contract with the Officer's Mess Kitchen requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. Each month an invitation will be sent out to all members of the Society in the first week of the respective month in which the dinner will be held. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and

meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. After that members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the November 24th dinner date as an example:
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Saturday November 1st, 2008. Please respond to me (rdifazio@cogeco.ca). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me at (613-634-0397).
 - Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for a member who responds by Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight will be removed from the list.
- Anyone cancelling between Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight and Monday November 24th, 2008 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$50). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their reservation to find a replacement. If I can substitute an individual from the wait-list, then the member will not be asked to pay for their cancellation.
- Anyone who fails to attend the November 24th, 2008 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$50). The member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation.
- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight and Monday November 24th, 2008, your name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Win Me Tonight!!

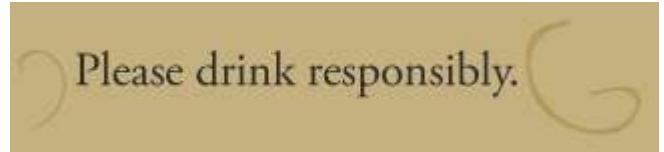


THE MACALLAN FINE OAK 21 YEARS OLD

VINTAGES 620211 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 349.95**
Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Starting September 29, 2008 tickets can be purchased to win this bottle. Tickets will be on sale at each dinner until the Robbie Burns dinner when the bottle will be raffled. The winner must successfully answer the skill testing question:
What country does single malt come from?

Just a note because we care.



Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding,
Roberto



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40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

The anticipation was thick as whisky aficionados, industry experts and media gathered deep beneath Toronto's Barberian's Steak House in its spectacular wine cellar, to witness the official Canadian unveiling of Highland Park's 40-year-old scotch. Set down in casks in its famous distillery on the isle of Orkney in Scotland in 1968 — a year like no other in the 20th century — the single malt spent four decades maturing and evolving for this special release. Retailing for \$2,000 at the LCBO, the 40 is the latest, permanent flagship offering from Highland Park. "This whisky lasted over the lifespan of three whisky makers," says Marc Laverdière (*pictured above right*), the colourful Canadian Brand Ambassador for Highland Park. "It's subtlety and nuance at its best. The influence of the sherry oak, the flavours of nutmeg and apricot, is the DNA of Highland Park." After tasting the brand's 12, 18 and 30-year-old scotches, attendees discovered the 40, with its rich amber colour, has an extremely long finish that leaves a lingering taste of dark fruit and chocolate. One, in Toronto's Hazelton Hotel, was the first restaurant in Canada to purchase a bottle.

KSMS members continue to travel in their quest to

find and drink single malts



Whisky Live 2008 in Toronto

The Canadian launch of Highland Park 40 year Old