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COST OF THE MALTS

BUNNAHABHAIN ABHAINN ARAIG; Bottler: Distillery Bottling; Bottling serie: Feis Ile 2022; Bottled: 2022; Casktype: Bourbon + Pedro Ximenez octave sherry casks; Label: Feis Ile 2022 - Abhainn Araig VINTAGES 068605 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$195.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 50.8% Alcohol/Vol.

BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YEAR OLD CASK STRENGTH: 2021 EDITION VINTAGES 068605 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$225.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 55.1% Alcohol/Vol.

BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YEAR OLD CASK STRENGTH: 2022 EDITION VINTAGES 068605 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$225.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 56.6% Alcohol/Vol.

GLEN MORAY 8 YEAR OLD 2014 OLOROSO FULLY MATURED - WAREHOUSE No.1; Small Batch: UK Exclusive; Distilled 06.06.2014; Bottled: 2022; Number of Casks: 4; Number of Bottles: 1950 LCBO 321425 | 700 mL bottle Price \$220.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 60.0% Alcohol/Vol.

GLEN MORAY 12 YEAR OLD 2010 AMARONE FINISH - WAREHOUSE No.1; Small Batch: UK Exclusive; Distilled 12.02.2010; Bottled: 2022; Number of Casks: 5; Number of Bottles: 1194 LCBO 321425 | 700 mL bottle Price \$250.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 55.4% Alcohol/Vol.

GLEN MORAY 94 YEAR OLD 2013 AMONTILLADO FINISH - WAREHOUSE No.1; Small Batch: UK Exclusive; Distilled 12.08.2013; Bottled: 2022; Number of Casks: 4; Number of Bottles: 1248 LCBO 321425 | 700 mL bottle Price \$250.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 57.5% Alcohol/Vol.

MENU

1st Course: Turkey Sausage and Navy Bean Soup

1st Nosing: BUNNAHABHAIN ABHAINN ARAIG
(introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

2nd Course: Caesar Salad

2nd Nosing: BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YO CASK STRENGTH: 2021

3rd Nosing: BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YO CASK STRENGTH: 2022
(introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

3rd Course: Steak Pie with Scalloped Potatoes; Brussel Sprouts with Bacon; Roasted ButterNut Squash

4th Nosing: Glen Moray Warehouse 1 Oloroso Fully Matured
(introduced by: Chantaille Buczynski)

4th Course: Chocolate Cognac Pie

5th Nosing: Glen Moray Warehouse 1 Amaronne Finish

6th Nosing: Glen Moray Warehouse 1 Amontillado Finish
(introduced by: Chantaille Buczynski)

January 23rd Dinner - KSMS Financial Statement

Money from 31 December attendees @ \$100	= \$3100.00
Money from 4 December dinner only @ \$70	= \$280.00
January dinner 39 persons =	= \$2762.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$618.00
Cost of Single Malts:	= \$1221.70
Cost of Pours per Person = \$30.54	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$603.70)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$102.15
Money for Heels	= \$220.00
Money Raised from Raffle	= \$0.00
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= \$383.70

Upcoming Dinner Dates

Monday March 13th 2023 - Irish / Speyside
Monday April 17th 2023 - Speyside / Islay
Monday May 29th 2023 - Speyside / Islands
Monday June 19th 2023 - June BBQ - Speyside / Islay

Glen Scotia debuts 21YO whisky

24 JANUARY 2023 By Alice Brooker

Scotch distiller Glen Scotia has created a limited edition 21-year-old single malt, finished in a first-fill oloroso Sherry cask.



The single malt retails for £265 (US\$326) and is available on a global basis. The brand is rolling out 2,500 bottles globally, containing liquid aged in a combination of refill ex-Bourbon barrels and refill American oak hogsheads, before being finished in oloroso Sherry casks.

Master distiller and distillery manager Iain McAlister said: "Our new 21-year-old is a single malt whisky of exceptional character, and the ideal dram to celebrate the prevailing spirit of Campbeltown.

"We knew then that we wanted to create another special release for our fans around the world, and the 21-year-old is a middle sibling to the much-loved 18-year-old and the world's best whisky."

On the palate, the non-chill-filtered expression boasts flavours of red apples, raisins, cloves, star anise and cinnamon, while the finish is long with a 'touch of sea salt'.

McAlister continued: "The Glen Scotia 21-year-old still has that wonderful interplay with the oloroso Sherry finishing cask, but with a shorter finishing time [six months] than the 18-year-old, which enables the underlying signature distillery character you get from the 25-year-old to really shine through proudly. We hope to be able to release a new batch each year.

"Like all good things, it has taken us a bit of time, but we are delighted with the result and can't wait to see what people think. One of the things I am most grateful for at Glen Scotia is our fantastic and supportive fan base, which continues to grow around the world – it's very humbling. We sincerely hope they like this latest addition to the Glen Scotia family."

The whisky clocks in at 46% ABV, and bridges the gap between the brand's 18-year-old and 25-year-old. The 21-year-old can be purchased for RRP £265 (US\$326), and is available from Glen Scotia's website.

The Glen Scotia 21-Year-Old distiller's notes:

- Non-chilled filtered and natural in color.
- Bottled at 46% ABV.
- On the nose, perfumed oloroso, spiced red apple, peppercorns with a soft signature Campbeltown aroma.
- The palate is baked red apples, raisins, cloves, star anise, cinnamon, and spice with creamy vanilla, toffee, and sea spray.
- The finish is long, complex, and balanced, with a lingering touch of sea salt and sherry dryness.
- Available from the Glen Scotia online store (www.glenscotia.com) and globally through retailers, for £265 RRP.

