

IRENE'S PUB SCOTCH WHISKY MENU

ISLAY SINGLE MALTS

Ardbeg 10 Year Old

Jim Murray's 2008 World Whisky of the year! Ardbeg 10 year old is revered around the world as the peatiest, smokiest, most complex single malt of them all. Yet it does not flaunt the peat; rather it gives way to the natural sweetness of the malt to produce a whisky of perfect balance. Non chill-filtered to a strength of 46%ABV for maximum flavour giving more body and added depth. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is smoke, brine and iodine. The body is medium to full but very firm, and skips sweetly along the palate and then becomes mean and moody. The finish is hefty with lots of iodine

Bowmore 12 Year Old

The heart of the Bowmore range, the 12 years old exhibits some beautiful coastal notes with a gentle peat, it is the balance that the floral element presents that makes this a great entry level Bowmore. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is very floral, lots of peat and smoky heather, ash, hay, coastal, zesty orange. The palate is lovely and rounded, perfumed smoke, coastal element develops. Dark peat, blossom, oily sweetness. The finish is long and very smoky, with hints of Sea spray, dry grass, ash and citrus .

Buichladdich Laddie Classic Edition 1

A Single Malt Blend of different vintages, Laddie Classic makes a full release of American Oak matured whisky, crafted by Master Distiller Jim McEwan to exhibit the true, classic flavours of Buichladdich, distilled from unpeated barley. The distillers are calling this 'The essential Buichladdich'. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is Ocean breeze with toasted cereal and smoky toffee? The palate is of fresh fruit, tannin, peat and smoke with a hint of spice. Finishing with a slightly oily texture, very long lasting, spice soon turns to sweet caramel. A well rounded dram to sip and savour.

Buichladdich Organic

The colour of Buichladdich Organic is pale lemon yellow and the nose is youthful, fresh & vibrant. There is a lovely, appetizing combination of aromas – first there are malty cereals and then fresh green fruit (pears & apples) and vanilla, dried grass, honey and some distinct almonds. On the palate it is light, delicate and fresh with a zestiness of lemons that makes you want more. Through this comes prominent notes of vanilla, robust cereals, pear, honey and wood spice (cinnamon). The finish is short with sweetness to begin and malty cereals then the flavour disappears to leave the burn of youthful alcohol in the mouth. This is a refreshing and delicate whisky where the quality of the barley and the casking used in maturation shines through.

Lagavulin 16 Year Old

A much sought-after single malt with the massive peat-smoke that is typical of southern Islay – but also offering a dryness that turns into a truly interesting dram. Truly a benchmark Islay Scotch Whisky from Lagavulin Distilleries. *TASTING NOTES:* One of the smokiest noses from Islay.. It's big very concentrated, and redolent of iodine, sweet spices, good, mature sherry, and creamy vanilla. Stunning. Very thick and rich on the palate. A massive mouthful of malt and good fruity sweetness, big, powerful peat and oak. Long spicy finish, with fig, dates, peat smoke and vanilla.

ISLAY SINGLE MALTS (cont'd)

Laphroaig 10 Year Old

Really Smoky and iodine rich. This has to be one of Scotland's most characterful drams. Laphroaig are known for their medicinal malts, and the classic 10 year old is no exception. *TASTING NOTES:* A wonderfully rich nose of tarry peat with a distinguished salt tang. A big body of peat on the palate, delicately smoked with notes of barley, oats, rich in character with a pleasant, lingering medicinal quality which draws out long into its caramel driven and dry, smoky finish.

Laphroaig Quarter Cask

Released in 2004, this bottling was aged for five years before being finished in a quarter cask for seven months, the size of the cask is quite small, thus does not require such a long maturation. This is truly a great achievement from Laphroaig. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is rich and pungent with a muscular weight. The coastal influence is clear and paves the way for an influx of charred wood notes with tar, oil and charcoal. Hints of sweetness with a little herbal, floral note and a touch of nutty chocolate. The palate is softer than one expects with a firmness. The peat is omnipresent with a medicinal overtone. Notes of burnt sugar and toffee with a dry smoke. The finish is long and medicinal with a touch of warm creosote and dry cereal.

