

Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998

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MENU

1st course: Chorizo Tart - Local Chorizo, Roasted Red Peppers, Leeks & Goat's Feta

1st Nosing: ARRAN PORT CASK FINISH
(introduced by: Stewart Williams)

2nd course: Beet Salad - Roasted Beets, Chèvre, Local Greens, Macadamia, Orange Segments, Honey Dijon Dressing

2nd Nosing: ARRAN PINOT NOIR CASK FINISH
(introduced by: Stewart Williams)

Main Course: Honey & Thyme Roasted Pork, Buttered French Beans and Purple Rice

3rd Nosing: ARRAN THE BOTHY - QUARTER CASK
(introduced by: Stewart Williams)

4th Nosing: ARRAN BOURBON CASK FINISH
(introduced by: Stewart Williams)

Dessert: Kalhua Alla Crema

5th Nosing: ARRAN 21 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Stewart Williams)

COST OF THE MALTS

ARRAN PORT CASK FINISH VINTAGES 715514 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$91.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 50.0% Alcohol/Vol.

ARRAN MALT PINOT NOIR CASK 14 YEAR OLD VINTAGES 815838 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$149.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 55.2% Alcohol/Vol.

ARRAN THE BOTHY - QUARTER CASK VINTAGES 726110 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$107.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 56.2% Alcohol/Vol.

ARRAN MALT BOURBON CASK 14 YEAR OLD VINTAGES 815838 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$149.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 53.9% Alcohol/Vol.

ARRAN 21 YEAR OLD VINTAGES 815838 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$204.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

Friday August 27th, 2021 - 14th Annual Premium Night

Monday September 20th, 2021 - Campbeltown / Lowland / Speyside / Highlands / Islands / Islay

JULY - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 47 July attendees @ \$80)	= \$3760.00
July dinner 47 persons	= \$2627.12
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$1175.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$1082.70
Cost of Pours per Person = \$27.07	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= \$5.18
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$78.93

Glencairn Launches A New Pipette As A Companion For its Iconic Glass

By [Hannah Kanik](#) / June 24, 2021

Scottish crystal company, Glencairn Crystal Studio, recently announced it is launching a new Glencairn Pipette for whisky-lovers to add a splash of water to their dram.

The company was made famous for what's described as the world's favorite whisky glass - Glencairn Glass. More than 3.5 million of these glasses are sold around the world each year.

The family-run team at Glencairn believes that adding water to whisky can enhance the flavours and aromas found in your favourite dram.

Many whisky lovers believe that adding water can 'open up' the aromas and flavours, dramatically altering and enhancing the taste - interestingly scientists in Sweden supported this with a [study in 2017](#).



Glencairn Pipette (image via Glencairn)

After the glasses' success, the company said demand for a Glencairn Pipette increased and they got to work to carefully craft a pipette to complement it.

The Glencairn Pipette is handblown and designed to hold 1ml of water. It is weighted at the top with a miniature Glencairn Glass.

“Our business is built on family values and we pride ourselves on our strong relationship with the Glencairn Glass community of followers,” Scott Davidson, Glencairn Crystal’s New Product Development Director, said in a prepared statement. “We are always open to feedback and new ideas and after listening to our customers, we are delighted to introduce the new Glencairn Pipette as the perfect partner to the Glencairn Glass. For those who love a splash of water with their whisky, our pipette will enable the drinker to add a little drop at a time and will prevent the risk of drowning their favourite dram with too much!”

The Glencairn Pipette costs £6 and is also available to buy in a set with a Glencairn Glass (£11) or in a set with both a Glencairn Glass and Glencairn Jug (£22) [via the Glencairn Crystal online shop](#).

Glenmorangie Launches Second Batch Of 15-Year Single Estate Whisky

By [Gary Carter](#) / July 27, 2021

Glenmorangie looks to the Highlands for inspiration in its latest release of the Cadboll Estate single estate whisky.

This 15-year-old limited edition is the second batch release of Cadboll Estate single estate whisky and was created by Dr. Bill Lumsden, Glenmorangie’s director of whisky creation. He describes the creation as “deep and creamy” and he looks to “share the taste and spirit of Glenmorangie’s homeland with whisky lovers across the world, even if they are yet to visit the single malt’s beautiful, yet remote, corner of the Highlands.”

The Cadboll Estate Batch #2 recently took home Double Gold honors at the 2021 San Francisco World Spirits Competition.



Glenmorangie Cadboll Estate Batch #2 (image via Glenmorangie)

The new release was crafted from Glenmorangie’s own Cadboll Estate barley, grown in the fields surrounding its Highland home, and distilled in what’s described as Scotland’s tallest stills.

Glenmorangie is a coastal distillery, meaning the local land where the barley is grown is protected from hard inland frosts and extremes of weather, and is essentially in its own microclimate. In these conditions, every harvest is unique and brings what’s said to be subtle flavor differences to each batch of The Cadboll Estate.

[In Batch #1](#), the distiller’s notes found aromas of honeycomb and notes of mandarin and eucalyptus alongside heather honey, butter candy, white chocolate, pear and apricot.

For Batch #2, they found the spirit to have distinctive creamy vanilla candy on the nose, with hints of orange blossom, ginger and cinnamon spice alongside poached pear in syrup, and zesty lemon.

Glenmorangie distillers also note that only enough barley can be harvested from the estate each year for one or two weeks of production at the Distillery, making the single-estate crop particularly rare.

Batch #2 is aged in hand-selected, first-fill American White Oak ex-Bourbon casks and comes in at 86 proof.

Laphroaig unveils cask strength whiskies

2nd August, 2021 by Nicola Carruthers

Beam Suntory-owned Laphroaig whisky has released the 2021 editions of its 10-year-old and 25-year-old cask strength single malts.



