## Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998 APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 VOLUME 10; NUMBER 10



This evening's menu in the company of Single Malts from Speyside / Highlands



## <u>MENU</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Course: Roasted Vidalia Onion Soup, Short Rib, Guinness, Old Cheddar, Crostini 1<sup>st</sup> Nosing: ABERLOUR 16 YEAR OLD (introduced by: Bill Gorham)

2<sup>nd</sup> Course: Eggplant Caponata, White Anchovy, Arugula, Fennel, Romano, Crostini 2<sup>nd</sup> Nosing: ABERFELDY 12 YEAR OLD (introduced by: John Leighton)

3<sup>rd</sup> Course: Roasted Local Pork Rack, Sweet Potato & Caramelized Onion Soubise, Maple Ginger Glazed Brussels Apple Cider & Pan Jus
3<sup>rd</sup> Nosing: GLENGOYNE CASK STRENGTH (introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

<u>Dessert</u>: Extra Virgin Olive Oil & Rosemary Cake,
Poached Stone Fruits

4<sup>th</sup> Nosing: TAMDHU 10 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Philip Henderson)

#### COST OF THE MALTS

- ABERLOUR 16YO SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY LCBO 351411 | 750 mL bottle Price \$ 89.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **ABERFELDY 12 YEAR OLD** LCBO 255281 | 750 mL bottle **Price:** \$55.95, Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- GLENGOYNE CASK STRENGTH OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT BATCH NO. 003 LCBO 437897 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$109.15 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 58.2% Alcohol/Vol.
- TAMDHU 10 YEAR OLD SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY LCBO 417923 | 750 mL bottle, Price: \$87.95, Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

## **Upcoming Dinner Dates**

Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Macallan & Highland Park in the Company of Marc Laverdiere

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Speyside - Benriach Vertical Tasting - River Mill
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Premium Night - River Mill
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Campbeltown / Lowland / Speyside /
Highlands / Islands / Islay - River Mill
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Speyside - River Mill
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 - Robbie Burns - River Mill
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Highlands / Islands - River Mill
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Speyside - River Mill
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

## **MARCH - KSMS Financial Statement**

(Money from 38 March attendees @ \$60)	= \$2280.00
March dinner 36 persons = \$45.00/ea	= \$1710.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$570.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$679.15
Cost of Pours per Person = \$14.76	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (- <sup>\$</sup> 109.15)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$62.87

#### Good captures Can Dhu spirit

http://www.thedrinksreport.com/news/2013/14909-good-captures-can-dhu-spirit.html
Tamdhu single malt whisky has been given a new brand
identity following the relaunch of the Speyside distillery.
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Good, a Glasgow and London-based design agency, is behind the campaign. Designed to maxmise shelf impact, the new packaging communicates the brand's values and provenance with a tasteful, textured black, white and gold tube, illustrated monograms and an elegant glass bottle, inspired by the Victorian era.

Heritage combined with innovation and enterprise are the qualities that helped to inspire the new identity, articulated in the campaign slogan 'Can Dhu'. The positioning is carried into other touch points such as digital, social media, promotional and advertising.

The Tamdhu Distillery on Speyside, whose Gaelic name means "the little dark hill", was 'mothballed' in 2010 but was given a new lease of life after being bought from The Edrington Group by Ian Macleod Distillers.

The Good team was chosen following their other work on developing a refreshed positioning and packaging for Glengoyne, lan Macleod's other premium malt distillery.

lain Weir, marketing director for lan Macleod, said: "Good came highly recommended and have delivered on their promises - a crystal clear, compelling positioning for Tamdhu that, as a team, we all embraced without hesitation."

The agency, which has designed a number of other major whisky brands, sought to combine elements of Tamdhu's past and present, including the enterprising spirit of its founders, the rigour of the distillation process and the quality of its location, to create a bold, modern identity that also reflects its history and provenance.

Keith Forbes and Chris Lumsden, co-directors of Good, and Darren Adams, the creative lead on the project, visited the distillery to steep themselves in its history before devising a suitable brand image. Says Forbes: "Born out of a time when Scotland led the world in many fields of endeavour, Tamdhu embraced technology and innovation. We wanted to capture that spirit that anything is possible when you put your mind to it.



"The chance to work on a brand of Tamdhu's quality and provenance, but with pretty much a clean slate doesn't happen very often. It was a huge responsibility but we relished the challenge of rebuilding what we knew to be an outstanding premium global brand."

