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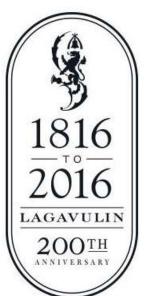
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Celebrating LAGAVULIN's 200th Anniversary



1st Nosing: LAGAVULIN 8 YO 200th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL RELEASE

(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

1st Course: Smoked Honey
Wagon Squash Soup, Honey
Spiced Cream

2nd Nosing: LAGAVULIN 12 YO (introduced by: Conrad Falkson) 2nd Course: Roasted Fenneland Pork Sausage, Roasted Onion, Mushrooms, Braised Romano Beans, Kale

3rd Nosing: LAGAVULIN 16 YO (introduced by: Ken Goodland) Entree: Duck Confit, Cumin & Honey Glazed Carrots, Parsnip, Smoked Salt, Quince Gastrique

4th Nosing: LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION

(introduced by: Philip Henderson)
<u>Dessert</u>: Apple Cake, Vanilla Chantilly, Salted Caramel

COST OF THE MALTS

- LAGAVULIN 8 YEAR OLD 200th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL RELEASE LCBO 942785 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$99.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 48.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- LAGAVULIN 12 YEAR OLD ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY Distilled: 2001; Bottled: 2013 LCBO 602078 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$159.25 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 55.1% Alcohol/Vol.
- LAGAVULIN 16 YEARS OLD MALT SCOTCH WHISKY LCBO 207126 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$122.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.
- LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION Batch No. Lgv. 4/504 Distilled: 1999; Bottled: 2013 LCBO 503060 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$159.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

OCTOBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 52 October attendees @ \$60)		\$3120.00
October dinner 52 persons = \$43.00/ea		\$2236.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)		\$884.00
Cost of Single Malts	=	\$600.75
Cost of Pours per Person = \$18.77		
KSMS Monthly operational balance	=	^{\$} 283.25
Cost per person (All inclusive)	=	^{\$} 54.55

Results of the MACALLAN 22 YEAR OLD OCTOBER Raffle

The winner of the bottle was Scott Drummond. During the course of the raffle a total of \$570 raised. Thank you everyone!

Upcoming Dinner Dates

December 12th, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 23rd, 2017 - Robbie Burns Night - River Mill
February 20th, 2017 - Highlands / Islands - River Mill
March 20th, 2017 - 4th Annual Irish Night - River Mill
April 24th, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
May 15th, 2017 - Speyside - Benriach Vertical Tasting - River Mill
June 19th, 2017 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
July 17th, 2017 - 6th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
Friday August 11th, 2017 - 10th Annual Premium Night - River Mill
September 25th, 2017 - Campbeltown / Lowland - River Mill
October 16th, 2017 - Highlands - River Mill
November 20st, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
December 11th, 2017 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 15th, 2018 - Arran - Robbie Burns - River Mill
February 19th, 2018 - Highlands / Islands - River Mill
March 19th, 2018 - 5th Annual St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill
April 16th, 2018 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
May 14th, 2018 - Speyside - Benriach Vertical Tasting - River Mill
June 18th, 2018 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

New Release: Lagavulin 25 year old

June 22nd, 2016 - http://whiskyadvocate.com/2016/06/22/new-release-lagavulin-25-year-old/
As reported in *Whisky Advocate* magazine's summer 2016 issue, Lagavulin distillery is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. As a tribute to the distillery managers throughout Lagavulin's history, Diageo announced today the upcoming release of a sherry cask



matured Lagavulin 25 year old. It is a limited edition cask strength bottling. Only 8,000 bottles produced, 1,200 of which will be released in the U.S. in early fall. It has a suggested retail price of \$1,200.00 per 750 ml. See the press release included below for further details.

Lagavulin™ Releases 25 Year Old Limited Edition Bottling to Honour 200 Years of Distillery Managers

2016 continues to be a year of celebration for Lagavulin as the Iconic Islay distillery marks its 200th anniversary with a limited edition release. This Lagavulin 25 Year Old release is a recognition of the contribution the Lagavulin distillery managers have made in crafting Lagavulin across the years. Lagavulin is treasured around the world as one of the most special Single

Malt Scotch Whiskies and this is the first 25 Year Old release to be matured exclusively in sherry casks.