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALTS

Dalwhinnie 15 Year Old

One of the highest of all Highland distilleries, Dalwhinnie produces a welcoming gentle spirit that's full of character. Smooth and soft with heather, honey and delicate spice, creamy not dry. A single malt with smoothness and depth that benefits from a full 15 years of aging. *TASTING NOTES:* A big, crisp, dry and very aromatic nose with hints of heather and peat and a light to medium body. Smooth and soft on the palate with lasting flavours of heather, honey sweetness and vanilla followed by deeper citrus-fruit flavours and hints of malted bread. Long lingering surprisingly intense finish that starts sweetly, then gives way to smoke, peat and malt

Glenmorangie 10 Year Old

A ten year old single malt, Glenmorangie Original is produced by marrying the delicate spirit that emerges from Scotland's tallest stills, with first and second fill American white oak casks. It is here, maturing for ten long years in a range of ex-bourbon casks such as their famous slow-grown and air-dried 'designer casks' from Missouri, that the raw spirit develops a perfect balance between sweetness and complexity. Resulting in a spirit that is soft, mellow and creamy. *TASTING NOTES:* The scent of citrus and ripening peaches is softened by the aroma of vanilla. At first taste, vanilla is detected on the tongue before it ripples along the palate bringing a burst of flowery fruitiness. About a minute after tasting, you are left with a clean and salving aftertaste with hints of orange and peach.

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALTS(cont'd)

Oban 14 Year Old

A bustling seaside resort has grown up around the distillery in the two centuries since it was first built in the fishing town of Oban. The West Highland malt is still produced in the same unhurried, traditional fashion and this 14 year old is a classic dram from this distillery. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is rich and smoky. The medicinal notes are quite evident with hints of sea, seaweed and tarry ropes. There are notes of cut hay and wood smoke rising with a gentle sweetness. The smoke wafts with notes of seaweed. The oak is quite rich with grist and cereal and malt. The finish is of good length with fruit and dry oak.

Talisker 10 Year Old (Isle of Skye)

On the shores of Loch Harport, Talisker is Skye's only distillery. Producing a wonderfully powerful and award winning Island malt bottled at above average strength.

TASTING NOTES: A rich dried-fruit sweetness with clouds of smoke and strong barley-malt flavours, warming and intense. At the back of the mouth is an explosion of pepper. It has a huge long peppery finish with an appetizing sweet finish .

JURA SINGLE MALTS

Isle of Jura Superstition

A union of two Jura malt whisky styles: one bold, strong and peated, the other warm and delicate. Superstition is a unique whisky created from the marriage of traditional Islay style peated barley and a selection of aged malts. *TASTING NOTES:* Nose has light delicate phenolic aromas with strong honey, spice, and cinnamon overtones. Palate, add a little water and the delicate peat smoke will fill your mouth mixed with honey and spices. Long lasting balanced finish

ORKNEY SINGLE MALTS

Highland Park 12 Year Old (Orkney Islands)

The first proprietary bottling of Highland Park single malt Scotch whisky was as a 12 year old in 1979. It remains the core expression of the Highland Park range and is a smooth, balanced single malt, with a rich full flavour and a gentle smoky finish. *TASTING NOTES:* Heather-honey sweetness and peaty smokiness on the nose with a rich full flavour and a gentle smoky finish. Rounded smoky sweetness and full malt delivery on the palate. With a teasing, heathery, subtle smoke. Delicious. Take the time to appreciate the nose of Highland Park 12 and you'll discover the characteristic honey sweetness followed by fruit – maybe pineapple, apple or pear. On the palate it is drying and leaves a gentle smoky feeling that just keeps on going.

