

Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998

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THE
DALMORETM
HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

*This evening's menu in the company of a
DALMORE Vertical Tasting*

1st Nosing: DALMORE 12 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Ken Goodland)

1st Course: Smoked Salmon, Bacon & Potato Chowder

2nd Nosing: DALMORE 15 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

**2nd Course: Baby Kale, Candied Pumpkin,
Pumpkin Seeds, Pumpkin Seed Oil,
Crumbled Goat Cheese & Rye**

3rd Nosing: DALMORE 18 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Rob Arnoth)

**Main course: Local Roasted Pork Rack,
Honey Wagon Farms Ghost Squash, Carrots,
Brussels, Beets, & Apple Cider Reduction**

4th Nosing: DALMORE CIGAR MALT RESERVE
(introduced by: Sylvain Bouffard)
or DALMORE VALOUR

(introduced by: Marv Makulowich)
Dessert: Maple Pecan Coffee Cake

COST OF THE MALTS

- **DALMORE 12 YEAR OLD** VINTAGES 38901 | 750 mL bottle
Price: \$90.30 Spirits, 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **DALMORE 15 YEAR OLD** VINTAGES 164541 | 750 mL bottle
Price: \$130.25 Spirits, Scotch Whisky 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **DALMORE 18 YEAR OLD** LCBO 236182 | 750 mL bottle **Price:**
\$200.20 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **DALMORE CIGAR MALT RESERVE** SCOTCH LCBO 534453 | 750
mL bottle **Price: \$180.00** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 43.0%
Alcohol/Vol.

- **DALMORE VALOUR** VINTAGES 164541 | 750 mL bottle **Price:**
\$100.25 Spirits, Scotch Whisky 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

SEPTEMBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 40 September attendees @ \$60)	= \$2400.00
September dinner 40 persons = \$43.00/ea	= \$1720.00
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO	= \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$605.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$1358.94
Cost of Pours per Person = \$35.85	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= - (\$753.94)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$78.85

Upcoming Dinner Dates

- Nov. 21st, 2016 - Islay - Lagavulin 200th Anniversary - River Mill
- December 12th, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
- January 23rd, 2017 - Robbie Burns Night - River Mill
- February 20th, 2017 - Highlands / Islands - River Mill
- March 20th, 2017 - 4th Annual Irish Night - River Mill
- April 24th, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
- May 15th, 2017 - Speyside - Benriach Vertical Tasting - River Mill
- June 19th, 2017 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
- July 17th, 2017 - 6th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
- Friday August 11th, 2017 - 10th Annual Premium Night - River Mill
- September 25th, 2017 - Campbeltown / Lowland - River Mill
- October 16th, 2017 - Highlands - River Mill
- November 20st, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
- December 11th, 2017 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

DALMORE TO RELEASE NEW 35-YEAR-OLD WHISKY

22nd September, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Whyte & Mackay is to release a 35-year-old variant of The Dalmore Scotch whisky that has been aged in three different types of oak casks.

The Dalmore 35 has been aged in three different types of oak casks Available from October this year, The Dalmore 35 has been aged in a Bourbon barrel, a Matusalem Sherry Butt and a Port Colheita Pipe. It has been bottled in a bespoke decanter created by French crystal house Baccarat and features the '12-point Royal Stag' produced by Scottish silversmiths, Hamilton & Inches, holder of the Royal Warrant.



"You cannot rush the whisky, you must take time to ensure that you get the best possible results," said Richard Paterson, master distiller of The Dalmore who [celebrates 50-years in the whisky industry this year](#).

"It took careful maturation in three different woods over a 35-year period to release the full potential of this whisky.

"Only after this long period of time did the whisky finally become everything I envisaged it could be. Only then was it finally time to release this truly captivating whisky from its slumber."

The Dalmore 35 will be available at select whisky retailers.

Earlier this year, Macallan expanded its range in international markets with the [launch of The Macallan Double Cask 12 Years Old](#).

GLENLIVET EXPANDS 50-YEAR-OLD WHISKY RANGE

3rd October, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Chivas Brothers has launched the second bottling in its exclusive collection of 50-year-old single malt Scotch whiskies from The Glenlivet.