Irish whiskey tourism sees 425% hike in 2022

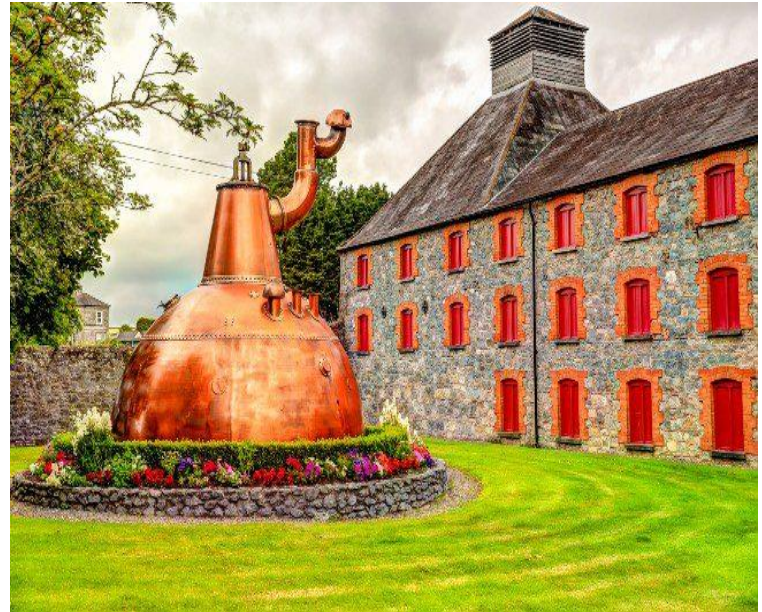
24 JANUARY 2023 By Georgie Collins

Whiskey tourism in Ireland attracted 677,000 visitors in 2022, boosted by 'staycations' and tourism from North America.

Irish whiskey tourist numbers grew by 54% in the four years leading to 2019

According to research by the Irish Whiskey Association (IWA), 2022 saw a 425% increase in visitors to Ireland's whiskey distilleries, but the figures are still far from the peak of 1.02 million seen in 2019.

James Doherty, chairperson of the IWA, said: "2022 represented a year of recovery following two years of closures and restrictions, due to Covid-19. "While 2021 saw encouraging support from domestic visitors and staycationers, 2022 saw a strong rebound in the number of visitors from international markets, particularly North America, Germany and Great Britain."



Visitors from North America accounted for 34% of whiskey tourists in 2022, while Germany and Great Britain accounted for 9.5% and 9% respectively.

The survey found that 15% of whiskey tourism came from nationals 'staycationing' in Ireland.

"While overall numbers are still down on the pre-Covid peak, we are targeting full recovery in 2023," Doherty continued. "Irish whiskey tourism makes a substantial economic contribution to local communities around Ireland, particularly in rural areas.

"Based on previous assessments conducted in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland, we assess that tourists spent more than €40 million (US\$43.48m) in local communities linked to visits to distilleries."

The survey indicated that more than 200,000 bottles of Irish whiskey were purchased from distillery gift shops in 2022. The IWA said this highlights the importance of the channel for the sale of premium Irish whiskey to visitors and tourists.

Doherty added: "The IWA is supporting the growth of Irish whiskey tourism through our Irish Whiskey 360° tourism initiative and we wish to acknowledge the great support from Tourism Ireland, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland, as well as the support of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, in funding effort to promote distilleries in rural communities."

Irish Whiskey 360° is an industry-led platform to promote Irish whiskey tourism, featuring distilleries and brand homes with visitor experiences. The www.IrishWhiskey360.ie website contains details and maps on distilleries and regions to visit.

Doherty concluded: "It is expected that at least 26 Irish whiskey distilleries will be open to visitors in 2023, directly employing over 400 people."



Murray McDavid unveils rebrand

Murray McDavid has unveiled a rebrand in their presentation, with a major emphasis on sustainability going forward. The Scotch whisky brand's old tin tubes are to be replaced with recyclable and lighter cardboard cartons, said to be marking the start of a new chapter for the 30-year-old company.

The design rebrand also sees a new bottle shape and a bolder label design, with the design of secondary packaging has retained Murray McDavid's six core colours to stay true to the traditions of the brand's look.

Another aspect of the change is the inclusion of the West Highland White Terrier to the new bespoke cork stopper, label and carton. Murray McDavid's head of whisky creations, Dean Jode, commented: "Aceo's first rebrand of Murray McDavid was eight years ago, so we felt now was the right time for a re-fresh. By addressing the brand's carbon footprint and advances in packaging technologies, we have been able to accentuate the brand's craft features of authenticity and quality, whilst improving shelf presence and relevance with our target markets – capturing our unconventional and bold-spirited exuberance."

The rebrand will be supported by an ATL and BTL media campaign, widely available from this month in both on-trade and specialist outlets. 24 January 2023 - Bradley Weir

Drizly reveals best-selling celebrity spirits

25 JANUARY 2023 By Nicola Carruthers

Diageo-owned Casamigos is the top-selling Tequila and celebrity-backed spirits brand on US alcohol e-commerce platform Drizly.



George Clooney is one of the co-founders of Casamigos Tequila, which he later sold to Diageo

Within the spirits category on Drizly to date, the best-selling celebrity-backed brands are: Casamigos, Ciroc Vodka, Teremana Tequila, 818

Tequila, Código 1530 Tequila, Aviation Gin, and Proper No. Twelve Irish Whiskey.

Tequila holds a 19% share of the spirits category on Drizly in 2022, up from 18% in 2021, 15% in 2020 and 13% from 2019.

In 2022, George Clooney-founded Casamigos held a 22% share of the Tequila segment on Drizly, the leading on-demand alcohol marketplace in the US.

The brand, which was [sold to Diageo in 2017](#) in a US\$1 billion deal, experienced 6% growth in share from 2020 on the platform, and 56% growth in share from 2018.

Casamigos nearly doubled its volumes to reach 2.2 million nine-litre cases in 2021, just a year after it surpassed the million-case mark for the first time, according to [Brand Champions 2022 data](#).

Casamigos Blanco, Casamigos Reposado, and Casamigos Añejo sits in the top five sellers of its respective subcategory.

The brand's most expensive style, añejo, is the second-best selling añejo Tequila on Drizly after Don Julio 1948.

Teremana, founded by actor Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson and [part-owned by Mast-Jägermeister](#), is the ninth best-selling Tequila brand on Drizly to date.

The brand experienced 11% growth in share on Drizly from 2021 to 2022 in the Tequila category, and 56% growth in share from 2020 to 2021.

Model Kendall Jenner's 818 brand reported 80% growth in share from 2021 to 2022 in the Tequila category on the platform.

Launched in May 2021, the Tequila brand's president recently confirmed it had [hit its first full-year target](#).

Código 1530, co-founded by country music star George Strait, saw a 20% increase in share within Drizly's Tequila segment from 2020 to 2022.

Pernod Ricard [purchased a majority stake](#) in the brand in October last year.

Category performance

For the last two years, Ryan Reynolds-backed Aviation Gin has held a 9% share of the gin category on Drizly. The [Diageo-owned brand](#) dropped one percentage point in share from 2020.

Aviation is the third top-selling gin brand to date on Drizly's platform.