Scapa 16 Year Old (Orkney Islands)

Relaunched in 2008 the distillers described this as sweet and silky-smooth heather-honey taste, perfectly balanced with delicate spice. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose offers apricots and peaches, nougat and mixed spices with heavy butterscotch sweetness. Medium bodied with caramel and spice notes in the mouth with wild heather and honey, perfectly balanced. The finish is medium in length and gingery with fat buttery notes emerging at the end, very rich. A smooth and full-bodied single malt.

SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALTS

The Balvenie DoubleWood 12 Year Old

The Balvenie DoubleWood is a 12 year old single malt which gains its distinctive character from being matured in two woods. Over its period of maturation it is transferred from a traditional oak whisky cask to a first fill European oak sherry cask. Each stage lends different qualities to the resulting single malt – the traditional casks soften and add character whilst the sherry wood brings depth and fullness of flavour.

TASTING NOTES: The nose has sweet fruit and Oloroso sherry notes, layered with honey and vanilla. It is smooth and mellow and beautifully combined flavours of nutty sweetness, cinnamon spiciness and a delicately proportioned layer of sherry on the palate with a long and warming finish.

Glenfiddich 12 Year Old

The original, signature single malt Scotch whisky has matured for at least 12 years in American and European oak casks. The quality of these casks is exceptional as all are individually tended by an experienced team of coopers, ensuring its whisky develops complex, elegantly rounded flavours with notes of fresh pear and subtle oak. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is fruit and fresh with the distinct scent of green apples, pear, buttery honey and a touch of wood and almond paste. The body is smooth and soft and presents toasted, nutty flavours along with almond, pear and a touch of cloves. The green apples come back for a final farewell on this medium-short finish.

Glenlivet 12 Year Old

Two centuries ago, the illicit whisky from the remote and wild region of Glenlivet was sought after for its smooth and characterful qualities. The defining fruity ‘pineapple’ note

From the sma’ stills lives on to this day in George Smith’s definitive legacy of The Glenlivet. The Single Malt That Started It All. *TASTING NOTES:* Exquisite delicacy of summer-like fragrances interlacing floral and fruity aromas. A sensuous touch of exotic fruit notably, pineapple. A light, to medium firm smooth body. The palate is flowery, peachy with notes of vanilla. A delicate balance between sweetness and malty dryness with a long gently warming finish.

Glenrothes Select Reserve

Select Reserve is a vatting of casks distilled in different years. It has been crafted to typify all that is The Glenrothes in its early prime. What is known as the ‘House Style’.

Laden with ripe fruits, citrus, vanilla and hints of spice, The Select Reserve is the essence, the very heart of The Glenrothes range in terms of taste and flavour. From this expression all other Vintages are born.

TASTING NOTES: With a bouquet of American oak, vanilla, coconut and a hint of plum. The palate has a full malty flavour, medium sweet with tastes of vanilla and orange zest. The finish is long and slightly spicy.

The Macallan 12 Year Old

This rich gold, single malt Scotch comes from one of the Highland’s most respected whisky distilleries. The secret of The Macallan lies in defiant adherence to traditional methods and ingredients. The continued use of the finest Golden Promise barley and the insistence of the finest oak casks are just two of the pre-requisites for perfection. *TASTING NOTES:* Aged twelve years, this spirit has an enticing nose of vanilla, ginger, dried fruit, sherry sweetness and wood smoke. The palate is deliciously smooth with flavours of rich dried fruit, balanced with wood smoke and spice. The finish carries notes of sweet toffee and dried fruit along with the balancing smokiness.

SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT (cont'd)

The Singleton of Glendullan 12 Year Old

The Singleton of Glendullan is a fine malt, nicely sherried and surprisingly oaky for a 12 year old. The gingery quality is unique and pleasant with a nice balance between fruit and wood notes. *TASTING NOTES:* At first whiff, a pretty winey, sherried nose. Hints of rum-raisin cake and pear cider. More oak than expected and scents of tannin. On the palate, a rich mouth feel, nice sweetness with candied ginger and some burnt sugar and oaky driness. The finish is short and smooth with oak and ginger adding a pleasant spicy-sweet tingle. A great everyday Scotch

MacLelland Speyside (Private Bottling)

Speyside malts are sweet and fruity; sometimes delicate, sometimes rich and robust. Always complex. *TASTING NOTES:* On the nose a fresh invigorating Speyside malt of mint, menthol and fresh cut pine. The palate finds an initial fibrous sweet nougat essence that is complemented by the savory flavours of Brazil nuts. The finish is short, yet powerfully complex and unforgettable.

