

LWAS - PLATFORM 3 WHISKY TASTING THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 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.

HIGHLAND PARK - 12 YEAR OLD AT 40% abv.

Nose: Fresh, clean and very aromatic. Floral notes abound the senses with a light grassiness. Notes of creamy Manuka honey and a touch of juicy citrus with cream and a well-balanced sweetness.

Palate: Rather full with a pleasant depth. Lurking somewhere in the substratum a grilled orange lies. Notes of granary toast and green tea with jasmine. A touch of sweetness.

Finish: Quite long with peppery spice and wood shavings.

TALISKER - DISTILLERS EDITION - AMOROSO WOOD - AT 45.8% abv.

Distilled 2003 and bottled in 2014

Nose: Fantastic fruity nose with a hint of smoke

Palate: great mouth feel, wonderful balance and a delicate smoke and pepper. A hint of smoked mackerel?

Finish: a lovely rich sweetness on the finish but also a saltiness too.

DALWHINNIE - DISTILLERS EDITION - DOUBLE MATURED - AT 43% abv.

Distilled 1998 and bottled in 2012

Nose: Dark chocolate and honey'd malt (almost a bit Crunchie like). A floral whiff of heather.

Palate: The Sherry finish comes to the fore on the palate, with plenty of sweet, rich, fruity notes coming through.

Finish: Continued honey sweetness lasts.

GLENKINCHIE - DISTILLERS EDITION - AMONTILLADO CASK - AT 43% abv.

A 2003 vintage Glenkinchie single malt Scotch whisky, bottled in 2015 after being finished in Amontillado Sherry casks. Presented as part of the long-running Distillers Edition selection.

Nose: Golden barley and spiced oak, with a subtle wine-like sweetness coming through.

Palate: Custard Creams, more old oak, white grapes and orange segments.

Finish: Drying on the finish.

OBAN - DISTILLERS EDITION - DOUBLE MATURED - AT 43% abv.

The 1999 vintage Distillers Edition from the Oban distillery, bottled in 2014 but not before being finished in Montilla Fino casks.

Nose: This finishing period imparts bountiful notes of cooked fruit and wine-like qualities.

Palate: fantastic, dynamic flavour profile paired with the classic 'coastal-yet-sweet' Oban notes.

Finish: Sweet, with a hint of burnt embers in a fire-pit.