Laphroaig unveils 10- and 25-year-old whiskies from batch 13

Part of batch 13, Laphroaig’s 10 Year Old Cask Strength and 25 Year Old Cask Strength 2021 whiskies have matured in ex-Bourbon casks. The 10-year-old bottling offers notes of manuka honey and aromas of peat and smoke, with a floral finish and spicy oak tannins and sea salt. The single malt has an ABV of 57.9% and is priced at £77 (US\$107) per 700ml.

Meanwhile, the ‘subtle and elegant’ 25-year-old expression provides notes of acacia honey, pear drops, white pepper, thyme and Islay seaweed on the nose.

The palate brings hints of heather honey, light wood smoke, lime, salt and black pepper marinade. Bottled at 51.9% ABV, the whisky is priced at RRP £430 (US\$599) per 700ml.

Both expressions are recommended served neat with a few drops of water.

Bowmore and Aston Martin create GTR-exclusive line

29th July, 2021 by Nicola Carruthers

Islay Scotch whisky brand Bowmore has unveiled three limited edition bottle designs for global travel retail as part of its collaboration with Aston Martin.



The new designs for Bowmore’s GTR range pay homage to Aston Martin’s iconic cars

Beam Suntory-owned Bowmore and the luxury car maker [agreed to partner in November 2019](#) to create exclusive bottlings and experiences. The first whisky released as part of the collaboration was [Black Bowmore DB5 1964](#) in 2020.

The companies have now unveiled their first range, featuring new designs created by Aston Martin for Bowmore's existing 10-, 15- and 18-year-old whiskies in global travel retail (GTR). The Designed by Aston Martin collection offers consumers insight into the automotive world, paying homage to iconic cars from the brand's heritage.

Manuel Gonzalez, brand director for global travel retail, said: "Our partnership with Aston Martin is a further example of how we are investing in the premiumisation of our GTR portfolio through a combination of exciting innovations and special limited editions. "The Designed by Aston Martin collection continues to highlight the ambition that we have for the Bowmore brand and provides our clients with new concepts with strong consumer appeal, alongside vital growth opportunities."

The design for Bowmore 10 Years Old takes inspiration from Aston Martin factory team car LM10, which debuted at the Le Mans race in 1932. The whisky offers spice from Spanish oak casks and Bowmore's signature smoke flavours, while the LM10's technical expertise is depicted in the design, featuring 'cutting-edge' technology that reduced weight and accelerated speed.

Meanwhile, Bowmore 15 Years Old uses the Aston Martin Atom concept car as the basis for its design. The whisky was matured in first-fill Bourbon casks and hogsheads, while the Atom offers a 'disruptive and elegant' concept.

Sports car Aston Martin DB Mark III was the core focus behind the design of Bowmore's 18-year-old bottling due to shared values of attention to detail and complexity. The single malt was aged in oloroso and Pedro Ximénez casks.

Cathal Loughnane, head of partnership, Aston Martin Lagonda, added: "It has been fascinating to study the unique characteristics of each of these whiskies and align them with some incredible cars from our past. Every Aston Martin has its own character and that is something we pay a great deal of attention to in the design process. This has been a new challenge for us and it is one we have enjoyed immensely."

The first range from the Designed by Aston Martin series will be available in duty free globally from August 2021, with activations in key airports including London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Hainan, Istanbul and Taiwan.

The Bowmore 10 Years Old is available for RRP £45 (US\$63), the Bowmore 15 Years Old is priced at RRP £62 (US\$87) and the 18-year-old costs RRP of £93 (US\$130).

Bonhams auctions 30-year-old Macallan cask 26th July, 2021 by Melita Kiely

A 30-year-old cask of Macallan Scotch whisky is expected to sell for up to HK\$4 million (US\$514,300) at auction next month.



The 30-year-old Macallan cask will form part of Bonhams Hong Kong's Fine and Rare Whisky auction

Bonhams Hong Kong will auction the 30-year-old 1991 cask as part of its Fine and Rare Whisky sale in Hong Kong on 20 August.

Distilled in December 1991, the cask was re-racked in a Sherry cask in 2017. The whisky in the cask currently sits at 51.5% ABV. Bonhams expects the whisky cask to sell for a minimum price of HK\$3.2m (US\$411,443).

Daniel Lam, Bonhams director of wine and spirits, Asia, said: "Whisky casks hitting 30 years old or above are exceedingly rare in the current market."

"This 1991 Macallan cask on offer in our August sale is an all-rounder of its class: it comes from a prestigious distiller, is casked in top-notch wood, a high-alcohol content and an attractive estimate. We expect a lot of interest as the market now matures towards collecting casks." Bonhams holds the [world auction record for a whisky cask](#), after a 30-year-old Sherry hogshead from Macallan sold for HK\$4.464m (US\$572,000) at a Bonhams Fine and Rare Wine and Whisky sale on 15 November 2019.

Whisky Auctioneer sold the [second part of 'The Perfect Collection'](#) earlier this year, which saw a bottle of The Macallan 1926 Fine and Rare set a new record at US\$1.4m.

Whiskey of the Week: The Dalmore's New Single Malt Doubles the Sherry Cask Influence

By [Jonah Flicker](#) 16 hours ago



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Whiskey of the Week is a new review series on Spy. Each week, we'll review a different bottle, from newly released small-batch bourbons to our favorite cheap well whiskies.

The Spirit: The Dalmore 12-Year Old Sherry Cask Select

The Distillery: The Dalmore

Birthplace: Scotland

Style: single malt scotch

Proof: 86 proof / 43% ABV

Availability: Online only with a wider release later this year

Price: \$79.99

[The Dalmore](#) is a Highlands distillery that makes single malt [scotch](#) that is often lumped into the "luxury" category of scotch whisky. Indeed, the prices tend to be higher than other core offerings from distilleries like the three "Glens" — Glenmorangie, Glenfiddich, and Glenlivet. But The Dalmore stands out in a few key ways. The first is the buoyant exuberance of master distiller Richard Paterson. If you've never had the opportunity to experience an in-person tasting with him, watch one of the many [YouTube](#) videos to check out his tasting method, which consists of saying "hello" to the whisky several times, chewing on it for at least ten seconds while grunting, and occasionally throwing the contents of the glass onto the floor.