SPECIAL GUEST SINGLE MALT (EVER CHANGING, ALWAYS SPLENDID)

Aberlour a'bunadh

Bottled at cask strength in numbered batches and non chill-filtered. A little water may be necessary for anything over 60% and this sherry monster takes it well. The flavour profile changes with water variance. A touch of water releases a spicy feast of cinnamon raisin, gingerbread & candied fruit. Add more water and the drink becomes delightfully creamy and mouth-coating, but the spices become tempered. Aiming for the perfect balance between spice and cream is the delight (or frustration) of this dram. There is not much wood influence, but otherwise it is a supremely balanced and great example of sherry cask aging done right.

Bruichladdich 18yr 2nd Edition Jurancon finish

The 18 year old second edition continues the sweet wine influence by fusing American oak with the more flavoursome French oak containing the rare, sweet wine from Jurancon in the Pyrenean foothills of south-west France. *TASTING NOTES:* The aromatics open on soft, ripe honey dew melon, papaya & passion fruit. It fuses together the strong mellow oak notes that bring character and power, on the third pass lemon & honey citrus merge adding a defining clarity. The freshness of the fruit provides the foundation for the biscuity sweet barley. What crowns this classic is the time spent in Jurancon casks which bring out the flavours of sultanas and super sweet raisins. There is a refinement a delicacy and a connoisseurship in the heart of this spirit that will appeal to those who seek new bottling experiences all hand made with passion and pride. Decadent, outgoing, benevolent and mellow.

Duncan Taylors Cask Strength Rare Auld 18 Year Cragganmore

Casks of outstanding quality from Scotland's prime whisky producing regions are hand selected prior to filling by Duncan Taylor and Co. The whiskies are matured at their original distilleries to mature in the environment they we're meant be in. Bottled at 52.3% without chill filtering or added coloring. *TASTING NOTES:* Sherry, juniper and fruitiness with a herbal medicinal note on the nose. Big and chewy, mouth coating with hints of sweetness of dried fruit and peppery cinnamon rum and raisin character, quite spicy. It finishes with a medium chocolaty pepperiness and some floral notes, delicious.

SCOTCH WHISKY BLENDED MALTS

Famous Grouse (Blended Whisky)

Blended Scotch whisky first produced in 1860 (when it was just The Grouse). The Famous Grouse has been the No. 1 whisky in Scotland since 1980. *TASTING NOTES:* The colour is golden, clear and bright. The nose is well balanced oak sherry with a citrus hint. The taste is a medium full flavour with a mature Speyside fruitiness. The finish is a good length, clean and medium dry.

Te Bheag (Blended Whisky)

Pronounced 'chey vek' meaning little lady, the Gaelic for a wee dram. This is a connoisseur's blended whisky, with a high percentage of malts, some of them up to eleven years old, selected from top distilleries. Sherry casks have been used for maturation to enhance quality and some whisky comes from Hebridean Islands, which gives it added character. *TASTING NOTES:* The nose is fresh, with a citrus note, good richness, a delicate peatiness and a little touch of cereal. The palate is a lot more fat than if it were chill-filtered, more weight, a good touch of liquorice. It has good toffee-like richness with a delicate peaty note. *METHOD OF PRODUCTION:* A blend of more flavoursome malt whisky and lighter grain whiskies blended to give the taste of The Hebridean Islands. The blend includes a good proportion of Talisker but also a high proportion of Speyside malts. The whisky is not chill-filtered and so retains many of the rich oils and proteins that contribute body and complexity to whiskies. This is one of the few blended whiskies not chill-filtered.