Diageo-owned Ciroc, supported by rapper Sean 'Diddy' Combs, is the ninth top-selling vodka brand on Drizly. It holds a 3% share of vodka sales on Drizly.

The brand experienced a 4% growth in share from 2020 and 24% growth in share from 2018.

The top celebrity-backed whisk(e)ys on Drizly include: Proper No. Twelve, American whiskeys Heaven's Door, Brother's Bond and Blackened, and Canadian whisky Mercer + Prince.

Professional fighter Conor McGregor's Proper No. Twelve brand had a 3% share of the Irish whiskey category on Drizly in 2022, 2021 and 2020. The brand was [sold to Jose Cuervo owner Beclé](#) in a US\$600m deal in April 2021.

[Pernod Ricard-backed Bumbu Rum](#), which has rapper Lil Wayne as an investor, holds a 2% share of all rum sold on Drizly. The brand saw a 55% growth in share from 2020 and 466% growth in share from 2018.

Musician [Bruno Mars' Selvarey brand](#) experienced a 80% growth in share last year, compared to 2021, in the rum segment on Drizly.

Ten to One, [co-owned by singer Ciara](#), reported a 183% growth in share from 2021 to 2022 in rum sales on Drizly.

In 2023 to date, two celebrity brands rank in the top five best-selling brands on Drizly for the mezcals subcategory, Casamigos (number 3) and Dos Hombres (number 5), the latter of which was founded by *Breaking Bad* stars Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul.

In Drizly's *2022 Retail Report*, 54% of retailers cited 'celebrity owned' as a type of product they intentionally stock.

"Our retail partners have reported that 'celebrity owned' is an important product attribute when it goes to what they're intentionally stocking," said Liz Paquette, Drizly's head of consumer insights.

"In fact, 54% retailers from Drizly's annual *Retail Report* cited star power as the special product attribute that matters most.

"Celebrity backing and the built-in marketing platform that comes with celebrity backing certainly plays a role in popularity.

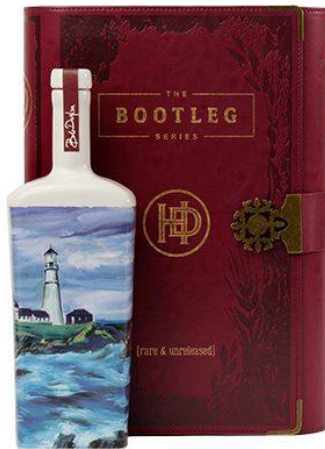
"However, the overall quality of the product remains important for overall staying power. Casamigos is a great example of this as it has become the number-one Tequila brand on Drizly."

New research has found that Diageo's spirits portfolio features in [nearly 80% of US venues](#).

Heaven's Door uses Islay casks for Bourbon

26 JANUARY 2023 By Nicola Carruthers

American whiskey brand Heaven's Door, co-founded by Bob Dylan, has expanded its Bootleg Series with the release of an 11-year-old Bourbon finished in Islay whisky casks.



Heaven's Door's 11-year-old wheated Bourbon was matured in Islay Scotch casks for 12 months

Dylan [launched the Heaven's Door brand](#) in April 2018 in collaboration with Angel's Envy Bourbon founder Marc Bushala.

Heaven's Door Spirits has released Bootleg Series Vol IV, an 11-year-old wheated Bourbon, as part of the brand's rare Bootleg whiskey range.

The Bourbon spent almost a year in seasoned Scotch casks from Islay to impart peat notes.

The resulting liquid offers a nose of toasted marshmallow, sandalwood, sugar plums, marzipan and creamed corn. The palate follows with hints of 'winter campfire, mesquite barbecue, leather, piped tobacco, cedar and bone marrow'.

The 55.5% ABV whiskey is housed in a leather case.

GlenAllachie creates Cuvée cask whisky

27 JANUARY 2023 By Alice Brooker

The GlenAllachie Distillery has introduced its 2012 Vintage Cuvée Wine Cask Finish, a combination of Scotch whiskies aged in casks sourced from four European fine wineries.



The 2012 by The GlenAllachie Distillery is a blend of four whiskies 'Cuvée' is a term used in the wine sector to describe a blend that typically comprises more than one variety of grape.

The nine-year-old whisky sees a marriage of single malt finished in casks that previously held four varieties of premium European ex-red

wines (Languedoc, Recioto Della Valpolicella and two undisclosed premier cru classés).

[Master blender Billy Walker](#) said: "As an impassioned wine enthusiast, devising a Cuvée has been nothing short of a dream project. I'm fortunate to have longstanding relationships with premium wine producers across Europe which has opened doors for us to create a whisky with intricate charm.

"As a blender at heart, identifying wine styles that would sit well together and capture distinctive qualities presented an enjoyable challenge. They say, 'never mix grape and grain', but I say this marriage is a match made in heaven."

After its initial maturation in American oak ex-Bourbon barrels, the liquid underwent 20 months of ageing in the various wine barriques in the distillery's on-site warehouses.

The casks were obtained by Walker from four fine wineries in France and Italy, followed by its blending to form the Cuvée Wine Cask Finish.

While the Languedoc casks imparted notes of red fruits, sweet spices and garden herbs, the Recioto Della Valpolicella, from Verona, Italy, delivered flavours of ripe cherries, coconut shavings, liquorice, and raspberry coulis.

In addition, the premier cru classé wood presents blackcurrant, espresso coffee and wild truffle notes.

Bottled at 48% ABV, the 2012 Vintage retails for RRP £53.99 (US\$65.54) and can be purchased from global specialist retailers.

SMWS celebrates 40th anniversary

02 FEBRUARY 2023 By Georgie Collins

Edinburgh-based The Scotch Malt Whisky Society (SMWS) has launched a year-long series of activities in celebration of its 40th anniversary.



The SMWS is closing in on 40,000 members

Founded by Pip Hills in 1983, The SMWS was initially curated to be 'a whisky club started for a lark'.

Hills explained: "At the time, most of the Scotch whisky industry was very dull and most of the whisky wasn't up to much.

"I had had no great liking for whisky, but when I first tried whisky drawn straight from a cask, it was an epiphany – this whisky tasted astonishing and quite unlike any whisky I'd drunk before. I shared some with my friends and they loved it too, so it seemed like a good idea to share it with more people.

"When we started the society and began to share the 'secret' of single cask whisky with others, there's no doubt that we began to alter people's attitudes, so that they came to see that behind the branded sameness of Scotch whisky there lay a world of variety and interest, as well as a drink that tasted a lot better than what they were used to."