200 years ago, John Johnston & Archibald Campbell oversaw the first new make spirit distilled. Since that day the distillery managers have carried on the Lagavulin legacy, creating an acclaimed spirit on the shores of the Isle.

Georgie Crawford, distillery manager at the Lagavulin distillery said: "For two centuries, Lagavulin has been crafted through the hands of hard working Islay residents; from peat cutters to warehousemen; the characters that make Lagavulin what it is today share a passion for producing an award winning Islay dram, and I am proud to say that I am part of this passionate group of people."

This 25 Year Old is an ode to the many craftsmen and immense skill behind making Lagavulin whisky. With the typical peaty, rich and iconic flavours of Lagavulin, this special bottling follows the earlier release of Lagavulin 8 Year Old this year, which marked the start of the #Lagavulin200 anniversary celebrations.

Dr Nick Morgan, Diageo's Head of Whisky Outreach adds: "To continue this special birthday we wanted to release a brand new bottling to Lagavulin enthusiasts worldwide. The 25 Year Old is a sublime expression of Lagavulin, I couldn't think of a better way to pay homage to the distillery managers. This year our aim is to bring as many people to Islay and Islay to as many people from around the globe as possible to celebrate years of craft and passion."

Cramped and chaotic by nature, this sea front distillery can never be expanded and therefore demand often exceeds supply. Bottled at natural cask strength and with only 8,000 individually numbered bottles worldwide (1,200 bottles in the US), this extremely limited edition will become a beautiful collector's item that will rest comfortably on any whisky connoisseur or collectors' cabinet around the world.



Lagavulin 200th anniversary edition released

The Islay single malt Scotch whisky distillery Lagavulin is marking its 200thanniversary with the launch of a limited edition bottling of Lagavulin 8 Year Old in honour of Britain's most famous Victorian whisky writer, Alfred Barnard.

In the late 1880s, Alfred Barnard, the first ever whisky journalist and traveller, sampled an 8 Year Old Lagavulin during a visit to Islay, describing it as "exceptionally fine".

Famous for its majestic nose of Hebridean peat smoke and complex flavours, Lagavulin 8 Year Old's long, sweet and powerful finish encapsulates the passion, heritage and skills that lie behind its crafting. The launch of this special edition kick starts the distillery's bicentennial activities.

Peter Fairbrother, Diageo GTME global marketing director says: "single malts represent the fastest growing segment of the whisky category in travel retail, growing 12.5% in the last recorded year and now valued at US\$800M. Diageo has the largest portfolio in this flourishing category and we are proud to own over 40% of the industry's inventory. With this breadth to our portfolio, we are delighted to be able to bring rare and special whiskies – such as this limited edition Lagavulin 8 Year Old – to travellers across the globe."

Dr Nick Morgan, Diageo's head of whisky outreach adds: "This is a special year for a much loved single malt Scotch whisky revered around the world as the definitive Islay whisky. We are thrilled to begin the celebrations for such an historic occasion with the launch of the first Lagavulin 8 Year Old for many years."

The whisky will be available twice during the course of the year and carries an RRP of £41.40/ US\$ 88.65/ €72.00.

7 July 2016 - Felicity Murray The Drinks Report, editor

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE 2017 WINNERS

18th October, 2016 by Nicola Carruthers - http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Jim Murray has once again lent his palate to the whisk(e)y category, naming what he deems to be the finest expressions in the world – SB presents the spirits claiming the top spots in the Whisky Bible 2017.

Jim Murray has released the latest edition of his Whisky Bible

Murray revealed the top ranking whiskies in

his Whisky Bible 2017, published yesterday.

Assessing thousands of whiskies across all categories each year, Murray lists detailed tasting notes of each and offers a score. However, the accolade most anticipated each year is that of the World Whisky of the Year.