It's a fun show, but the most important thing here is what's in the bottle. Most of what The Dalmore produces is aged in ex-[bourbon](#) barrels and then finished in sherry or port casks. This practice is, of course, widespread throughout the scotch whisky industry, but each distillery offers its own unique take on it, and The Dalmore is a distillery that certainly has had ample time to perfect this craft.

The [core 12-year-old expression](#) is aged in bourbon barrels and finished in sherry casks. The new Sherry Cask Select is sort of an augmentation of this whisky, with what the brand says has twice the influence of sherry cask maturation than the original 12-year-old. Paterson worked directly with three partners in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain (Tevasa, Vasyma, Paez) to create Oloroso and Pedro Ximénez sherries with which to season their custom-built casks. This allowed for three distinct barrel types to work with, each meant to provide a different flavor profile to the whisky during the maturation process. The whisky was aged for ten years in bourbon barrels, then finished for up to three years in these casks.

Of course, to really understand the difference between this and the original 12, it would be necessary to taste them side-by-side. But this is a whisky that stands on its own, as it should, with a lovely array of flavors on the nose and palate. An initial dip into the glass reveals rich fruit notes, with an almost maraschino cherry syrup background. For those that are familiar with The Dalmore, the palate opens with a familiar buttery vanilla note that spreads along your tongue as you sip. That's quickly followed up by white and dark chocolate notes, some nutty almond extract, and a blend of candied citrus and just enough spice to keep you on your toes. This may not be the most interesting or complex whisky you will try this year, but it's a very good example of how a lengthy and carefully managed sherry-cask finish will bring a new world of flavor to a single malt. Another good comparison to try might be with a whisky fully matured in sherry oak, like The Macallan, for example. Granted, the two distillates are very different, but it would offer a window into observing the different effects of sherry finish versus entire maturation upon the liquid.

Diageo debuts second Prima & Ultima whisky release

5th August, 2021 by Kate Malczewski

Spirits giant Diageo has unveiled the second release of its collectable Prima & Ultima single malt Scotch whisky series, retailing for £23,500 (US\$32,720).



Set number one in the second release will be auctioned at Sotheby's next month. The eight-strong collection features cask strength bottlings that are either the first or last of their kind, taken from the reserves of Diageo's top distilleries, including Talisker, Mortlach, The Singleton of Glendullan and [newly restored Brora](#).

Diageo [introduced the Prima & Ultima series in June 2020](#) with a set of single malts selected by whisky maker Dr Jim Beveridge OBE. This year, master blender Maureen Robinson, a 40-year Diageo veteran, was chosen to curate the whiskies in the release.

"This is a selection of very special single malts – some that have never before seen the light of day and others that are the fleeting and final examples of their kind," Robinson said.

"Each bottling shares a glimpse into the history of Scotch and one that I am honoured to have witnessed in person."

Among Robinson's picks are a rare Lagavulin; a bottling from Brora, drawn from the last of the distillery's casks from 1980; and The Singleton of Glendullan 1992, from a unique trial in which the spirit was kept in refill casks before spending fourteen years in two small ex-Madeira barriques.

She also included the Linkwood 1981, from the first trial implementing different maturation practices at the distillery, which saw the whisky aged in PX- and oloroso-seasoned casks, as well as new American oak. Just 376 sets are available to purchase exclusively through appointed Prima & Ultima agents. Collectors can register their interest at www.theprimaandultimatecollection.com until 23 August.

After registration closes, set number one of the second release – with each bottling signed by Robinson – will be auctioned online through Sotheby's from 15-24 September in Hong Kong. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to humanitarian charity Care International.

New Benriach whisky is first of its kind in 100 years

5th August, 2021 by Melita Kiely

Speyside producer Benriach has created a whisky made entirely from barley malted at its floor maltings – the first bottling of the sort from the distillery in a century.



Only 6,672 bottles Benriach Malting Season will be available globally. The first edition of Benriach Malting Season is double-cask-matured in Bourbon and virgin oak barrels.

Bottled at 48.7% ABV, tasting notes include vanilla, honeyed pear and nuttiness.

Only 6,672 bottles of the first batch have been made from 23 barrels.

The spirit was distilled on 2 November 2012.

To create the whisky, barley was steeped in water before being spread across the malting floor room. It was then turned by hand over several days to help the barley germinate.

The malting team then decides when the barley is ready to be transferred to the kiln to be dried.

Rachel Barrie, master blender at Benriach Distillery, said: "At Benriach, we never stop exploring how fruit, oak and barley flavours intertwine and mature in our broad range of eclectic casks."

"The unique process behind Malting Season allows the cereal flavour from the concerto barley to pull through and when married with the creamy, wholesome flavour from being two-cask-matured in Bourbon and virgin oak barrels, creates a truly unique expression."

Benriach Malting Season will be available in the US from October 2021, priced at RRP £99 (US\$138). It will also be rolled out to other markets.

Earlier this year, [Benriach revealed its first visitor centre](#) following a six-figure investment. The brand also unveiled its ['most intensely smoked' single malt](#) to date.

This followed a [redesign of Benriach's core range of whiskies](#) in September 2020.

Glenfarclas gains planning approval for new warehouses

6th August, 2021 by Kate Malczewski

Speyside producer Glenfarclas has received planning permission to build two whisky warehouses at its distillery in Ballindalloch.



The Glenfarclas distillery in Speyside

On Wednesday (4 August), Moray Council approved Glenfarclas' application to construct the new storage facilities, originally submitted in March of this year.

The two bonded warehouses will cover a total of 1,993 square metres on the family-owned Scotch whisky maker's property. Each warehouse will be able to store 2,500 casks, stacked a maximum of three barrels high, with volumes spanning 190, 250 and 500 litres.