Despite being told by industry experts that Hill's idea of a whisky club would never work, the company now boasts 30 global branches, including spaces in China, Australia and the US.

In addition, the club has more than 100 partner bars worldwide, has bottled whisky from more than 180 different distilleries, and has in excess of 37,000 members.

The SMWS is owned by The Artisanal Spirits Company (ASC).

A year of celebrations

To mark the milestone, the SMWS has announced a year-long series of special releases, events, collaborations and happenings, all inspired by its founder's unorthodox outlook.

The company will also launch a collection of commemorative bottles and special releases for the 40th year, as well as innovative creations including a chilli-tinged whisky, collaborations with a 'thrill engineer', and a 'top secret' world-record attempt.

The SMWS will also launch a new podcast series, and will assemble its first female-only tasting panel to select future releases.

Furthermore, the year of celebrations will include the release of a special short film about its origins, documenting the whisky epiphany Hills experienced when he first sampled single cask whisky at an Aberdeenshire farm.



Founder Pip Hills started the SMWS 'for a lark'

Other plans include the release of more Sherry-cask matured whiskies, and new releases from distilleries the society has never bottled from before.

Andrew Dane, CEO, ASC, said: "They say 'mighty oaks from little acorns grow' and that is true of the society's story."

"It's incredible to think that a small gathering of pals sharing single cask whisky in Edinburgh has grown into this worldwide club. It seems apt that in our 40th year, we are closing in on reaching 40,000 members, worldwide."

"As we enter our fifth decade, we're incredibly excited. Our spirits team is hard at work seeking out incredible casks and we continue to bring people together to explore the flavours of whisky and create new friendships."

"Our members and adventurous whisky fans looking to join the society can expect to see a few surprises during our 40th anniversary year. Watch this space."

Baileys debuts Vanilla Mint Shake liqueur

03 FEBRUARY 2023 By Nicola Carruthers

Diageo-owned Baileys liqueur has released a limited edition vanilla and mint-flavoured variant ahead of St Patrick's Day (17 March) in the US.



Baileys has gone green for its latest limited edition liqueur, created for St Patrick's Day celebrations

Baileys Vanilla Mint Shake Irish Cream Liqueur was created to commemorate the brand's roots in Ireland, which dates back to 1974. Made with flavours of mint, vanilla and a hint of chocolate, the new liqueur is recommended served in an adult milkshake, as a chilled shot or over ice cream.

The Irish cream liqueur brand described the new expression as an 'adult twist on a classic treat, perfect for any St Patrick's Day celebration'.

"This St Patrick's Day, Baileys is going minty green for the first time ever," said Sophie Kelly, senior vice-president of whiskies and liqueurs, Diageo North America.

"We are absolutely thrilled to provide a new delicious indulgence for everyone's annual celebrations."

"St Patrick's Day is always a time when people come together to have a bit of fun and toast to the Emerald Isle, and we hope this year it's with the decadent Baileys Vanilla Mint Shake."

Baileys Vanilla Mint Shake is available for a limited time across the US for RRP US\$24.99 per 750ml bottle. It has an ABV of 17%.

The [world's biggest-selling liqueur brand](#) has released a number of limited edition expressions over the past few years, including a [marshmallow-flavoured variant](#) inspired by s'mores, and a [coconut and pineapple-infused bottling](#).

Elements of Islay lands in US

06 FEBRUARY 2023 By Georgie Collins

Elixir Distillers-owned Elements of Islay has introduced its re-imagined core range of blended malt whiskies to the US.



All expressions are small-batch independently bottled whiskies that have been 'expertly' sourced

The brand has presented three permanent whiskies, each of which each has been created to capture the essence of Islay.

Oliver Chilton, Elixir Distillers' master blender, commented: "We're very excited to present a new, re-imagined core range of whiskies for Elements of Islay. The rich, smoky flavours make this unquestionably elemental and a great start to the Elements of Islay whisky journey."

"The blend combines fresher, fruitier style of peaty Islay single malt from the north coast with a typical rich and smoky style from Islay's south coast and has been matured in four different styles of casks to offer a complex but balanced whisky for enthusiasts and people looking to discover the incredible island of Islay."

"We already had an excellent reception in other markets and hope we'll introduce more US-based drinkers to the joy of Islay whiskies."

All expressions are small-batch independently bottled whiskies that have been 'expertly' sourced.

All are natural in colour and non-chill filtered, and have been inspired by a different element of maturation.

The first of the three bottlings is the Elements of Islay Cask Edit – a union of two single malts aged in Bourbon and Sherry casks, which creates a peaty Islay whisky resting at 46% ABV, and is priced at RRP £44.95 (US\$54.10).

On the 'bolder' side, the Elements of Islay Bourbon expression is matured in first-fill and refill Bourbon barrels, and is bottled at 54.5% ABV, which is

said to fully demonstrate the whisky's Islay-based personality. It retails for RRP £59.95 (US\$72.20).

The Elements of Islay Sherry Cask offers 'a synthesis of flavour' with notes of dried fruits, dark chocolate, lemon oil, and smoke.

Bottled at 54.5% ABV and priced at RRP £64.95 (US\$78.20), it aims to 'challenge the status of quo' of what it means to be an Islay whisky.

The expressions are aimed at 'curious whisky drinkers who have a desire to experience, taste and explore the unique flavours of Islay'.

The new Elements of Islay range will be available in the US from 1 March 2023 via distributor Impex.

Coffee Meets Whisky In Perfect Harmony With The Macallan's Latest Release

By [MICHAEL CHEANG](#) - Monday, 06 Feb 2023



The latest release in The Macallan's Harmony Collection is inspired by the Ethiopian Arabica coffee bean. – Photos: The Macallan
Coffee is usually not the first thing that comes to mind when you pop open a bottle of Scotch single malt whisky. Simply put, it's not one of the usual flavour profiles or tasting notes you would expect from a Scotch.

That is, until you taste the latest release from luxury whisky makers The Macallan's Harmony Collection, which draws inspiration from the world of coffee.

The Harmony Collection is a limited annual release series that explores The Macallan's future packaging journey, with each release featuring distinctive packaging that incorporates organic by-products and gives them new life.