THE WORLD'S LEADING WHISKY GUIDE

Since the book's launch in 2004, Murray has given the coveted title to Canadian whisky <u>Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye in his 2015 edition</u> and a <u>Japanese whisky Yamazaki Sherry Cask in the Whisky Bible 2014.</u>

WILLIAM LARUE WELLER BOURBON

Claiming third place in the coveted World's Best Whisky 2017 is US tipple William Larue Weller Bourbon. According to the Buffalo Trace Distillery, pioneer W.L. Weller was the first distiller to produce Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey using wheat instead of rye in the mash bill. His company went on to merge with Pappy Van Winkle's A. Ph. Stitzel Distillery to form the Stitzel-Weller Distillery, becoming renowned for such brands as W.L. Weller, Old Fitzgerald, Rebel Yell and Cabin Still. His legacy lives on with this namesake expression, which boasts notes of baked cinnamon, vanilla, and hints of orange citrus.

GLEN GRANT AGED 18 YEARS RARE EDITION

In second place is Glen Grant Aged 18 Years Rare Edition, the first Scotch on the *Whisky Bible* podium since 2014. The Speyside malt blew away Murray as he tested 1,241 new samples for the latest edition of his influential guidebook. He said: "It's the best new offering from the motherland in a few years; a sensational return to form. It is a 43%

volume dram; unleashed at 46%, nonchill-filtered, and Scotland might well be champion again."

BOOKER'S RYE 13 YEAR OLD

Claiming the top accolade was Booker's Rye 13 Year Old, praised on its "braindraining, mind-blowing" nose and finish of "amazing depth". Murray hails it as a "staggering example of a magnificent rye, showing exactly what genius actually means. A very big, unforgettable whiskey from a very big, unforgettable man". The Booker's Rye began life as an experiment by Booker Noe, grandson of Jim Beam, shortly before his death in 2004, and scored 97.5 out of 100 in the Whisky Bible.



Whisky worth up to £14,000 has been stolen from the Tullibardine distillery shop - http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/

The burglary took place over the weekend at the Tullibardine Distillery on Blackford, between Perth and Stirling.

In addition to the "rare" expression, the thief made off with another seven bottles, bringing the total value of the haul to £14,000 (about US\$18,000).

Police Scotland want to trace a man seen walking along the nearby A9 road with two bags around 21.55 on Saturday.

The man was described as between 25 and 35-years old, of medium build, and dressed in a red top, light coloured shorts and worker boots.

"Anyone who saw this man or anyone who has information that could assist officers with their enquiries is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101," a police spokesperson told *The Herald Scotland*.

"Alternatively, information can be passed anonymously to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

The spirits industry has long-been blighted by criminal gangs which seek to gain from stealing and selling hoards of valuable expressions across the sector – <u>check out the 10 biggest in history</u>.

TOP 10 BIGGEST SPIRITS HEISTS

7th May, 2015 by Amy Hopkins - http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/

The spirits industry has long-been blighted by criminal gangs which seek to gain from stealing and selling hoards of valuable expressions across the sector.

From rare pre-Prohibiton whiskey to US\$1.1m worth of vodka, these are 10 of the biggest spirits heists

Such syndicates seem to have grew in prevalence over recent years as whisky and Cognac gain in value, and brands become more internationally available.

One of the most high profile spirits thefts reached its dramatic denouement last month when nine people were charged for their alleged involvement in a long-running Bourbon crime racket.

In 2013, one caretaker was accused of drinking an incredible US\$100,000 worth of rare pre-Prohibition whiskey, while a cunning gang made away with more than one million dollars worth of high-end vodka.

Here are the 10 of the biggest spirits heists in recent years.

AMERICAN AIRLINES MINIATURES - US\$10,000 (£6,572)
Just last month, an airport cleaner was arrested for allegedly pilfering
more than 1,400 miniature bottles of spirits worth US\$10,000 from
American Airlines over a three-year period. The bottles - which carry ar

American Airlines over a three-year period. The bottles – which carry an average RRP of US\$7.00 – were discovered by a member of airport security at Juanette Cullum's home. The case is ongoing but Cullum faces up to seven years in prison if found guilty.

