

## **TASTING NOTES WHEATSHEAF INN FALKIRK 22 AUGUST 2017**

### **GLEN KEITH 1991 - 14 YEAR OLD AT 50% abv.**

**Nose:** Fruity and fragrant with a hint of mint

**Palate:** Malty and Oaky becoming rich and sweet

**Finish:** Long with a lingering spiciness

### **WOODFORD RESERVE DOUBLE OAKED BOURBON AT 45.2%abv.**

It's finally here - the Woodford Reserve Double Oaked Kentucky straight bourbon whiskey. This expression begins life being aged in the same way as the classic Woodford Reserve, but following this, it is further matured in barrels which have been heavily toasted and lightly charred.

This imparts an added depth of sweet oaken character to the bourbon, as well as developing the fruit, vanilla and caramel notes.

### **BLADNOCH 10 YEAR OLD 55% abv.**

A very tasty 10 year old from the Bladnoch distillery in the Lowlands, distilled from lightly peated malt (unusual for the region) and boasting a label with a picture of some sheep on it.

**Nose:** A mixture of ground nuts and fresh fruit. Hints of grapeseed, apple peel and praline. Very faint smoke.

**Palate:** Hints of cool wood smoke and mixed peels. A little praline, dark chocolate and cigar boxes. Old sheds.

**Finish:** Long, malty finish. Sweet spices.

### **TOMINTOUL 16 YEAR OLD AT 40% abv.**

This is the 16 year old single malt Scotch whisky from the Tomintoul distillery, matured in selected bourbon casks. It was crafted by fourth generation distiller, Robert Fleming. Rather elegant and flavoursome, this one.

**Nose:** Medium-bodied and punchy. There are notes of stemmy cut hay and dried grasses, a leafy green note and a touch of rooty earth and fudge.

**Palate:** Notes of boiled sweets, espresso, mochaccino, ground almonds and granary toast with melted butter. Vanilla fudge and thick cream.

**Finish:** The finish is of good length with notes almond and barley sugar.

### **GLENMORANGIE - LASANTA - AT 46% abv.**

Bought 5 years ago! Litre bottle!

An Oloroso sherry finished whisky from Glenmorangie, the word 'Lasanta' derives from the Gaelic for Warmth and Passion.

**Nose:** creamy and of caramel, crème anglaise and chocolate raisins, quite dry with notes of mixed sweet spices.

**Palate:** The mouth feel is very thick as you chew through honeyed raisins. There is a little sweet beeswax, melted vanilla ice cream as the sherry weaves gently through the palate, a very buttery expression.

**Finish:** Much more of that honey in the creamy finish, it has a slight oaky dryness and a dusting of cocoa powder.

### **SCALLYWAG - SPEYSIDE BLENDED MALT DOUGLAS LAING AT 46% abv.**

Big Peat's gone and got himself a trusty sidekick in the shape of a dapper Fox Terrier wearing a monocle! Scallywag from Douglas Laing is a blended malt made from Speyside whiskies, including Mortlach, Macallan and Glenrothes. Many of the whiskies used in the small batch release come from Spanish sherry butts, giving Scallywag a fab sweetness that's balanced by some "mischievous" bourbon cask whisky also in the blend.

**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.

**Overall:** Incredibly pleasant, the Scallywag is an absolute treat in every sense.