The first whiskies in the series were last year's Rich Cacao and Fine Cacao, released earlier this year, both of which were inspired by chocolate. For its second edition, however, The Macallan has drawn inspiration from the world of coffee, with two unique expressions – The Macallan Harmony Collection Inspired By Intense Arabica and the travel-retail only The Macallan Harmony Collection Smooth Arabica, both of which were inspired by the Ethiopian Arabica coffee bean.

In line with the coffee theme, both new expressions are presented in beautifully crafted presentation boxes which incorporate repurposed coffee bean husks, a by-product in the coffee-making process. Paper

expert Michele Posocco from Italian paper mill Favini worked with The Macallan to create the innovative packaging.



The Macallan Whisky Maker Steven Bremner.

In order to create these whiskies, The Macallan Whisky Maker Steven Bremner immersed himself in the art of coffee by hosting a masterclass with world renowned coffee experts at The Macallan Estate, where he explored the incredible journey of coffee from field to cup, uncovering the unique process and distinct flavour profiles at each stage.

Among the coffee masters who shared their knowledge with Steven were Ethiopian coffee grower Kenen Asefa Dukamo, whose family works with the Arabica variety showcased by the whiskies; Scottish coffee roaster Lisa Lawson, a pioneer of speciality coffee in Scotland; and award-winning American barista Andrea Allen.

UK-based coffee artist Dhan Tamang crafted a range of coffee art, and shared his knowledge on the art of the perfect coffee serve and sensory perceptions, while leading coffee historian Professor Jonathan Morris provided an insight into the roots of coffee and how it became the global phenomenon it is today.



Bremner immersed himself in the art of coffee by hosting a masterclass with world renowned coffee experts at The Macallan Estate.

"There are many parallels between the approach to creating incomparable whisky and coffee," Bremner said in a press release. "Each requires unique skills and craftsmanship to achieve depth and complexity of taste and both worlds aim to deliver an extraordinary consumption experience."

To create the Intense Arabica, Bremner selected a harmonious combination of whiskies from American and European oak casks to achieve a tasting profile that is reminiscent of a sweet yet strong espresso coffee and has a higher ABV of 44%.

"To create the Intense Arabica, I sought out intense notes in The Macallan's traditional sherry seasoned European oak casks that would offer the rich and satisfying elements of coffee, with the influence of sherry seasoned American oak casks adding sweeter and softer vanilla notes for a balanced and rounded experience," Bremner explained.



“There are many parallels between the approach to creating incomparable whisky and coffee,” Bremner said.

The result is a whisky with a beautiful nose of tiramisù, cappuccino, gingerbread, raisins, almonds, sweet oak and vanilla. On the palate, the coffee notes really come through, with espresso and dark chocolates at the fore, followed by more of that tiramisù, as well as blackberry, vanilla, Brazil nut and sweet oak.



To create the Intense Arabica, Bremner selected a harmonious combination of whiskies from American and European oak casks to achieve a tasting profile that is reminiscent of a sweet yet strong espresso coffee. It then finishes with dark roast coffee flavours, a long, lingering

sensation that evokes the feeling of having that first cup of coffee in the morning.

Bremner added that both expressions are paired with two different variations of Ethiopian coffee, which accentuate the unique tasting notes within the whisky when enjoyed side by side.

But don't just take our word for it. Malaysian whisky lovers can taste the Macallan Harmony Collection Inspired by Intense Arabica for themselves at the “It's Coffee Time at The Macallan in Kuala Lumpur” event from 17 to 19 Feb (10am-7pm) at The Bookmark, APW Bangsar.

At the event, guests will go through a one-hour experience in which they will receive an experiential kit that consists of a dram of Harmony Collection Inspired by Intense Arabica, popcorn, and a cup of coffee.

Scotch exports hit £6 billion for first time

10 FEBRUARY 2023 By *Melita Kiely*

Global Scotch whisky exports exceeded £6 billion (US\$7.3bn) for the first time in 2022, the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) has confirmed.



Scotch whisky exports experienced a record-breaking year in 2022. Last year, the value of Scotch whisky exports grew by 37% to reach £6.2bn (US\$7.5bn).

The number of 700ml bottles exported also increased by 27% to 1.67bn.

[Mark Kent, chief executive of the SWA](#), said: “Passing £6bn in export value for the first time is a milestone, and testament to the work of our member companies and the tens of thousands of employees across Scotland and the UK supply chain who make Scotch Whisky a global success story of which we are rightly proud.”

India overtakes France

Furthermore, India replaced France as the biggest Scotch whisky market by volume with 60% growth in 2022. A total of 219 million bottles were exported to India in 2022, up from 136m in 2021. However, Scotch accounts for 2% of the whisky market in India.

The US remains the largest export destination by value, reaching £1.053bn (US\$1.3bn) in 2022 – up by 33% from £790m (US\$956m) in 2021. This marks the first time Scotch exports have exceeded £1bn in the US.

Asia Pacific is now the sector's biggest regional market, having surpassed the EU last year. This was attributed to double-digit growth in Taiwan, Singapore, India and China.

Blended Scotch whisky accounted for 59% of value exports overall, with single malts credited for 32% of exports by value.

Kent added: “In 2022, the industry benefited from the full re-opening of hospitality businesses in key global markets, as well as the return of global travel retail which opens such an important window for Scotch whisky to business and leisure travellers.

“Exports were also boosted by the [continued premiumisation trend](#), with consumers attracted to high-quality spirits like Scotch whisky, now often enjoyed in longer serves as well as the more traditional dram.”

Kent continued to highlight the benefits that would come from reduced tariffs in the [UK-India free trade deal](#).

He said: “Looking ahead, the industry will have to continue to navigate economic headwinds, including global inflationary pressures, domestic energy and business costs, and a reduction in consumer confidence.

“With the right support from our home governments, we remain confident that the industry can continue to deliver for the Scottish and wider UK economy.

“By reducing tariffs through the UK-India free trade agreement, continuing the duty freeze in the March budget, and ensuring the industry’s continued ability to advertise our world-class product in our home market, the Scottish and UK governments can count on the Scotch whisky industry to reinvest its success across the UK.”

Spirits sales hit record first in US

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For the first time spirits took the lead revenue share of alcoholic beverage sales in the US in 2022, the Distilled Spirits Council of the US (Discus) has revealed.



High-end Tequila is in demand in the US

Discus said spirits supplier sales in the US rose by 5.1% in 2022 to reach a record US\$37.6 billion. Volume sales grew by 4.8% to 305 million nine-litre cases.