Tamdhu 10 year-old Speyside single malt Scotch whisky is available from Waitrose, specialists and independents across the UK from 6th May, 2013 with an RRP of £34.99. It will be distributed globally over the coming months.

In addition, a special commemorative 10 year-old bottling, which is matured in 100% first fill sherry casks, has been released by Ian Macleod Distillers. Only 1000 limited edition bottles are available to buy online priced at £100.

#### TAMDHU RELEASES 50YO ANNIVERSARY WHISKY

27th March, 2017 by Amy Hopkins - <a href="http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com">http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com</a> lan Macleod Distillers is celebrating the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Speyside distillery Tamdhu with the launch of a 50-year-old single malt – the brand's oldest bottling to date.



Tamdhu 50 Year Old is the oldest whisky ever released by the Speyside distillery

Priced £16,000 (US\$20,000), Tamdhu 50 Year Old is a single cask whisky that has been aged in a first fill European oak Sherry butt.

It is said to have a flavour of cloves, liquorice, espresso and baked apples, with a "lingering finish" of cocoa, ginger, walnuts and maple syrup.

A team of British designers worked together to create the whisky's bespoke decanter, including glass specialist Katy Holford, crystal maker Royal Brierley, and the

silversmiths at luxury jewellery house Hamilton & Inches's.

Each decanter is housed in a solid stained oak cannister featuring Hamilton & Inches hallmarked sterling silver. The pack's design also depicts the location of Tamdhu Distillery on the Spey River, its Victorian train station and Sherry casks.

"What makes this whisky really special to us is that it represents the rebirth of the distillery," said Leonard Russell, managing director of lan Macleod Distillers.

"There was a time, before we bought and reopened Tamdhu, when some thought it was gone forever. This cask, which may never

have been released had the distillery remained closed, can be now enjoyed and savoured, and that is something we want to celebrate."

Just 100 bottles of Tamdhu 50 Year Old have been released

lan Macleod Distillers reinvented Tamdhu as an exclusively sherried whisky following its purchase of the distillery from Edrington in 2011.

Aside from some intermittent action during WWII, Tamdhu distillery was in continuous production since its founding in 1897 up until Edrington mothballed the site in 2010.

#### 'OLDEST AND RAREST' GLENMORANGIE WHISKY RELEASED

24th March, 2017 by Amy Hopkins - <a href="http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com">http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com</a>
Highland single malt Scotch whisky distillery Glenmorangie has released its "oldest and rarest" expression to date, called Pride 1974.

Pride 1974 is the "oldest and rarest" whisky ever released by Glenmorangie

Following the 2011 launch of Pride 1981 and the 2014 release of Pride 1978, Glenmorangie Pride 1974 has been aged in a combination of ex-Bourbon and ex-oloroso Sherry casks for 41 years.

It is the third release in the limited edition Glenmorangie Pride Collection, which showcases the LVMH-owned distillery's rarest malts.

"Glenmorangie Pride 1974 is the oldest and deepest Glenmorangie ever to be released," said Dr Bill Lumsden, Glenmorangie's director of whisky creation, distilling and whisky stocks, who crafted the expression.

"Its age lends the whisky an enriched intensity, borne only of a slow, patient maturation. The result is an exquisite blend of deep, rich, salty and spicy aromas – aged balsamic vinegar, salted caramel toffee and oranges, leading to tastes of baked apples, toffee, oranges and brown sugar."

Just 503 decanters of Glenmorangie Pride 1974 (52%abv) have been released globally at an RRP of £7,200 (about U\$\$9,000).

The whisky is contained in a crystal decanter designed by glassware specialist Laurence Brabant, featuring gold and metallic detailing. The decanter itself is presented in a cherry wood box with a mirrored interior.

To mark the release of Pride 1974, Glenmorangie and piano maker Steinway & Sons collaborated with pianist Aaron Diehl to compose a piece of music that "embodies the whisky's rare beauty". The piece was debuted in New York last night.

Earlier this year, Glenmorangie <u>unveiled the eight whisky in</u>
<u>its Private Edition series</u> - a Malmsey Madeira cask-finished
expression called Bacalta.



#### **'RAPID AGEING' SPIRITS TECH RECEIVES PATENTS**

3rd April, 2017 by Amy Hopkins - <a href="http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com">http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com</a> Lost Spirits, the US-based inventor of 'fast-ageing' technology for spirits, has been awarded two patents for its "revolutionary" processes.