The Glenlivet Winchester Collection Vintage 1966 has an RRP of US\$25,000

In 2014, The Glenlivet became the first Scotch brand to release a series of 50-year-old expressions [with the launch of The Glenlivet Winchester Collection](#).

Following on from the launch of The Glenlivet Winchester Collection Vintage 1964, the brand has now unveiled The Glenlivet Winchester Collection Vintage 1966, of which 100 bottles have been created with an RRP of US\$25,000.

The whisky was created by former master distiller for The Glenlivet, Robert Arthur, in 1966 and has aged under the stewardship of current master distiller Alan Winchester.

Matured in a single Sherry cask, The Glenlivet Winchester Collection Vintage 1966 is said to have a “soft and sweet complexity” that is “layered by a “delicate cinnamon and liquorice spice” followed by an “exceptionally long, smooth finish, with a hint of dryness”.

Brodie Nairn of Glasstorm created a hand blown glass bottle for the expression, which also features a gold stopper with a quartz Cairngorm stone produced by silversmith Richard Fox.

John Galvin also created a bespoke cherry wood box that houses the bottle.

“The release of Vintage 1966 marks another milestone for The Glenlivet Winchester Collection,” said Alan Winchester. “Casks of this age and quality are such a rare thing these days, that the resulting single malt is literally liquid history in a glass.

“I’m immensely proud to release this wonderful whisky, which has been cared for and crafted over generations.”

Winchester will auction his own bottle of The Glenlivet Winchester Collection Vintage 1966 at Christie’s New York on 21 October, with proceeds donated to the British Crafts Council.

The successful bidder will also win the chance to lay down The Glenlivet’s Vintage 2016.

The number of whiskies releases under The Glenlivet Winchester Collection has not been specified.

MACALLAN UNVEILS WOOD DESIGNS FOR 1824 SERIES

8th September, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Edrington has unveiled a new premium gifting range for The Macallan Scotch whisky that celebrates the brand’s “commitment to wood”, with three designs to be released over three years.

The Macallan Gold’s limited edition tin

The first design in the range is Oak Forests, which is featured on The Macallan Gold Limited Edition Carton,

The Macallan Gold Limited Edition Tin, The Macallan Gold Limited Edition Glass Pack and The Macallan Amber Glass and Water Jug Pack.

Edrington claims that the design highlights the oak casks that “deliver 100% natural colour and account for up to 80% of the character of The Macallan”.

The Macallan Gold value added gifting packs are available for an RRP of £38. The Macallan Amber value added gift pack is available for an RRP of £48.95.

The Macallan’s new carton and tin gift packs will be available from September this year, while The Macallan’s Amber’s glass and glass and water jug packs will be available from November 2016.



BENROMACH DISTILLERY UPGRADES VISITOR CENTRE

9th August, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Speyside-based Benromach Distillery has completed an upgrade of its visitor centre, at the same time as launching a new distillery exclusive bottling.

Benromach Distillery has embarked on an expansion project over the last two years

The single cask whisky, only the second distillery exclusive released by Benromach, was distilled in 2000 and bottled in 2016. It has been aged in first-fill Bourbon barrels.

Only 238 bottles of the variant, said to have a flavour of banana, mango and passionfruit with hints of bonfire embers, have been made available at an RRP of £90.

The first distillery exclusive from Benromach was released in April this year to coincide with the Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival, with all 240 bottles selling out in seven weeks.

After revealing plans to [double storage capacity with the build of two new warehouses](#) in 2014, Benromach has also recently upgraded its visitor centre facilities. There are now three new tasting rooms for visitors to experience, while Benromach House – the old distillery manager’s house – has also been renovated to hold a new tasting room.

“The first Benromach Distillery Exclusive, a first fill Bourbon barrel, has been thoroughly enjoyed by whisky lovers across the world,” said distillery manager Keith Cruickshank

“We’re sure the new Distillery Exclusive will be a similar success and the new facilities at the distillery certainly provide a wonderful setting for us to introduce this whisky, and the other products in our range.

“It’s a very busy and exciting time for us all here at Benromach Distillery.”

Originally built in 1898, Benromach was restored and brought back into production by Gordon & MacPhail in 1993.