The Spirits Business has requested comment from Glenfarclas.

In May, the producer celebrated its 185th anniversary with the [launch of a limited edition single malt](#), featuring whiskies from casks bridging six decades.

To learn more about the Glenfarclas, read our [history of the distiller](#).

Last week, Moray Council granted planning approval to the team behind English whisky Bimber for the construction of a [new Scotch whisky distillery in Dunphail](#).

Benromach debuts 'heavily Sherried' Peat Smoke

11th August, 2021 by Nicola Carruthers

Speyside distillery Benromach has launched a second Sherry cask-matured Peat Smoke whisky, limited to 2,000 bottles in the UK.



Benromach expects its new Peat Smoke whisky to be popular with drinkers

The new Benromach Peat Smoke Sherry Cask Matured is made with Scottish barley malted with high levels of peat smoke at 55ppm (parts per million phenol).

Laid down in 2012 before being bottled in 2021, the expression has been matured exclusively in first-fill Sherry hogshead casks.

The resulting liquid offers an aroma of cinnamon and ginger with rich dark chocolate and stewed red berry flavours. The finish leads to peat smoke and sweetness.

Keith Cruickshank, distillery manager at Benromach, said: "This small batch vintage expression has been created in a style which is deliberately different to the subtle smokiness Benromach is well-known for."

"This is only the second time we've released a heavily Sherried Peat Smoke expression and we're very proud of its unique flavour profile."

"Although it is different from the first Sherry-matured Peat Smoke expression we released in March 2019, given the enthusiasm we received from whisky fans we expect this release to be very popular." Benromach Peat Smoke Sherry Cask Matured (46% ABV) is available from select retailers globally. In the UK, it is priced at RRP £49.99 (US\$69).

Tamdhù distillery debuts gift set

12th August, 2021 by Alice Brooker

Ian Macleod Distillers has released a gift collection of three miniature Tamdhù whiskies.



Tamdhù's gift set can be purchased online for an RRP of £27.99 (US\$38.79)

The gift set of 50ml bottlings from the Speyside single malt producer comprise three Sherry-matured whiskies: the [12 Year Old](#), the [15 Year Old](#), and the Batch Strength 005.

The Scotch whisky brand claims to be the only distillery to mature its whole range of whisky exclusively in oloroso Sherry-seasoned casks, with each expression in the gift set presenting a 'deep copper hue' and 'complex' flavours.

The Tamdhù 12 Year Old delivers notes of iced cinnamon rolls, orange boiled sweets and sweet oak with raisins on the nose, with a 'silky' palate of jam and banana. The finish is 'long and balanced', featuring a 'wisp of peat smoke', and the bottling sits at 43% ABV.

The 15 Year Old includes flavours of orange zest and apple pastry on the nose, with a palate of apricot and raspberry. Resting at an ABV of 46%, the expression's finish contains notes of malt biscuit and vanilla. Finally, the Batch Strength 005 features cinnamon spice and roasted brazil nuts on the nose, with a double-cream palate cut through with the sharpness of summer berries. Featuring the highest ABV in the gift set, the Batch No. 005 sits at 59.8%.

The Tamdhù 3x5cl Gift Pack can be purchased from the distillery's online shop, [tamdhù.com](#), for an RRP of £27.99 (US\$38.79).

Last month, Taiwanese whisky producer [Kavalan also revealed a whisky gift set](#) – an exclusive series inspired by the country's exotic animal species.

Torabhaig launches Allt Gleann – The Legacy Series

13 AUGUST 2021 By Melita Kiely

Isle of Skye-based Torabhaig Distillery has released its second single malt Scotch whisky, called Allt Gleann – The Legacy Series.



Torabhaig's Allt Gleann – The Legacy Series will be released in four batches throughout 2021 and 2022

Released yesterday (12 August), the whisky follows the sold-out first bottling from the distillery in February this year: Legacy Series 2017. Bottled at 46%, Torabhaig Allt Gleann – The Legacy Series was drawn from 30 casks. It is the second of four expressions that will be released as part of the Torabhaig Legacy Series, priced at RRP £50 (US\$69) per bottle.

Torabhaig Allt Gleann – The Legacy Series will be launched in four batches throughout 2021 and 2022 via specialist whisky retailers worldwide. It will also be available from the visitor centre shop at Torabhaig Distillery on the Isle of Skye.

Torabhaig Distillery was established in January 2017 and is a subsidiary of Mossburn Distillers. It became the [second distillery on the Isle of Skye](#) when it launched, and intends to release a 10-year-old single malt in 2028.

In January this year, Torabhaig Distillery revealed plans to [auction a rare single cask whisky](#) and a peated single malt for charity.

MODERN SINGLE MALT: RESHAPING A CLASSIC STYLE

BY MATT STRICKLAND - August 12, 2021

People love themselves some [single malt whisky](#) these days. Single malt whisky conjures powerful feelings of sophistication and erudition. It is mystical and magical, often coming from pastoral and pristine places such as Islay or Aberdeenshire. Names like [Bowmore](#), [The Macallan](#) and [The Dalmore](#) ring in dulcet tones to many a whisky drinker's ear. This is single malt whisky in the most classic sense. But with the fanaticism steadily growing over the past few decades we've seen the market open itself up to some modern single malt producers. These makers are operating in a different head space, eschewing the tartan traditions of their primary sources of inspiration. Instead they focus on bringing single malt whisky into the modern era. These modern single malts may share similar DNA to the old styles but make no mistake: these are different beasts entirely.

MODERN SINGLE MALT FEATURES

The modern single malt can be a bit hard to pin down. Many of these distilleries are young and producing whisky in countries not known for producing golden drams from grain. Examples would include [Kavalan](#) (Taiwan), [Milk & Honey](#) (Israel), and [Mackmyra](#) (Sweden). Others might come from well-revered whisky producing countries but are producing single malt decidedly on their own terms — think [Bruichladdich](#) and [Kilchoman](#).