Lost Spirits will now be able to commercialise its "revolutionary" technology after receiving two patents

Since 2010, US-based Lost Spirits Distillery has been refining a process that rapidly accelerates the ageing process of spirits such as whiskey, rum and Tequila.

Co-founded by Bryan Davis, Lost Spirits publicly unveiled its Thea One reactor in 2015. The technology forces a chemical composition within new make liquid that it is near identical to that of an aged variety.

As such, Lost Spirits claims it is able to produce a liquid with the same molecular structure as a 20-year-old rum in under a week.

"We haven't made something approximating the flavour of an aged rum - we actually made an aged rum," Davis told The Spirits Business last year. "Our technology is the only one that can stand up to forensic chemistry as there's a big difference between just replacing parts of the process with creating a molecule-by-molecule map."

Now, the United States Patent and Trademark Office has awarded the company key patents governing its maturation process associated with Thea One.

According to Lost Spirits, the patents "describe processes for maturing distilled spirits involving heat driven esterification and photocatalytic polymer degradation of oak barrel staves".

This step will allow Lost Spirits to "commercialise, protect and further develop" its technology and as such create a "new spirits growth platform".

Lost Spirits Technology is the Intellectual Property licensing unit of Lost Spirits Distillery, which is principally engaged with research, design, and development of fast-ageing spirits technology.

Davis previously told The Spirits Business that his company has research contracts with "most large spirits companies around the world".

Lost Spirits initially planned to lease its technology to distilleries under license, but last year announced a change of direction and will now partner with only select producers. In addition to allowing distillers to save time and money, Lost Spirits says its technology gives them "ultimate control" over spirits maturation.

In 2016, Lost Spirits Distillery relocated from its Silicon Valley headquarters to the Rational Spirits site in Charleston, South Carolina, creating products in collaboration with the distillery and also Rattleback Rye, an independent whiskey company.

SAZERAC RETURNS CANADIAN WHISKY DISTILLING TO MONTREAL

1st March, 2017 by Annie Hayes - http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Sazerac's Old Montreal Distillery is set to bring whisky production back to the Canadian city of Montreal this coming autumn as the site expands its distilling operations.

The distillery is located in downtown **Montreal** 

Located in downtown Montreal, the distillery currently bottles Caribou Crossing - the "world's first" single barrel Canadian whisky - and has



the capacity to distill spirits such as genever and gin.

Now, the site has been equipped with a 4,000 gallon mash cooker and the team is readying to install an 18-foot still built by Vendome in Louisville, Kentucky.

Old Montreal Distillery plans to begin distilling superpremium Canadian whisky, and experiment with new whiskies.

'We're excited to expand our distilling operations in Montreal and bring back Canadian whisky making to a city steeped in distilling history, not least of all as the headquarters of the legendary Seagram Company and its patriarch Sam Bronfman," said Sazerac president and CEO Mark Brown.

"We have wanted to undertake this project since we purchased the Old Montreal Distillery six years ago and it is very nice to be able to now make it a reality."

Barrels will "mostly" be stored on-site, Sazerac said, and with the potential to use other facilities in the future.

The site dates back to 1929, and currently employs more than 100 people, with this number slated to rise as operations increase.

A 'formal christening' of the still is to be held in 2018, and tours are set to be added sometime after.

# Inbox - The Week's Whisky News Friday, April 14, 2017 - http://whiskyforeveryone.blogspot.ca Basil Hayden's, the premium bourbon brand, has

announced has launched a limited edition rye expression. The Basil Hayden's Rye Whiskey has undergone a 'unique re-barreling process' that has seen the rye whiskey matured in traditional casks for four years before some was transferred to newly charred quarter casks for further maturation, including a small pocket that was matured for seven years. The new expression is available now in limited quantities across the USA and is bottled at 40% ABV (80 proof). A 750ml bottle will cost \$45 each.

Bowmore, the oldest distillery on Islay, has announced a new range of age statement whiskies that are exclusive for the travel retail market. The three whiskies in the range sees a return to age statements in this sector for the brand - the 10 years old Dark & Intense, the 15 years old Golden & Elegant and the 18 years old Deep & Complex. The range is inspired by the legendary No.1 Vaults warehouse at the distillery.

The 10 years old is a marriage of Spanish oak ex-sherry casks and hogsheads and is bottled at 40% ABV, the 15 years old is matured exclusively in first-fill ex-bourbon casks and is bottled at 43% ABV, and the 18 years old is matured in ex-Oloroso and ex-Pedro Ximenex sherry casks and is bottled at 43% ABV. The prices were not disclosed in the press release.

