

LWAS - WHISKY TASTING

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017

CARN MOR - MILTONDUFF 21 YEAR OLD - AT 46% abv.

A 21 year old single malt Scotch whisky, drawn from two hogshead casks. This was distilled in 1994 and bottled in 2015 by Càrn Mòr for their Strictly Limited range - 610 bottles were produced.

Nose: Nectarines in sherbet and sandalwood polished with beeswax with candied peel. Like walking in the garden in spring.

Palate: Very creamy, soft fruit, warm freshly baked bread, sherbet lemons and spicy toffee. A true delight!

Finish: You will want another dram to see which flavours you missed the first time.

CRAIGELLACHIE - 21 YEAR OLD AT 57.2% abv.

Exclusive Craigellachie Hotel Cask Strength, one of only 510 bottles.

Nose: A big bold aroma of dark fruits March up your nostrils as you inhale this wonderful liquid, dates, figs and spiced apple lead you into lovely honey notes, black cherries and liquorice.

Palate: Wonderfully spiced flavours lead the way, burnt candied oranges and baked banana coated in Demerara sugar, plums soaked in honey with a cinnamon twist offer a lovely warming aftertaste..

Finish: A long lingering spicy but dry finish just round this lovely dram off perfectly..

BENRIACH - 20 YEAR OLD - AT 43% abv.

A Silver Medal winner at the 2006 International Wine and Spirits Competition and a Gold Medal winner at the International Spirits Challenge a year prior, a superb 20 year old single malt from BenRiach.

Nose: Big oaky presence, malt, toffee, a touch of grist.

Palate: Fat. Warm honey, floral and malty.

Finish: Long, oaky, some caramel.

DEANSTON - 20 YEAR OLD - PORTWOOD FINISH - AT 54.2 % abv

Nose: a refined port influence here with red grapes, orange and red liquorice but its a gentle coating over caramel. There's density to the sugar presence and stickiness almost verging on toffee pudding with maple syrup. Subtle spicing with coffee granules, resin and tobacco. Water reveals raspberries, butterscotch and honey.

Palate: a weighty arrival with plums and stewed fruits. A transition into cranberries, more caramel, dark chocolate, raisins and mocha flavours.

Finish: A brief floral note followed by the bourbon cask oak, vanilla and cigars. Cocoa persists into the finish.

GLENFARCLAS - 21 YEAR OLD - AT 43% abv.

A heavily sherried 21 year old from the Glenfarclas distillery. This offers loads of depth, a really thick dram and great value for money too.

Nose: Apple, orange, less sherry than the 15yo. Peppermint?

Palate: Incredibly smooth. Barley-rich, just a textbook smoothness and rounded character that leaves you gasping for another sip...

Finish: Long, barley-rich, awesomely smooth, very little oak influence.

ARDMORE - 20 YEAR OLD - AT 54% abv.

Exclusive bottling for 49 Wine Club, bottled 2009 for 50th anniversary!

Nose: Earthy peat is present from the start, but this one is much more vanilla-forward on the nose than many other Ardmores we've tried.

Palate: Freshly cut cedar and old oak, leading once again into peat smoke. Subtly grassy, too.

Finish: Caramel sweetness and peppery heat in good balance.

GLENGOYNE - 21 YEAR OLD - AT 43% abv.

Nose: Oak, barley, red fruits.

Palate: Barley and oak, possibly erring on the side of too much oak. Winter spice, cider.

Finish: Oak, barley.