Waterford Dunmore Edition 1.1 /Photo Credit: Waterford Distillery

These distilleries, and others like them, are less concerned with traditional practices and marketing artifices. For these distillers age statements reek as false and archaic signifiers of quality. Besides, most of them don't have the mature stocks to fight in the age arena anyway. Instead, they are producing younger whiskies and showcasing the delights that come with allowing the base grain character to shine through the cask-provided features.

As a result, the whisky is often less sweet and has a distinct malty and grainy character that pervades throughout the palate. You can actually taste the grain in the whisky which is perhaps more novel than it should be. To top it off, many of these modern single malt producers are bottling quite a bit of their whisky at higher strengths. In fact, some commonly release cask strength offerings which amp up the flavor experience considerably.

INFLUENCED BY THE PAST

In some ways, the modern single malts of today are not that new at all. Whisky used to be sold much younger as a matter of course and convenience. The concept of aged whisky is a relatively new paradigm with Scotch single malts not regularly being matured in casks until the 1800s. Until then the whisky was sold virtually right off the still.

Eventually casks became more common, but whisky was still sold at a comparatively young age, perhaps only a few years like our new-styled single malts.



Kavalan whiskies /Photo Credit: Kavalan

Of course, whisky is subject to market forces and whims just like anything else. Over the years through weathering economic downturns and occasional bouts of lower sales, many distilleries built up sizable stocks of progressively older whiskies. Age statements steadily got higher and here we are today. The Macallan range has age statements from ten to nearly eighty years. These older drams can be exquisite, blowing both minds and wallets. But they are wholly different in character and philosophy from our modern single malts.

Many of these new distilleries are small and/or young. They often have limited stocks and so finding them on your store shelves can sometimes prove a rewarding challenge. Search and seize these liquid opportunities when you can. You will most certainly be rewarded with

eye popping flavors and aromas that will make you rethink the category as a whole.

MORE EXAMPLES TO TRY

There are a number of bottles out there worthy of your liver's attention. Kavalan's Solist series showcases the effects of different cask varieties on their young and spunky spirit by being matured in the hot and humid Taiwan climate. The casks range from [oloroso sherry](#) to [port](#) to [vinho barriques](#) (and many more). These modern single malt bottlings are also sold at cask strength, so they are full-flavored to the extreme. A few drops of water will help.



Kilchoman whiskies /Photo Credit: Kilchoman

[Waterford Distillery](#) in Ireland approaches single malt with a distinct drive to showcase the effects of terroir on barley. They single source barleys from different farms, then mash, ferment, distill, and mature them separately. In the end they've produced a young portfolio of beautiful single malts that preserve the pleasures of the grain while marrying flavors of ex-bourbon and virgin American and French oaks. This is an exciting distillery to watch.

Until recently Kilchoman was Islay's youngest distillery ([Ardnahoe](#) opened its doors in 2018). The distillery produces a small line of modern single malt whiskies, some of which use grain that is grown and malted onsite. The [Machir Bay](#) release is as tasty a signature as they come. Peated to a bawny 50 ppm and matured for less than a decade in a blend of ex-sherry and ex-bourbon casks, this punchy Islay malt maintains a beautiful graininess on the palate that couples perfectly with excellent cask wood.

There's a whole wide world of whisky and the modern single malt family that has emerged is just one new exciting corner of it to explore. And explore you should. These drams have new flavors backed by colorful stories, philosophies and people. The modern single malt is here. All you need is a glass and a friend to share it with.

Big Ticket Whiskies: Exploring The World's Most Expensive Bottles JULY 20, 2021 | [JONNY MCCORMICK](#)



Rare bottles from Macallan, Bowmore, and Springbank can fetch high prices at auction. (Courtesy of Sotheby's and Bonhams)

Hey Big Spender! Your convenience store may sell whisky, but not these whiskies. Big-ticket whiskies reside in glass cases in specialty spirits shops, priced more in line with [luxury goods](#) and fine art rather than everyday drinks. The most expensive whiskies available can span opulent new releases, auction bottles bought to resell, and unsold collectibles with prices that have risen commensurate with their scarcity. The retail prices bear little relation to the cost of production, and some would even say reality, but then you wouldn't expect to buy a [50 year old whisky](#) based on the price of malted barley, sherry casks, and labor from five decades ago.

So, if not raw materials, what makes these whiskies so expensive? For one, age comes at a premium, and scotch whisky is way out in front on this one due to a combination of history, technique, and a favorable climate. [Macallan](#), [Glenfarclas](#), [Dalmore](#), and [Gordon & MacPhail](#) have all released whiskies 60 years and older. Due to evaporative losses, genuine scarcity drives demand. The cynic might also recognize that other releases are limited tactically, to coincide with a particular anniversary or founding year.

A distillery's long-standing reputation for quality is another component contributing to a big-ticket price; simply compare the variation in price for scotch whiskies from different distilleries with identical age statements. The cachet of an estimable distillery means that official releases typically exceed the costs of independent bottlings, which come from casks bottled by another entity. After all, a cover rarely achieves fame greater than the same hit sung by the original artist.



Karuizawa 52 year old Zodiac Rat 1960 sold for over \$350,000 at Sotheby's London in March 2020. (Courtesy of Sotheby's) The style of whisky cannot be ignored either; single malt scotch is valued higher than blends, and scotch and Japanese whiskies far exceed the prices paid for bourbon. The challenge for the whisky producers [pricing these big-ticket whiskies](#) is finding the sweet spot between greed and a giveaway, where the whisky will do well for the company's bottom line without handing an easy profit to flippers looking for a quick resale. In 2020, [Irish Distillers Ltd.](#) released [Midleton Very Rare Silent Distillery Chapter One](#), priced at \$40,000, the first release in 16 years from the Old Midleton Distillery, which closed in 1975. No Irish whiskey had ever been priced at this level before, yet all 48 hand-blown Waterford Crystal decanters sold out quickly as demand outstripped supply. [Irish Whiskey Auctions](#), Dublin auctioned a bottle for \$45,155 in March, earning the record for the most expensive Irish whiskey ever sold at auction. "This was 45 year old Irish whiskey from a fabled closed distillery," says Brendan Buckley, marketing director for Irish Distillers Ltd., who was responsible for setting the price. "These precious stocks were highly unique, comprising the only peated single malt whiskey ever to come from the distillery, which arose from experiments conducted in the early 1970s by Max Crockett, master distiller. By its very nature, this makes it one of the world's rarest whiskies."