GLENGLASSAUGH DISTILLERY - £10.000

An "unusual" theft occurred in June last year when more than £10,000 worth of rare Glenglassaugh Scotch whisky was stolen from the distillery's visitors' centre during a raid. Among the stolen lots, taken when the centre was closed, were rare bottles of 37-year-old and 40-year-old Glenglassaugh whiskies, worth £372 and £1,200 respectively.

RARE BALVENIE BOTTLE - CA\$50,000 (£21,195)

The Balvenie fans lamented the loss of the last remaining bottle of David Stewart's The Balvenie Fifty in Canada, which was stolen from a liquor store in Montreal, Canada earlier this year. The rare expression, worth CA\$50,000, was launched to commemorate malt master Stewart's 50th birthday and was one of only 88 created. Local press reported that a the thief entered a government-run liquor store "possibly armed" with a handqun.

YEBA BUENA BEVERAGE - US\$70,000 (£46,000)

Yeba Buena Beverage, which distils and distributes spirits, reported that <u>US\$70,000</u> worth of Cognac had been stolen from its storage <u>area</u> in February last year. Employees discovered that nine out of 84 cases of Cognac were missing during a routine stock inventory, while a hole in the fence was found next to the area authorities believe the stocks were lifted.

DIAGEO UK HAULAGE SITE - £70,000

Diageo was targeted by thieves in 2013 when more than £70,000 worth of its spirits brands was lifted from a UK haulage site, where they were awaiting transport to Manchester Airport. The culprits entered a small family-run yard in the village of Tewitfield, near Lancaster, and lifted 1,314 bottles of Gordon's gin, 912 bottles and 120 half bottles of Baileys Irish Cream, 744 bottles of Bell's Original Whiskey and 540 bottles of Smirnoff Blue Vodka.

RARE PRE-PROHIBITION WHISKEY - US\$100,000 (£65,731)

In March 2013 the former caretaker of a mansion in Pennsylvania was charged with drinking more than 50 bottles of antique, pre-Prohibition whiskey belonging to his employer, together worth US\$100,000. John Saunders' DNA was found on three of the bottles, but he denied the charges. The case then came to an abrupt end when he died at the age of 63.

PAPPY VAN WINKLE AND WILD TURKEY - US\$100.000 (£65,731)

One of the most high profile cases of spirits theft in recent years culminated in the indictment of nine people in Kentucky last month.

After a lengthy investigation by Kentucky police, a criminal syndicate – led by Buffalo Trace worker Gilbert Thomas Curtsinger – has been accused to orchestrated the high profile thefts of Wild Turkey and Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon.

In March this year, <u>US\$30,000</u> worth of <u>Bourbon</u> was <u>discovered</u> in the <u>backyard</u> of <u>Curtsinger</u>, which police subsequently connected to the theft of <u>US\$26,000</u> worth of rare Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve <u>Bourbon</u> in 2013. <u>Two members of the ring have pleaded guilty</u>, but the case is on-going.

CURRIE EUROPEAN TRANSPORT - £250,000

In December 2013, a "daring" thief made away with an entire trailer containing £250,000 worth of spirits from Currie European Transport site in Scotland. Around 2,400 cases of spirits were stolen, the majority of which contained Glen's vodka along with some cases of brandy, whisky and gin. The trailer has not yet been recovered, nor have any arrests been made.

SYDNEY DISTRIBUTION CENTRE - AU\$700,000 (£366,000)

Police were left flabbergasted after more than AU\$700,000 worth of alcohol, predominantly vodka, Scotch and rum, was stolen from a Sydney distribution centre over the course of six months in 2013. Detectives believed the thefts were carried out over 13 separate occasions at the product distribution centre in Eastern Creek, West Sydney. Two men were later charged in the case.

SPIRITS OF THE TSARS GOLDEN VODKA US\$1.1m (£723,000)

The most costly heist to have blighted the spirits industry in recent years when a gang of thieves made off with 752 cases of Spirits of the Tsars Golden Vodka worth US\$1.1m in 2013. The Ukrainian-made vodka that features 24-carat gold on its label retails for between US\$250 in the off-trade and \$1,200 in the on-trade. A group of men caught on CCTV leaving a customs warehouse in Miami several times over the course of five hours in three different vehicles having punched a hole in the wall directly to the area the vodka was stored.

