

# INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE STATION HOTEL MALT WHISKY SOCIETY TASTING NOTES - 09/09/16

**STRAIGHTFROMTHECASK - GLEN ORD - 15 YEAR OLD - AMERICAN OAK CASK  
AT 57.3% abv.**

**One of 141 bottles - LAST ONE!**

**Nose:** An immense toffee aroma with citrus notes and a hint of spice

**Palate:** Again massive toffee and home made tablet with chocolate orange notes and a hint of pepper and spice. Also a fruity, bubble gum and toffee apples at a funfare notes.

**Finish:** Sweet, long and warming with a hint of spice, cinnamon perhaps? Also grassy, woody notes at the end. Extremely more-ish.

**BRUICHLADDICH ISLAY BARLEY 2006 - SOLD OUT! AT 50% abv.**

The second release in Bruichladdich's Uber Provenance range, made with barley grown on Islay at Dunlossit Farm. As Bruichladdich put it: "Now once again the sea salt spray lashed fields of Islay are producing the raw material for our distinctive island single malt".

**Nose:** Wonderfully fresh with barley notes and honey coming through, coastal flowers, jasmine and sea breeze.

**Palate:** Caramelised apples, baking spices, crème anglaise, honey and lemon, heather, honeysuckle with hints of brine never too far away. Mouth filling.

**Finish:** Vanilla, citrus and creamy barley "...the sea salt spray lashed fields of Islay."

**ROCK OYSTER - BLENDED MALT - DOUGLAS LAING - ISLAND MALTS AT 46.8%  
abv.**

**Nose:** Wind-swept beaches, coastal peat and a hint of ash, complimented by touches of green fruit.

**Palate:** Yet more sea breeze, with oat cake crumbs, growing spicy notes of cracked black pepper and a deft whiff of peat smoke. Hints of vanilla here and there.

**Finish:** Salinity lasts on the finish along with peppery warmth.

## **ARRAN 18 YEAR OLD AT 46% abv**

**Nose:** Baked peaches with honey and toasted almond.

**Palate:** the warmth of crystallised ginger and sweetness of creme brûlée.

**Finish:** smooth with rich yet delicately spiced notes of orange marmalade and toasted brioche, a balanced and luxurious dram.

## **BENRINNES - 13 year old SMWS - LIMITED EDITION - AT 60.1% abv. "Ivory Keys"**

**One of 210 bottles. SOLD OUT!**

**Nose:** Rosewater essence and ripe bananas with a clean wood scent.

**Palate:** A cedar infused Campari and with a little water - off to Austria for some apple strudel and viennese melange coffee!

**Finish:** powerful and long with hints of fresh wood and fruit.

**DRINKING TIP:** Listening to Mozart Piano Sonata No.11

## **DALWHINNIE 'WINTERS GOLD' AT 43% abv. (Mystery Malt!)**

Dalwhinnie Winter's Gold is a 2015 addition to the Highland distillery's range inspired by the chilly climate up in the remote part of Scotland where their single malt Scotch whisky is distilled - as the label remarks, it was "Crafted by the Cold". It's made only with spirit that has been distilled between October and March, and interestingly enough, they suggest that you try serving this expression frozen!

**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.

