## Kingston Single Malt Society A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky NOVEMBER 24, 2008 VOLUME 2; NUMBER 3

This evening's menu in the company of Single Malts from SPEYSIDE & HIGHLANDS

Soup: Duo of Kamara <u>1<sup>st</sup> Nosing</u>: TULLIBARDINE HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 1993 (introduced by: Anthony Johnson)

<u>Salad</u>: Two Sprout and Spinach Salad <u>Dressing</u>: Red Pepper and Parmesan <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Nosing</u>: <u>BALBLAIR 1997 SINGLE MALT</u> (introduced by: Paul Charbonneau)

Entree: Roast Turkey (with dressing gravy and cranberry sauce) <u>Vegetables</u>: Triple Pepper Saute <u>Potato</u>: Whipped Sweet Potato

## <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Nosing:</u> ABERLOUR A'BUNADH Batch No.23 (introduced by: Brian Matthey)

### Dessert: Creamy New York Style Cheesecake

## 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.

# - TULLIBARDINE HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT

**1993** VINTAGES 658054 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$ 69.95** Spirits, 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- BALBLAIR 1997 SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

WHISKY VINTAGES 93336 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 82.95 Spirits, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

# - ABERLOUR A'BUNADH Batch No.23 LCBO

573352 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 92.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 60.2% Alcohol/Vol.

#### **OCTOBER - KSMS Financial Statement**

(Money raised by October attendees)	= \$2340.00
October dinner 45 persons = \$35.50/ea	= \$1597.50
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO	= \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$667.50
Cost of Single Malts:	= \$669.88
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$2.38)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$52.05

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remaining Dinner dates for KSMS 2008-2009 January 19, 2009 – Robbie Burns Night February 23, 2009 - Highlands

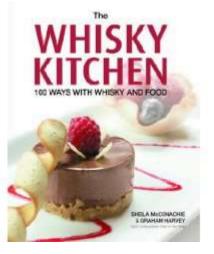
March 23, 2009 – St.Patrick's (Irish) April 20, 2009 - Islands May 25, 2009 - Islay June 22, 2009 – BBQ (Final Exam)

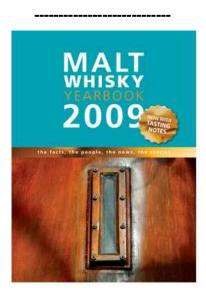
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### Membership and Dinner prices for 2008-2009:

**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**) \$55 (member) June BBO Dinner Fee: \$65 (non-member)

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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.

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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,

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# INVESTORS HITTING THE BOTTLE IN SEARCH OF BIG RETURNS

While investors flee traditional markets such as stocks and commodities on growing recession fears, trade in rare bottles of whisky is flourishing. Roughly 11 months after the launch of a Dutch online trade platform for exclusive single malt whiskies, mostly from Scotland, the World Whisky Index has seen an average return of 26.2%, compared to a more than 40% decline in the MSCI World stock index.

"There's a big demand for rare whiskies and people are willing to offer a lot of money for certain bottles" said a spokesman for The Whisky Talker, a Dutch firm that initiated the index website which aims to bring buyers and sellers together. Since its launch last November, the index has seen investment inflows of around \$2.7million, and consists of 4,498 bottles at present. The top gainer on the index is a 30 y.o. Bowmore Scotch whisky in a ceramic bottle, which has gained about 137% in the past 11 months and is now worth about \$716.

A 15y.o. Convalmore is the top loser, slipping 27% in the same period to \$127.34. But even if the 80 proof alcoholic drink turns out not to be recession-proof, there is still a reassuring side to this type of investment. "While shares and obligations can become completely worthless, if bottles turn out to be not very

valuable, you always still have the bottle to drink", the spokesman said.

Ottawa Citizen

## WHISKY FACTS

Number of Distilleries: Speyside -43 - 60%Islands -6 - 4%Highlands -29 - 28%Islay -8 - 6.5%Lowlands -4 - 1%Campbeltown -3.5%Total 93 plus 9 closed or mothballed with 5 or 6 new ones planned.

#### Top 5 best selling single malts in UK

Glenfiddich 15% Glenmorangie 12.8% The Glenlivet 5.4% Laphroaig 4.9% The Macallan 4.8%

### **Top 5 single malt exports**

Glenfiddich 12.9% The Glenlivet 8.2% The Macallan 7.8% Glen Grant 6.7% Cardhu 4.6%

## LAST STILL INSTALLED AT MAJOR <u>NEW DISTILLERY</u>

Work on a £40 million distillery in Moray is progressing well, with the business expected to begin operating in spring next year. The last of 14 copper stills was installed at Roseisle, Scotland's first major new distillery for 30 years. Construction of the plant will be finished by the end of the year and 25 new jobs will be created when the business is up and running.

Part of a £100 million investment giant Diageo, it has gained the backing of the community, after residents were bussed in and given a guided tour. Diageo donated £9,000 for refurbishment at the village hall and spokesperson said "The feeling is that it's very much our distillery".

It will be Diageo's largest malt distillery with a capacity of 10 million litres of whisky per year -4 million more than its current largest-scale production distillery at Dufftown. Roseisle will get most if its energy from renewables, but will depend on traditional production processes to produce its malt whisky. Each

copper still, weighing between 5 and 6 tonnes, took coppersmiths around four months to craft. Copper is vital because it has an important impact on the flavour. You would not get Scotch if you did not use it! The site was selected for environmental reasons as well as being in a prime barley growing area. The distillery will be put on a piece of land next to existing maltings, allow for the use of waste heat from the distillery in the maltings. This will make it neutral in terms of fossil fuels.

#### OLDEST CASE OF GLENFARCLAS GOES ON DISPLAY

As part of the National Museum of Scotland's new gallery "Scotland: A Changing Nation", the oldest unopened case of Glenfarclas Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky went on public display in July. "Scotland: A Changing Nation" explores how cultural, social, political and economic influences have impacted on people in Scotland since the First World War.

The history of the oldest unopened case of Glenfarclas is intriguing. It was one of fifty shipped to H. Albrecht and Company of Illinois in the 1930s. Mr. Shrive, an engineer, purchased six cases. Surprisingly, Shrive's son wrote to Glenfarclas offering the remaining bottles to the distillery. Realizing the significance of the case, John Grant, Chairman and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the family that own and manage Glenfarclas, and the distillery's Sales Director at the time, Malcolm Greenwood, traveled to the US to collect the whisky. So precious was the consignment that British Airways arranged a first class seat for the case on its journey home.

Robert Ransom, Director of Sales and Marketing at Glenfarclas, commented: "We have no plans to open this remarkable case of Glenfarclas. It is fitting that it will now be on public display and part of the Scotland: A Changing Nation gallery, thus helping to illustrate the importance of the whisky industry to Scotland". *Scottish Banner* 

#### **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.





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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