In this top slice of the whisky market, affluent fans may be motivated by nothing other than their love for whisky; the bottle may be a reward to be savored slowly, or added as a trophy to a collection. For some, it is the honor of being the custodian of a legacy. Sophisticated investors and syndicates also buy up high-end bottles as speculative investments. Big-ticket buyers are indisputably wealthy, but it's not a case of having more money than sense. Most are extremely knowledgeable and even in this altered world, top-end whisky prices in the saleroom look relatively stable and many have been growing handsomely, indicating that there are still plenty of people looking for precious whiskies. "Clients come to Sotheby's to find the world's most iconic whiskies offered in the most innovative auctions," says Jonny Fowle, spirits specialist at Sotheby's. "Whisky collecting now has a global audience of passionate and knowledgeable collectors who recognize the inherent rarity and exceptional quality of these premium spirits, whether ultimately they choose to drink or collect them." Even if you have the means to take ownership of a big-ticket bottle, it takes connections. Many deals are made privately, to a store's most loyal customers or by dealing directly with the distillery. High rollers may be courted with exclusive dinners and personal concierge levels of service like that afforded to Las Vegas whales. So, where's the pleasure in watching a bottle of Macallan sell for over a million dollars? Perhaps it's just good knowing that we're all part of the same whisky-loving family. It is awe-inspiring to know how delicious the dram in our glass is, and to imagine, just for a moment, what an experience money might buy.

HAMMER TIME: 6 DISTILLERIES THAT BRING TOP DOLLAR AT AUCTION

[Macallan](#)—\$1,537,443

Macallan 60 year old Fine & Rare 1926, Sotheby's London, October 2019

[Yamazaki](#)—\$645,125

Yamazaki 55 year old, Bonhams Hong Kong, August 2020

[Bowmore](#)—\$384,361

Bowmore 54 year old 1957, Sotheby's London, October 2019

Karuizawa—\$352,860

Karuizawa 52 year old Zodiac Rat 1960, Sotheby's London, March 2020

[Springbank](#)—\$281,865

Springbank 50 year old 1919, Sotheby's London, October 2019

[Dalmore](#)—\$271,062

Dalmore 62 year old The Mackenzie, Sotheby's London, May 2020

SPLURGE WORTHY: 7 BARS WHERE YOU CAN BUY WHISKY

BRAGGING RIGHTS

[Canon](#)—Seattle, Wash.

Cedar Brook Sour Mash Whiskey c.1880: \$2,600 per 1.5 oz.

[John Howie Steak](#)—Bellevue, Wash.

Van Winkle Family Reserve 17 year old 1991, 50.5%: \$1,900 per 2 oz.

[Brandy Library](#)—New York, N.Y.

Glenmorangie Pride 41 year old 1974, 52%: \$1,800 per 2 oz.

[The Whiskey House](#)—San Diego, Calif.

Macallan No. 6, 43%: \$999 per 1.75 oz.

[Multnomah Whiskey Library](#)—Portland, Ore.

Macallan M, 44%: \$998 per 1.5 oz.

[Hard Water](#)—San Francisco, Calif.

Willett Family Estate 22 year old No. C18D, 68.85%: \$495 per 1 oz.

[LUXBAR](#)—Chicago, Ill.

Yamazaki 25 year old, 43%: \$333 per 2.5 oz.

The 30 Best Scotch Whisky Brands for 2021

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Where Kentucky boasts more aging barrels of [whiskey](#) than living inhabitants, Scotland can counter with having one distillery for every 40,000 inhabitants (according to my back of the envelope arithmetic, at least). More than any other nation or region, Scotland stakes a credible claim as being the home of whisky — with or without the "e".

At a quick glance, the category can seem intimidating. There are various regions to explore, from Speyside to Islay. Then there are the different styles: single malts; blends and blended malts; peated and unpeated. Where to begin?

Thankfully, you've come to the right place. Within this list, there's something for every palate, budget, and occasion. Whether you're looking for a single malt that overdelivers on price, or you finally want to take the first steps into a fiery peated exploration, you'll find the perfect partner listed below.

Without further ado, here are the 30 best [Scotch](#) whiskies for 2021.

ADVERTISING

UNDER \$50

MOSSBURN SPEYSIDE BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Mossburn employs an interesting barrel regimen for the aging of this Speyside blend of single malts, the specifics of which are detailed on the bottle label. Most notable is a second period of aging in oloroso [sherry](#) butts, which are topped with charred new American oak cask heads. Oak proves to be the guiding force from nose to palate, but don't worry about losing out on vibrant fruit character. Average price: \$36.

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DEWAR'S 15 YEAR OLD BLENDED WHISKY



A blend of single malt and single grain whiskies, this 15 year old release shows signs of both age and youth. The aromas are a dead ringer for toffee apples, while the inclusion of grain whiskey adds vibrant citrus and orchard fruit. The palate brims with honeyed sweetness and culminates with a crack of black pepper. Average price: \$41.

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OLD PULTENEY 12 YEARS SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Distilled and aged in the far northern reaches of mainland Scotland, this single malt spends its entire maturation period in former bourbon barrels. Bold vanilla and fruit aromas therefore arrive as little surprise, while the palate is unctuous and round, with a spray of sea salt that balances its sweetness. Average price: \$45.