The results marked the 13th consecutive year that spirits grew its market share of the total US beverage alcohol sector.

Spirits supplier sales rose by 0.8 share points to 42.1%, with each point equal to US\$890m in supplier revenue. This is the first time the category has surpassed beer, which holds 41.9% market share.

“Year after year, the spirits sector has slowly gained market share by staying focused on our consumers, delivering innovative, high-end products, and advocating to level the playing field for spirits, beer and wine products in the marketplace and legislative arena,” said Chris Swonger, Discus president and CEO.

During a Discus media briefing yesterday (9 February), Christine LoCascio, Discus chief of public policy and strategy, attributed the distilled sector’s success to three key drivers: premiumisation – particularly in American whiskey and Tequila; spirits-based ready-to-drinks (RTDs); and the ongoing recovery of the on-trade.

[Tequila overtook American whiskey](#) to become the second biggest-selling spirit category by value in 2022, according to IWSR Drinks Market Analysis, which expects the category to topple vodka from the top spot in 2023.

Discus noted the [top five spirits categories](#) by revenue between 2021-2022 were: vodka (US\$7.2bn, down 0.3%), Tequila and mezcal (US\$6.0bn, up by 17.2%), American whiskey (US\$5.1bn, up by 10.5%), brandy and Cognac (US\$3.1bn, down by 12.3%), and cordials (US\$2.9bn, up by 2.6%).



American whiskey is the third most valuable category in the US

The top five categories by volume during the same period, in million nine-litre-case sales, were: vodka (76.9m, down by 1.5%), cocktails and RTDs (50.3m, up by 37.4%), American whiskey (31.2m, up by 5.2%), Tequila and mezcal (29.9m, up by 11.5%), and rum (24.1m, down by 2.8%).

Premiumisation slows overall

LoCascio noted that the overall premiumisation trend slowed in 2022 due to the softening of the economy, but remained strong thanks to demand for high-end American whiskey, Tequila and mezcal.

She said: “More than 60% of the spirits sector’s total revenue was from sales of high-end and super-premium spirits, mainly led by Tequila and American whiskey.

“While many consumers are feeling the pinch from inflation and reduced disposable income, they are still willing to purchase that special bottle of spirits choosing to sip a little luxury and drink better, not more.”

LoCascio also highlighted that spirits-based RTDs comprise a small ‘but growing’ portion of the overall market, accounting for 13% of the total RTD market volume in 2022 – up from 8% in 2021.

The 15 Best Single Malt Scotches To Try In 2023

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With this week’s Burns Night, there’s no better time of year to raise a dram of Scotch whisky. Why not try one you’ve never sampled before? While there are more great Scotches than we can list, some are more commonly agreed to be must-try. Not every evening demands the rocket fuel adventure of bourbon — no, not even if the bottle is one of those special bourbons every collector needs to find. Some wintry nights you want to read poetry by the fire or enjoy a long, luxurious meal with friends. That’s a contemplative Scotch evening singing its allure to you. Heed its call.

In that spirit, here are 15 of those in a tasting tour of Scotland’s whisky-making regions, and if you’re not convinced of Scotch’s superiority, well ... We’re sorry for doing an exceptional job selling you on the best American whiskey brands to the exclusion of everything else. Consider this a chance to learn and grow.

Arran 10



Arran

Arran 10 is a masterful Scotch whisky, friends. As Reddit reviewer DramblingMan notes, it’s an intentional whisky from the braille on the label back to its first production steps. Non-chill-filtered, it packs a tropical cocktail of suggested tastes into the mix before a pastoral finish. If you have a friend who insists on a drop of water in every dram, this is the bottle to break out before supper, responding well to a splash that opens it up while also taming some of its wilder tendencies.

All this, and barely \$60 on Caskers, makes Arran 10 a truly trustworthy bottle to pounce on. Nobody’s walking away from Burns Supper disappointed after this one. Perhaps it’s because Arran is distilled twice using two types of copper pot stills. Or maybe it’s just the local water used to craft this Island single malt, as per master distiller James MacTaggart. Whatever the answer, Arran 10 is a deal that doesn’t disappoint.

Auchentoshan Three Wood



Auchentoshan

Auchentoshan is the Lowland region's only triple-distillation whisky maker (for now — there are several distilleries in development), but the three in Auchentoshan Three Wood refers to the bourbon and two types of sherry casks used to bring it fruition. And fruition is the word, friends; this Scotch mixes citrus, stone fruit, and dried vine fruits from nose to finish. That's not odd for a whisky, but it definitely steps out of line from the normally grassy Lowland profile.

Three Wood also bucks the Lowland trend with its boldness, which ... hunh. You know, thinking about it, this bottle resembles a Southern Highland, and Auchentoshan distillery does lie near enough to the region's border to make the case of crossover. But it's a change-up from a distillery known for its famously light and even delicate liquor.

Three Wood won't be for everyone. But for those who like their Scotch whisky sweet, spicy, and rich, here's your plum pudding in a bottle.

Balvenie Single Barrel 15 Sherry Cask



Balvenie

A single barrel is a funny thing. Like the age statement, it's no guarantee of quality, but it usually delivers on its promises because it's made the master distiller particularly proud. When a cask has so much going for it that a blend would bury its voice, expect something special.

So Speyside gives us this single malt Scotch whisky aged 15 years in a European oak sherry cask. (Though Whiskey Reviewer distinguishes the 350 bottles per cask from the non-sherry 15-year iteration, an even better yet rarer prize.) That means a mere 800 bottles, at most, exist for a given sherry Balvenie barrel. Balvenie assures you they're all close enough to enjoy, though, and enjoy you will because, on the company's advice, you can drink it however you like without missing out. You can't screw this one up unless you mix it into a cocktail, burying its nuance worse than any blending could ever do. (Though if you have something you don't mind mingling with softer drinks, there are some quality drinks to mix with whiskey.)

Balvenie is known for cask finishes that gave us the beloved 17 Doublewood, and frequently it ages its whisky to more mature depths. But there's a lot of feeling that the recent 21 doesn't land half as well as this 15. See? An age statement isn't everything.

Bowmore The Changeling 22-Year



Bowmore

Whisky aged in barrels that housed Earth's most luxurious wine. If that's got your attention, hang on.