HUNTER LAING'S ISLAY DISTILLERY GETS APPROVAL

22nd September, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/ Scotch blender and bottler Hunter Laing & Co has been given the go-ahead to build an £8 million malt whisky distillery on Islay – the island's first new distillery in more than 10 years.

Artist's impression of Hunter Laing's new Ardnahoe distillery on the Isle of Islay

Hunter Laing & Co revealed its <u>intention to move into</u> <u>distilling for the first time</u> in January this year, but Argyll and Bute Council has now formally approved the planning application.

The Glasgow-based company – run by Andrew and Scott Laing, along with their father, Stewart – expects to commence work on building Ardnahoe distillery in November and start production in early 2018.

The distillery will be based at Ardnahoe on the north east coast of Islay, near Port Askaig, and will focus on single malt whisky production. Using water from the nearby Ardnahoe Loch, the site will produce around 200,000 litres of alcohol in its first year of operation.

"We are absolutely delighted that our plans for Ardnahoe have been approved," said Andrew Laing. "Since starting our company, we've seen a huge demand for Islay whisky around the world and now is the perfect time to make the progression from blenders and bottlers to distillers and secure our own supply of Islay single malt."

Scott Laing added: "Our father spent time on Islay early in his career while working for a brief spell at Bruichladdich. He has always had a natural affinity with the island and we're all fans of the peaty style of whisky it is renowned for so it's wonderful to be able to build a distillery on the island."

The area of land on which the distillery will be based was previously owned by Islay Estates, but deeds transferred to Hunter Laing once planning was approved.

The distillery will be built in two phases. The first will see the establishment of distilling operations, warehousing and a visitor centre comprising of a café, tasting room and shop. The second will see an expansion of distilling operations and further warehousing.

Plans for the site also include a café, tasting room and shop.

Due to <u>delays in the construction of a distillery at Gartbreck</u>, Hunter Laing said it is set to open Islay's ninth distillery – the island's first in more than a decade since the completion of Kilchoman.

Hunter Laing was <u>created in 2013 following the demerger of Douglas Laing & Sons</u>. Stewart Laing's brother Fred runs fellow bottler and blender Douglas Laing & Co.

Chocolate Waffles with Whiskey Butter Sauce

Source: Food Fanatic Ingredients

For the Waffles:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 4 Tbsp. butter, melted and cooled
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- chopped walnuts, optional

For the Sauce:

- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup half and half
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup whiskey

Instructions

To Make the Waffle Batter:

- In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- In another bowl, whisk together milk, vanilla, and eggs until frothy. Pour mixture into dry ingredients andwhisk to mix. Let rest for about 15 minutes.

To Make the Whiskey Butter Sauce:

- In a small saucepan, whisk together butter, sugar, vanilla, and salt over low heat, until butter is melted and sugar has dissolved.
- Whisk together half and half and egg in a separate bowl, then pour into butter and sugar mixture in a slow stream, whisking the entire time.
- Cook, whisking continuously, for about 5 minutes, until mixture has thickened but is still very pourable.
- Remove from heat and whisk in whiskey. Set aside until ready to use.
 To Make the Waffles:
- Preheat your waffle maker to desired settings. Stir melted butter and chocolate chips into waffle batter until butter is incorporated.
- Once the waffle maker is hot, pour approximately 1/3 cup of batter into the wells, close, and cook waffle.Repeat until all batter is used.
- Serve waffles with whiskey butter sauce. Top with chopped walnuts, if you like.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2015-2016

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 19th, 2016 dinner date as an example:
- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 16th, 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 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
 Anyone canceling between Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and
- Anyone canceling between Friday September 2⁻⁻, 2016 @ opm and Monday September 19th, 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 19th, 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 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2016, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Please drink responsibly.

Just a note because we care.

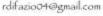
Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility 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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