Highland Park, the Orcadian single malt brand of Highland Park have announced a special limited edition whisky to celebrate one of crime fictions leading figures. The Rebus30 is a 10 years old single malt that has been created in collaboration with leading author lan Rankin, who first created his renowned character John Rebus 30 years ago, and Gordon Motion, the Master Whisky Maker for Highland Park. It is released at 40% ABV and will only be available to the brand's Inner circle members from June and will cost just £30 each. For further details, please visit the special website here.



William Grant & Sons reveals TFWA highlights William Grant & Sons (WGS) has revealed its new packaging for Glenfiddich Cask Collection, set to be released at the TFWA Asia Pacific exhibition.

Ed Cottrell, WGS managing director, global travel retail, says: "We are continually refreshing and revitalizing the Glenfiddich offer and this move reflects the ongoing evolution of the Cask Collection range, ensuring relevancy to our core consumers."

"The new look aims to strengthen the collection's visibility on-shelf and enhances the premium cues of the range whilst reinforcing its contemporary appeal."

The packaging refresh is supported by a special virtual reality activation, where guests are transported into the virtual world of Glenfiddich and can also write their tasting notes in the air using a unique device. The written words are visible through goggles worn by the guests and also on a large digital screen, grabbing the attention of bystanders when activated at airport locations.

In the build-up to World Cucumber Day on June 14, William Grant & Sons will be making use of cucumber themed activations throughout key airport locations globally, with interactive promotions tools such as the 'Master Serve 'O' Matic' bicycle, which delivers slices of cucumber to accompany a Hendrick's & Tonic. The bicycle unit, is designed to bring the Hendrick's brand to life in a disruptive way, and will be on William Grant & Sons' stand.

Cotrell continues: "Asia Pacific sells more products in the Ultra-Premium and Prestige segments than any other region in the world. It is a vital location for us, accounting for nearly 50% of William Grant & Sons total GTR sales in these segments."

Scott Hamilton, WGS regional director ASPAC says: "The ever growing importance of the Asia Pacific region makes the TFWA Asia Pacific exhibition an essential show to connect with customers. Following our new JALUX agreement, this event will be particularly important for meeting potential new partners in Japan."

12 April 2017 - Sam Coyne The Drinks Report, news editor

#### MACALLAN LALIQUE 50YO 'BREAKS UK AUCTION RECORD'

19th April, 2017 by Amy Hopkins -- http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com

A bottle of The Macallan Lalique 50 Year Old is said to be the "most expensive non-charity bottle sold at any UK auction" after fetching more £65,210 (US\$83,763).



The Macallan Lalique 50 Year Old is said to be the "most expensive non-charity bottle sold at any UK auction" The bottle was sold through Whisky-Online Auctions earlier this month.

During the same sale, a bottle of 50-year-old The Macallan 1928 vintage also fetched £25,000.

"The fact that this legendary bottle finished up at – again a new record price – £25,100, even without a box and

not in tip top condition speaks volumes about the desirability and potency of this famous bottling," said Whisky-Online Auctions in a <u>blog post</u>.

"On the flip side, however, the fact it sold for less than half the price of the Lalique also says something about the unique power of Macallan's modern day iconic series."

Other highlights of the auction include a 48-year-old Karuizawa 1964, 42-year-old Black Bowmore, Ardbeg 1967, and Talisker 1955.

Earlier this month, a collection of six Lalique-bottled Macallan whiskies aged 50 to 65-years <u>fetched almost US\$1 million in Hong Kong</u> – becoming the most expensive collection of whisky ever sold at auction.

#### Membership and Dinner prices for 2017-2018

Membership Fee: \$40 (singles) \$60 (couples)

One Time Initiation Fee: \$15

Standard Dinner Fee: \$60 (member)

\$70 (non-member)

Dinner only - No Single Malt: \$50 (member)

\$60 (non-member)

Robbie Burns Dinner Fee: \$70 (member)

\$80 (non-member)

June BBQ Dinner Fee: \$70 (member)

\$80 (non-member)

#### Reservation policy

- The agreement with the Kitchen's 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 Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 dinner date as an example:
- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). 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 (613-532-5285).
- Unless otherwise stated accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 6pm.

#### Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
- Anyone canceling between Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is found, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.
- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).
- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

#### 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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