Frank Quitely may become better known outside the comic book world once director James Gunn makes good on his nods to the artist's work on the "All-Star Superman" run. For now, whisky fans know Quitely as the artistic collaborator for Bowmore's ultra-premium releases: 2021's No Corners to Hide had both 23 and 32-year-old expressions, while 2022 saw the birth — or cradle swap — of The Changeling, available in 33 and a 22-year bottles. Though the artist is Glaswegian, he's illustrated two Islay myths befitting Bowmore, with more seemingly in the hopper.

Dressed in Quitely's art and matured after two decades in American oak, then in barriques of Royal Tokajji's sweet wine Essencia — Taste Hungary details this as an excessively rich variety — these Bowmores are fated for the auction and collector's circuits. Amid scant reviews, Whisky Base rates The Changeling a 90.36 out of 100. Lavish Life says bottles only appear at travel retail — presumably airport duty-free shops — with the 22 priced at \$440 and an on-the-nose \$3,300 for the 33-year. It's hard to imagine a whisky worth thousands, even if a perfect score, but it's the most devotedly Scottish product to pop open with friends around a fire before Burns Supper if you want to live exorbitantly one night a year.

Bruichladdich Black Art Edition 10.1



Bruichladdich

You can't pick a bad Bruichladdich. The distillery continues to impress with every expression, as well as its unbottled activities supporting employees and Islay's ecology, as detailed in Esquire.

Bruichladdich's premium products are highly sought after, so if you desire a sample more than a bottle, find a bar serving expensive pours of Octomore, the label that regularly shatters its own record for most-peated Scotch. Feeling fancy? Track down Bruichladdich Black Art Edition 10, wherein master distiller Adam Hannett shows his knowledge of the craft. This compendium of arcane knowledge thoroughly impresses — which explains why a bottle is going to run you about \$600 and up, according to Wine Searchers. That's still a deal if you believe the buzz that 2022's 29-year Black Art is the best expression yet. If you find a bar serving it for under \$50, that's the right price for a gift to yourself.

Don't despair if you can't go luxe; Bruichladdich's mainstays are spectacular. It's not Octomore, but the Port Charlotte lineup is smokier than most whiskies out there at 40 ppm. It also appears in the Islay Barley domestic terroir project, explained by The Whiskey Wash. Its peatiness is a perfect pairing for the best cuts of pork to smoke, assuming you're not serving a haggis. But probably that too.

Bunnahabhain 12 Year



Bunnahabhain

We confess to some strong favoritism towards Islay. Can you blame us? The far-flung island is outsized in whisky esteem. If you want to go premium, there are many options, but when the base product is this good, you don't have to. Enjoy the moment's where the extraordinary is accessible. The classic Bunnahabhain 12 Year has been straightforward and satisfying for four decades and counting, delivering more of a Highland profile than the typical peat-monster Islay flavor. You'll still get that smoke, but it's the entry point for open-minded mainland enthusiasts. It's a standout that both live up to what Scotch should be and defies its origins to surprise and delight, all for a reasonable price.

If it turns out your guests like that smoke after all, crank it up with the peated Moine. You may even save a few bucks by comparing its price to the identical Staoishe, according to Reddit.

Glenmorangie Signet



Glenmorangie

Glenmorangie Signet is not only unlike any other Scotch but any spirit you care to name. This Highland concoction is expensive, but if you're saving and savoring, it will bring you years of delight on special occasions. The powerful coffee profile gives way to dessert tones, making it oddly proficient as either aperitif or digestif. With as much variety as Highland Scotch offers, this is still beyond the pale.

Glenmorangie Signet's blend is aged up to 40 years, though lacking an age statement; The Whiskey Jug puts most of it at a much more manageable 15 years while noting for Glenmorangie, it's more about hitting the taste, not time requirements. Higher-end Glenmorangie tends to succeed on more familiar points. Signet is where it gets weird, and you can't put a price on that. But if you could, it would be about \$246 for a bottle on Drizly. Costly, or a discount on a one-of-a-kind, top-scoring whisky?

Glenfarclas 105 Cask Strength



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Confused by the 105 number on a 60% ABV? You're not worse at math than you were two whiskies ago. Scottish distilleries use a different proof ratio than the U.S. doubling. You'll multiply the ABV percent by $1\frac{3}{4}$, according to Scotch Whisky.

You can get a bottle of this very-sherry darling for \$100 after a long word-of-mouth boost settles down enough for inflation to catch up. One can praise Glenfarclas 105's endless sherriness as just the thing for Christmas pleasure while echoes of chocolates and fruits sleigh beyond the sherry ad infinitum. It's rich and sweet, fruity and spicy, hot and bold ... a cozy, if bumpy, sleigh ride of a drink. A happy Scotch drinker indulges it like an old friend well worth two figures.

By Glenfarclas's advice, you'll want to open it up with a drop. Your tongue will thank you as new flavors emerge, revealing the depths that issued them while alleviating some burn. Whiskey Reviewer, praising the nuance behind the punch, disagrees and feels the water diminishes its victories. Decide for yourself.

Glenfiddich Grand Cru



Glenfiddich

Glenfiddich is on a luxury tear with the Gran/Grand/Grande line. The high-premium series is aged in different barrels of other origins to give their contents strong streaks of, say, tropic rum. Or, in Grand Cru's case, the French cuvée barrels where the spirit finished after 23 years spent developing in American and European oak casks.

The differences enumerated in Esquire's profile of each expression's taste exhibit different luxury profiles. Some of us might not be able to afford Grande Couronne, but once in our lives. But let's say you want to get wild elegantly and are willing to pay for the experience. Then Grand Cru is perfectly situated to take you to the Continent for a night of adventure. It's about \$300, has a 23-year age statement, and is absolutely a better gift than a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue you were told makes the best gift. (Besides, Johnnie Green is the better buy in the line.)

Glenlivet 21



Glenlivet

Glenlivet is Scotland's oldest legal distillery, a fact which sounds like the horn of adventure calling us to find the illegal ones. But no moonshine still that's weathered two centuries can bring with it the mystique of this stuff.

While Glenlivet 25 is almost inarguably a finer whisky, we recommend Glenlivet 21 for this list. It's like the younger sibling with a more colorful personality. Either expression is like drinking silk and butter, but Glenlivet 25 will confirm your ideas of what Speyside Scotch should be, whereas 21 will challenge it. The briny 25-year tastes like a lot more than four years' difference in development, but the 21 — by turning salty, sweet, soft, and oak the way it ought to appear — will make you pause and look at the drink in your hand. It's a Scotch with the wisdom to know better and the vivacious spirit to do it anyway. You'll need \$340 to acquire a bottle from Caskers, but trust us; it is worth it if this is your one splurge whisky of the year.