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WEMYSS MALTS THE HIVE BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Scotch blending house Wemyss Malts names each of its expressions after the character of the liquid in bottle. This release, a fusion of up to

16 single malts aged at least eight years, gains its moniker from its luxurious honeyed character. Expect an abundance of baking spices, too, and lively texture as the whisky meets the palate. Average price: \$46.

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UNDER \$100

ANCNOC 12 YEAR OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Though light in color, this single malt is stunningly complex. It kicks off with nutty aromas and a hint of smoke. Apricot, tropical fruit, and vanilla define its energetic palate, which culminates with tart, dried cranberries. Average price: \$55.

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ARRAN BARREL RESERVE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



This non-age-statement single malt combines 7 to 8-year-old whiskies with more aged expressions, resulting in a bright and citrusy, youthful dram. The older malts shine through on the palate, lending a vanilla

richness and a sweet kiss to the finish. This is an excellent summer sipping whisky. Average price: \$55.

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BRUICHLADDICH THE CLASSIC LADDIE UNPEATED ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Unlike most Islay whiskies, Bruichladdich arrives without the influence of peat. Its aromas begin with a spray of briny sea water, then settle among vibrant orchard fruits. There's an earthiness to the palate and invigorating spice and energy, before sweet dried fruits bring a final touch of luxury to the finish. Average price: \$59.

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GLENFIDDICH BOURBON BARREL RESERVE 14 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Doubling down on American influence, this single malt ages 14 years in ex-bourbon casks then spends a brief spell in charred new American

Oak barrels. Toffee and stone fruit aromas rise to the fore followed by vanilla and baking spices. The palate is bold and rich without ever feeling cumbersome. Average price: \$59.

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GLENGLASSAUGH REVIVAL HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Not just an evocative name, "Revival" pays homage to the Glenglassaugh distillery sitting idle for decades before its stills were fired up again and fine whisky started trickling out once more. Aged in red wine and bourbon barrels, this release is finished in sherry casks. It is intensely fruity, rich in sweet malt flavors, and coats the palate with a velvety texture. Average price: \$60.

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THE GLENLIVET 14 YEAR COGNAC CASK SELECTION SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



The influence of the Cognac casks used to finish this expression leap out from the get-go and continue well onto its finish. If you like fruit cake and are looking for something to savor on a fall evening, this is absolutely your jam. Average price: \$60.

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TALISKER 10 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Produced at the oldest distillery on the Isle of Skye, this peated single malt evokes a beachside bonfire. Though powerfully smoky at its core, the palate delivers whispers of sea water and sweet malt, which add layers and intrigue. Average price: \$60.

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THE BALVENIE 12 YEAR OLD DOUBLEWOOD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Matured in whisky and sherry casks, this dram will appeal to those who like their whisky on the richer and bolder side. Powerful honey and

golden raisin aromas are seasoned with a kiss of toasted oak. The palate is burly, though not tired, ensuring a little sip goes a long way. Average price: \$65.

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BENRIACH THE SMOKY TWELVE SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



This Speyside single malt brings together multiple components in one harmonious, enjoyable sip. Composed of peated and unpeated whiskies, the spirits age in bourbon, sherry, and Marsala wine casks. Its smoky character is delivered like a spray of perfume — not so thick that you can't appreciate its red currant and spice notes, and the influence of oak. This whisky has bags of personality, despite its relatively young age, but never overwhelms the palate. Average price: \$68.

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SPEYBURN 15 YEARS OLD SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Aged in American and Spanish oak, this 15 year old single malt is bold and perfumed. Dried red berries and a seasoning of baking spices lead the nose, followed by rich malt and decadent dried fruits on the palate.

The pleasant 46 percent alcohol content energizes the palate and keeps the finish lively. Average price: \$68.

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COMPASS BOX THE SPANIARD BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Masterful blending is apparent on the nose of this whisky, with notes from the base malts and fortified Spanish wine casks used for aging allowed equal prominence. Approachable and enjoyable to the point that it brings a smile to the face, each sip is defined by sweet nuttiness and luscious golden honey. Average price: \$70.

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GLENMORANGIE THE QUINTA RUBAN 14 YEAR OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



This Highland single malt ages in [bourbon](#) and [port](#) casks. The latter adds ruby reflections and a delicate seasoning of red wine. Beginning with earth and spice, the palate shows definite signs of age via caramelized nuts and dried flavors. The port cask finish adds clear

character to this whisky without distracting from its core spirit. Average price: \$70.

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PORT CHARLOTTE ISLAY BARLEY 2012 ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Brought to you by the same folks that distill Bruichladdich, this heavily peated single malt is striking and graceful. Peated smoke is just one of the range of notes it delivers, delving also into fruit (dried and fresh), toasted oak, and rustic earth. Average price: \$82.

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JOHNNIE WALKER 18 YEAR OLD BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY



Can a whisky that retails for close to a hundred bucks be considered a bargain? Based on the evidence of this dram, we'd say yes. Old enough to legally imbibe in its homeland, this blended whisky tastes like a greatest hits of all the different Scotch styles. A splash of seawater, a bold streak of peat, and rich fruit all await in the glass. Average price: \$89.

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OBAN 14 YEAR OLD WEST HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Distilled in a tiny town on Scotland's west coast, this whisky is notably mighty by contrast. Its aromas lean into the vibrant tropical fruit that typically comes with substantially more age, while the palate is concentrated, complex, and oozing with honeyed sweetness. Average price: \$89.

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BOWMORE 15 YEARS OLD ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Should you seek a quote-unquote approachable step into the world of peated whisky, this should be the first destination. Sure, it's pricey, but its aromatic profile is among the most dazzling you will ever encounter. Red berries, violets, golden raisins, and just a whiff of peat begin the show. The palate then kicks into gear with rich, powerful character. Peated notes hold everything together, while a fresh berry finish adds a gleaming smile. Average price: \$90.

