

BERWICK UPON TWEED ROTARY WHISKY TASTING FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

STRAIGHT FROM THE CASK - BRUICHLADDICH 11 - SHERRY HOGSHEAD AT 60.4% abv.

Nose: Sweet, sherried smooth with a hint of toasted oak and dark chocolate. A distinct sulphurous note of burnt matches, aka Mortlach!, with spicy overtones.

Palate: Smooth, rich, spicy fruit with vanilla tones and rich sultanas and raisins. A peppery note also detected and black cherry with an oily mouthfeel.

Finish: Again smooth and peppery with a long warming finish. Better with a touch of water to bring down to around 55% abv.

JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK LABEL - BLEND - AT 40% abv.

A 12 year old blended whisky, one of the world's most famous blends. Johnnie Walker Black is a blend of around 40 whiskies, very well put together.

Nose: There are notes of winter spice and treacle, hints of white pepper and a little citrus.

Palate: is quite rich and full. There are notes of wood smoke and dry spice, hints of barley and cereal with creamy toffee and a distinct herbal note.

Finish: is quite fruity and long with a note of sultanas and mixed peels.

GLENFARCLAS 12 YEAR OLD AT 43% abv.

Nose: Light and creamy with a mix of supple, soft sherry and Manuka honey. Gentle and well-balanced, there are hints of smoke, rich oak, and a little pine resin.

Palate: Medium-bodied, with notes of date and walnut cake, Oloroso sherry and hints of earthy forest floor. A beautiful note of malt, with toffee apple and a touch of smoke.

Finish: Spicy and long, notes of allspice, cinnamon and cloves, with orange zest and sherry.

DALWHINNIE - WINTER'S GOLD - NAS - AT 43% abv.

Nose: Oak spice, pear skins, golden syrup and gristy malt. A touch of peach polish and chewy, sticky toffee. From the freezer it's fruitier, more green apple, apple sauce, toffee apple, sultana, even redcurrant.

Palate: Very honeyed with warming peppery spices, Big Red cinnamon. From the freezer the honey is kept in check much more, as are the spices. Plenty of apple flesh and orange peel.

Finish: Allspice, nutmeg and smoky malt. From the freezer the finish is more about the spicy cinnamon and peppercorn heat that's found on the palate at room temperature.

HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD AT 40% abv.

Nose: Fresh, clean and very aromatic. Floral notes abound the senses with a light grassiness. Notes of creamy Manuka honey and a touch of juicy citrus with cream and a well-balanced sweetness.

Palate: Rather full with a pleasant depth. Lurking somewhere in the substratum a grilled orange lies. Notes of granary toast and green tea with jasmine. A touch of sweetness.

Finish: Quite long with peppery spice and wood shavings.

GLENLOSSIE - SMWS- YUMMY SCRUMMY - 46.42 - AT 58.3% abv.

Sold out. One of 498 bottles

Nose: We opened a paper bag of warm mini doughnuts filled with strawberry jam and quince jelly.

Palate: big and boisterous like dark Jamaican gingerbread. Water added candied pineapple slices and tray-bakes with a cup of Earl Grey tea.

Finish: long and spicy sweet.