

LIVINGSTON CRICKET AND SOCIAL CLUB

TASTING NOTES - 29/10/16

LONGMORN 2002 - 13 YEAR OLD AT 43% abv.

Nose: Sherry notes with stewed apples, pear and traces of tobacco

Palate: white pepper initially with banana and orange flavours complemented by a creamy milk chocolate edge.

Finish: Sweet, long and warming and extremely more-ish.

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.

MANNOCHMORE SMWS 64.77 AT 57.5% abv.

Nose: was clean and creamy (milk chews), with plentiful fruit (candied orange, stewed apple, bitter lemon) freshly cut wood, beeswax, vanilla and hinted mint.

Palate: (with good viscosity and decent weight) was attractively sweet (brown sugar, honey, tinned mandarins, vanilla yoghurt) with a counter-balancing lively astringency of wood, crystallised ginger, red chilli and menthol. On the reduced nose, fruit salad chews and strawberry laces sat beside leather, pine, thyme and tiger balm.

Finish: The palate retained some menthol and tannins, but vanilla slices, pineapple cake and flying saucers brought the whole thing to a satisfying balance and conclusion.

KILCHOMAN - BOURBON CASK AT 4 1/2 YEAR OLD AT 61% abv.

Nose: Typical soft peat aromas, lime and pear drops, complex for age.

Palate: Sweetness first, soft peaty smoke and ripe fruity notes.

Finish: Long and clean with peat smoke and soft citrus fruits arriving later.

LAPHROAIG - 10 YEARS AT 40% abv.

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.

Nose: This opens on big, smoky muscular peat notes. There are spices, and liquorice, as well as a big dose of salt. This whisky has become slightly sweeter in recent years, and it beautifully on the nose, amidst the classic iodine/sticking plasters and cool wood smoke we love.

Palate: Seaweed-led, with a hint of vanilla ice cream and more than a whiff of notes from the First Aid box (TCP, plasters etc). The oak is big, and muscles its way into the fore as you hold this whisky over your tongue. An upsurge of spices develop – cardamom/black pepper/chilli.

Finish: Big and drying, as the savoury, tarry notes build up with an iodine complexity.

Overall: The only malt from Laphroaig's range that John Campbell recommends with water; try it, it opens up the palate massively, providing a dazzling array of additional flavours...