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LAGAVULIN OFFERMAN EDITION: GUINNESS CASK FINISH ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Yes, this whisky comes with celebrity association — Nick Offerman, of “Parks and Rec” fame — but the liquid shines on its accord. Decadent toffee aromas counter its peated smokiness, with brambly red fruits and sweet malt notes also present. The palate is creamy and well rounded, much like a properly poured Guinness. Average price: \$93.

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ARBEG CORRYVRECKAN ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Arriving at a whopping 57.1 percent ABV, the alcohol in this whisky is seamlessly incorporated. Maple syrup and toasted oak aromas lead the charge, followed by a hint of earth and red berries. Only on the palate do its heavy bonfire smoke notes emerge, but there they linger for an eternity. Average price: \$95.

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OVER \$100

ABERLOUR A'BUNADH SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Bottled at a cask-strength 61.2 percent ABV, this is a truly memorable dram, delivered by means of delicacy and power. Fresh flowers and orchard fruit aromas kick off the experience, before the palate explodes with concentration and depth. Each sip tastes like dried stone fruits dipped in honey, with a hint of toasted oak rounding out the experience. Average price: \$100.

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ABERFELDY 16 YEAR OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



This Highland single malt captivates with luxurious decadence. The nose takes an unexpected turn from toffee and butterscotch aromas to

vibrant flowers. There's depth and complexity to the palate, with alluring toasted oak driving the finish. Average price: \$105.

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LAPHROAIG CÀIRDEAS 2021 PEDRO XIMÉNEZ CASKS ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Laphroaig's annual Càirdeas release is something of a calendar event for peated whisky lovers, and this year's edition lives up to the hype. Finished in Pedro Ximénez sherry barrels, the cask-strength (58.9 percent ABV) whisky arrives with ruby reflections and brimming with dried berry aromas. The balance of peat, fruit, and alcohol on the palate is nothing short of exceptional. Make room on your bar cart for this stunning limited-edition release. Average price: \$105.

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THE MACALLAN DOUBLE CASK 15 YEARS OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Even if you were to taste it blind, The Macallan's signature sherried style is evident a mile off. The 15 year old release drinks like a whisky

five or 10 years its senior — in a good way. Pouring a dark toffee hue, intense dried apricot and golden raisin aromas relay its extensive time in cask. It's a similar story on the palate, which remains energetic, richly concentrated, and effortlessly luxurious. Average price: \$138.

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THE GLENROTHES 18 YEARS OLD SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Matured exclusively in sherry casks, this single malt sings a song of sweet dried fruit and nuts. The palate is remarkably well rounded, with a spray of sea air and fresh berries adding nuance to its rich baking spices. The whisky continues to evolve in the glass and on the palate, which makes you feel like you're getting your money's worth. Average price: \$158.

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THE GLENDONACH ALLARDICE 18 YEARS OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Another 18 year old release that's aged only in sherry casks, sipping this Highland single malt is like sitting in front of a blazing fire while a storm rages outside. Its aromas and flavors twist and turn, but elegantly so, switching from sweet vanilla and dried red fruits to dark

chocolate and mocha on a dime. Bright fruit on the finish lures you in to take another sip. Average price: \$190.

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MORTLACH 20 YEAR OLD COWIE'S BLUE SEAL SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



“Tamed” for 20 years reads the label on this exceptional single malt, but don't take that as an indication of prudence or lack of character. Violets and sweet raspberries set the tone on its scintillating nose, followed by honeyed oak, vanilla, and baking spices. You'll be wanting something remarkable from a whisky this age and this price, and this spirit delivers. Average price: \$240.

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BRUICHLADDICH BLACK ART 1994 UNPEATED ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



Seldom do we include two bottlings from the same brand in our roundups, and rarely do we recommend something quite so expensive. But this whisky is an exception. Unbridled joy captured in a glass, this

26 year old expression emanates intense tropical fruit aromas. The experience is intoxicating before a drop of alcohol has been sipped. So much energy and fruit remains on the palate despite its age, and there's no signs of oak overpowering things; instead it dazzles with endless complexity. Buy this bottle for special occasions or a special someone. Average price: \$550.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2020-2021

Membership Fee:	\$50 (singles) \$75 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$90 (member) \$100 (non-member)
Christmas Dinner Fee:	\$90 (member) \$100 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$90 (member) \$100 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$90 (member) \$100 (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. 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. Following the RSVP date members will be placed on a waitlist.
- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 23rd, 2019 dinner date as an example:
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 23rd, 2019. 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 6th, 2019 @ 6pm.
 - Once the RSVP date has been achieved I will e-mail a spreadsheet informing everyone of their status and amount due.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 6th, 2019 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
- Anyone canceling between Friday September 6th, 2019 @ 6pm and Monday September 23rd, 2019 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$70). 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 23rd, 2019 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$70). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$80).
- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 6th, 2019 @ 6pm and Monday September 23rd, 2019, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Assigned / Reserved Seating

- Assigned Seating will be offered for the January, June, August, and December dinners.
- Reserved Seating will only be considered if it is a group consisting of a single member plus 3+ guests or a couple member plus 2+ guests.

Perfume / Cologne and Whisky

- Our enjoyment of fine whisky at KSMS starts with a nosing - for many a definitive and delicate moment in their relationship with a new dram. The power of aroma is unquestionable. From defining life experiences to the recall of special memories, the sense of smell is as individual as a fingerprint and has the ability to evoke some of the most precious, rewarding and distinctive moments. Unfortunately strong perfumes can mask and distort other aromas and smells and interfere with the ability to register and recognize subtler fragrances.
- To be fair to all we ask all our members to please refrain from wearing scented products and perfumes to our KSMS evenings.

Dinner Payments

- Please consider sending your payment by e-transfer prior to the dinner. The password will be "KSMS2021RDF", to whatever your security question is. Receiving payment in advance will allow everyone the opportunity to socialize before the dinner as well as reduce the accounting work required after.
- For e-transfers, Members are responsible for collecting from their guests, and then forwarding one payment in total by e-transfer.

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.



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