

LWAS - PLATFORM 3 - WHISKY TASTING - THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016

BRUICHLADDICH SCOTTISH BARLEY “THE CLASSIC LADDIE” AT 50% abv.

Created by Jim McEwan from whisky matured in American oak casks alongside Lochindaal, and chosen to represent the classic, unpeated distillery style. Bruichladdich's new signature bottling is made with 100% Scottish barley.

Nose: Opening with barley sugar and a hint of mint before leading into the most wonderful notes of freshly cut wild flowers; buttercup, daisy, meadowsweet, myrtle, primrose and cherry blossom. After some four or five minutes and with the addition of a little water, caramelised fruits drift onto the scene; lemon drops and honey, tangerine and tablet.

Palate: refreshing, the sweet oak and the barley arriving together sending the taste buds into raptures. A combination of ripe green fruit, brown sugar and sweet malt bring closure.

Finish: Unforgettable! Its best enjoyed in good company, you just don't want the evening to end. It brings warmth to the heart and soul. The clock slows down and the cares of tomorrow disappear into the dawn.

SCALLYWAG SMALL BATCH RELEASE DOUGLAS LAING & CO AT 46% abv.

Blended Malt using Speyside Malts, some are: Mortlach, Macallan, Glenrothes. Other include Rock Oyster (Islands) and Timorous Beastie (Highland).

Nose: Sweetness jumps up like an excited puppy. Icing sugar, sultanas and candied ginger. A few hints of grain here and there, but sweetness steals the show.

Palate: The sweetness surprisingly retreats, revealing nutmeg and cereal. Vanilla comes in near the end. Cinnamon too, giving it a prickle of spice.

Finish: A pinch of oak spice joins the vanilla and sherry for the finish. Incredibly pleasant, the Scallywag is an absolute treat in every sense.

BENROMACH PORT WOOD FINISH 12 YEARS OLD AT 45% abv.

Bottled in year 2000 one of 1460 bottles.

Nose: Rich, sweet, spicy nose with peaches in syrup and tropical fruit. Hints of rum spice and a little smoke.

Palate: Thick palate entry with banana chips and aniseed. Cigar smoke and spice.

Finish: Long finish with toffee apples and cinnamon. A creamy, fruity dram with lovely effects from the port cask.

STRONACHIE 10 YEAR OLD AT 43% abv.

A. D. Rattray acquired a bottle of Stronachie single malt which dated back to 1904. It closed in 1926 and was in glen on Perth/Kinross border. Using this, they tried to find a current day whisky that matched the flavour of the expression from the long closed distillery. They decided that whisky from the Benrinnes distillery in Speyside matched it very closely and have bottled some under the Stronachie name. This is a 10 year bottling.

Nose: Soft honey, earthy heather and malty sweetness

Palate: Smooth with luscious honey and biscuits, then lingering pepper and cereal notes.

Finish: A perfectly balanced and seductive dram.

GLENBURGIE DISTILLERY -16 YEAR OLD - DISTILLERS ART SERIES AT 48% abv.

A classic malt in blends, but also very tasty when enjoyed as a single malt, Glenburgie is a wonderful Speyside distillery which certainly should get more attention than it does. This is an independent bottling of their single malt Scotch whisky, aged for 16 years in a single Sherry butt from June 1997 to 2014. 385 bottles were produced by Langside for their Distiller's Art range.

Nose: Hints of vanilla, raisins, bread and butter pudding and honeycomb. Also some sharpness - sherbet lemons perhaps?

Palate: Lovely sweet notes with honey and chocolate and strong caramel notes. Also a hint of smoke?

Finish: Medium length finish. Spicy, fruity with some rubber notes, elastic bands even.

GLENFIDDICH 12 YEAR OLD AT 40% abv.

Nose: Grain. Slightly floral, mineralic. Spirity, orchard fruit, malty, honey. Citrus develops.

Palate: Light, floral, spices. Very smooth.

Finish: Sweet, touch of oak and general fruit, oily.