Kilchoman Sanaig



Kilchoman

We're not going to apologize for Islay running this list when we couldn't even choose between Kilchoman's Sanaig and the peatier Loch Gorm. In the end, we went with the more balanced bottle because, apparently, some of you reprobates don't appreciate a mouthful of peat. Well, here's the

bottle that can bring you into it steadily and gladly. This able peatiness is evocative of barbecue, despite sherry trappings. Both labels are reasonably priced to the standard \$75 range for Islay imports, plus or minus a sawbuck, and both satisfy deeply, depending on your tastes.

Aged in bourbon casks, finished in sherry, and bringing smoky bacon and dried fruit combinations, Sanaig is an experimental outlay compared to the standard Port Machir's example of what Islay is. It's the more experimental band you get into once you follow your tastes in the algorithm. That's always going to create some naysayers. Anything interesting enough to differentiate itself is bound to alienate a few. But for those who stay, the taste may strike you as an equivalent to your beloved garage band.

It's the bottle knowledgeable liquor clerks recommend to fans of other Islays because Kilchoman's line will illuminate where your true tastes lie.

Lagavulin 11 Offerman Edition



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Macallan has James Bond. Johnnie Walker has Game of Thrones. Lagavulin has ... Ron Swanson. Or, more accurately, it has Nick Offerman, who is distinguishable from Ron Swanson in many ways but shares a love of Lagavulin. In fact, Offerman embodies all the best elements of his character from Parks & Recreation while possessing none of the latter's foibles. The soft-spoken, big-stick-mill-working carpenter and actor received the affections of a generation looking for its knowledgeable uncle, then introduced fine Scotch to their many Millennial minds.

Just as there's more nuance to Offerman than Swanson, so there is to this special edition of their mutually beloved Scotch. Because Offerman is also a fan of Guinness, Caskers says this batch came of age for four months in barrels previously containing the Irish stout. Like the Arran 10, it's double distilled in a wash and spirit stills. What could have been a gimmicked bottle has proven its worth among reviewers.

This is another pricy bottle in the mid-\$200s. But that also makes it the perfect expenditure for a gathering of beloved friends. Its flavor is bracing yet complex: no surprise in Islay whiskies or the Offerman brand.

The Macallan Double Cask 18 Year



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If you don't have several grand in your pocket for the M series, which rests atop a steep incline to a 30-year costing several thousand dollars, then please consider The Macallan Double Cask 18. Aged in American oak for pleasant baking flavors, then European oak for a spicier element, it's the proud owner of a sugary taste map resembling a blondie.

The big question is whether this \$350-ish bottle is worth the ticket to ride. We certainly think so and would call it an absolute must-try in terms that recommend the bottle over a glass at the bar. If you need to hedge that bet, Uproxx asked the same thing and concluded this is a stunning 95 out of 100, dinging the barley juice only for its technical perfection, lacking any surprises. That is a fair point, but to be somebody's perfection, you have to be someone else's failure. The Macallan has gone the route of being a clear winner to all, with that baseline success served by its unimpeachable strength.

Oban 18 Year



Oban

If you can get your mitts on 2008's Oban 18, then Scotch lovers alike will be proud of you for making the right choice and spending your money wisely. (Caskers reckons it'll cost nearly \$200 to obtain a bottle, and it's been slowly but steadily rising since Drinkhacker gave this bottle an A- for its smoky fruitcake flavor.) The micro-distillery is one of Scotland's oldest, yet it sent this lovely bottle to a States-exclusive release. How thoughtful! Also, appropriate, since this adult beverage matured in American oak barrels that formerly housed bourbon, making its release a swell cultural exchange program, as so many 18-year-olds undertake at that age. (Although they can only drink this bottle legally in Scotland, where they won't find a bottle of Oban 18 — oh! The painful irony.)

In the interests of fair reportage, The Dramble agrees quite a bit with Drinkhacker about the profile but adds in some herbal findings before concluding that its quality doesn't quite meet its price point and deducts a few more points for leaving potential on the table. Oban 18's a strong candidate for a tumbler at the bar, where overpriced means a \$5 difference instead of a \$50 one. With fewer than 9,000 bottles produced, and many of those now consumed, it's worth trying while you can.

Talisker 10



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Suppose you had six grand for the 44-year-old Forests of the Deep release; what a happy Scotch drinker you'd be! The rest of us make do with Talisker 10 because "settling for" certainly doesn't describe this bottle of Island magic. Anyway, the bottle still credits the sea with imbuing its finest qualities, which speak to almost all tastes. While Island Scotches are technically part of the Highland region, they're such standouts in flavor and distinction that their distilleries' recognizability argues for a separate identity. Talisker 10 is a whisky entirely in its own class.

One can appreciate how Talisker steps boldly into big flavors with deft integration. This sipper is a dance, not a march. The taste of the beach is a continuously repeated theme through reviews, as Talisker 10 ably suggests tropical fruits with seafood on the tongue. Sounds like ceviche to us. The estimable DrinkHacker rates it an A- which is no slouching grade at a mere \$40, but does recommend you lean towards bottlings older than the current spate. Take a recommendation to enjoy it after dinner with friends. It'll cleanse the palate.

Read More: <https://www.tastingtable.com/1180634/the-best-single-malt-scotches-to-try/>

Reservation policy

- The agreement with the Kitchen's requires that we provide five (5) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation five (5) 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 19th, 2022 dinner date as an example:
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 29th, 2022. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com) in the form of an e-transfer. 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).
 - Once payment is received I will send a confirmation and your seat will be guaranteed reserved.
 - An RSVP only does not guarantee the seat and if there is a waiting list, you run the risk of losing your seat.
 - Unless otherwise stated accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 9th, 2022 @ 6pm or until capacity is achieved.
 - Please keep in mind until further notice our maximum attendance will be capped at 40. So delays run the risk of you missing out.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 9th, 2022 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
- Anyone canceling between Friday September 9th, 2022 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2021 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$100). 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, 2022 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$100). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$110).
- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 9th, 2022 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2022 their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Dinner Payments

- Please consider sending your payment by e-transfer to me at: rdifazio04@gmail.com prior to the dinner. The password will be "KSMS2023RDF", 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.

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.

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.



Membership and Dinner prices for 2022-2023

Membership Fee:	\$50 (singles) \$75 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$100 (member) \$110 (guest)



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