

CORBIE INN WHISKY SOCIETY

WHISKY TASTING

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 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.

LORD ELCHO - BLENDED - AT 40% abv.

A non-age-statement addition to the Lord Elcho brand of blended Scotch whiskies from independent bottler extraordinaries, Wemyss. The name comes from the 5th Earl of Wemyss, who was stripped of his title for his involvement in the Battle of Culloden and was exiled to France.

Nose: Fresh, juicy grapes and green apples with a drizzling of honey. Slightly herbal hints of oak.

Palate: Sweet caramel and more fruits, followed by spicy malt and ginger. A subtle nuttiness.

Finish: Surprisingly long with spiciness continuing on and on.

Overall: Well crafted by Wemyss, quite impressed with this.

BALBLAIR 2005 VINTAGE AT 46% abv.

Nose: Full bodied with the classic aromas of fresh green apples, ground spices and honey. The American oak, ex bourbon barrels used in maturation, impart notes of oaky vanilla, leather and oranges with a hint of fragrant cut flowers and smoke.

Palate: Balblair's signature style of citrus orchard is followed by intense sweetness, toffee and vanilla.

Finish: A deliciously spicy and long finish.

GLENGOYNE - 10 YEAR OLD - JOLOMO SPECIAL EDITION - AT 40% abv.

A soft, sweet 10 year old single malt from the Glengoyne distillery and a winner of a Gold Medal at the 2007 San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

Nose: Slightly herbal, big bourbon influence which has brought a wonderful "high note". White milk bottle sweets, more creamy than fruity.

Palate: Barley rich, more bourbon influence. Clean and dry.

Finish: Long, barley rich, touch of hoi sin.

KILCHOMAN - 100% ISLAY - FOURTH EDITION AT 50% abv.

The fourth release of Kilchoman's excellent, lightly-peated release, 100% Islay. They used barley grown on the island and completed every step of production at the distillery - a big undertaking, but a labour of love from the Kilchoman crew. To create this release, they used a combination of four and five-year old whiskies from first-fill bourbon barrels (40 in total) and bottled it without chill filtration or added colouring.

Nose: Subtle, light smoke, pear drops and citrus fruit.

Palate: Good level of peat, fruitiness and very fresh and clean.

Finish: Long and sweet, smokiness goes on and on. This is exceptional for such a young whisky.

GLENMORANGIE - PORT WOOD FINISH- OLD STYLE- AT 43%abv.

A very relaxed port wood finished Glenmorangie. This is an earlier bottling than the distillery's current port wood finished expression, Quinta Ruban, and it's really quite different.

Nose: Lots of fruit - dark cherries, prunes, dates. A slight earthiness from the port perhaps. A pleasant malty sweetness.

Palate: Smooth and sweet. The brighter notes normally found in Glenmorangie are definitely subdued, but it's very nice.

Finish: It's in no hurry as it eases itself off your tongue with more soft, dried fruit sweetness.