Benromach reveals new distillery exclusive

<http://www.thedrinksreport.com/>

The Benromach Distillery Company, a subsidiary of Gordon & Macphail, has announced a new expression that is available exclusively at the distillery visitor centre.

Limited to 238 bottles, the spirit was distilled in 2000 and bottled in 2016 from cask number 757. It is described as having “a sweet vanilla scent followed by a balance of tropical fruit, cocoa powder and peat smoke aromas” with a “smooth but spicy flavour that exudes sweet bursts of banana, mango and passion fruit, complemented by bonfire embers”.

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Benromach Distillery, based on the outskirts of Forres in Moray, was revived by the Urquhart family of Gordon & MacPhail and re-opened in 1998. Since then its whisky has grown in popularity around the world and is described as “a classic Speyside malt that draws its influence from the Speyside whiskies of the pre-1960s”.

The growth of the brand has led to expansion at the distillery, including new warehouses and a larger team. The four-star distillery visitor centre is open to the public throughout the year for

tours and tastings, and has recently upgraded its facilities. The upgrade included the development of three new tasting rooms, one of which can be found within Benromach House – the old distillery manager’s residence.

Distillery manager Keith Cruickshank says: “The first Benromach distillery exclusive, a first fill bourbon barrel, has been thoroughly enjoyed by whisky lovers across the world. We’re sure the new distillery exclusive will be a similar success and the new facilities at the distillery certainly provide a wonderful setting for us to introduce this whisky, and the other products in our range.”
5 August 2016 - Christopher Coates *The Drinks Report*, staff writer

People are generally happier when drinking alcohol, researchers reveal

An app called Mappiness, created by the London School of Economics, surveyed 31,000 users on their happiness at random points several times a day, on a scale of 1 to 100, also taking key information such as who they were with and what they were doing.

The results revealed that when users were drinking, their happiness increased by 10.79 points. Since drinking often occurs during enjoyable events, researchers controlled for those outside factors, still reporting a “significant” increase of 4 points – a “strong and consistent moment-to-moment relationship between happiness and drinking events”.

Interestingly, the results showed that drinking had the “greatest impact” when it occurred alongside otherwise unenjoyable activities such as commuting and waiting, and only increased the happiness of already enjoyable activities such as socialising “by smaller amounts”.

However, while drinking alcohol did boost happiness in the short term, it was not shown to make users more content in the long term. The team discovered “no significant relationship between changing drinking levels and changing life satisfaction, but a negative association with developing drinking problems”.

Researchers said there are “surprisingly few discussions” of the link between wellbeing and alcohol consumption, typically spurring policymakers to “consider negative wellbeing impacts while ignoring positive ones”.

The report concludes: “While iPhone users are happier at the moment of drinking, there are only small overspills to other moments, and among the wider population, changing drinking levels across several years are not associated with changing life satisfaction.”

“Furthermore, drinking problems are associated with lower life satisfaction. Simple accounts of the wellbeing impacts of alcohol policies are therefore likely to be misleading.

“Policymakers must consider the complexity of different policy impacts on different conceptions of ‘wellbeing’, over different time periods, and among different types of drinkers.”

GLENFIDDICH UNVEILS BEER-INFLUENCED WHISKY

1st September, 2016 by Nicola Carruthers - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

William Grant & Sons-owned Glenfiddich has released a series of innovative whiskies as part of its new Experimental Collection, which includes a single malt aged in ex-IPA beer barrels.

The Glenfiddich IPA Experiment is a single malt Scotch whisky finished in IPA craft beer casks

The Glenfiddich Experimental Series has been designed to “inspire unusual and unexpected variants”, with a new release unveiled every year.

The Dufftown distillery is introducing the series with two permanent releases: an IPA cask finished single malt, and an ambassador collaboration.

Glenfiddich’s malt master Brian Kinsman teamed up with Speyside Craft brewery to produce a single malt Scotch whisky finished in IPA craft beer casks.

The Glenfiddich IPA Experiment is a 40% ABV single malt Scotch whisky imbued with zesty citrus and tangy hops from the oak casks that had previously held a bold Speyside IPA.

The collaborators had to design and create a new IPA craft beer that would go into whisky casks, which would later be used to finish the first experimental variant. The intensive experimental process involved creating three separate brews of different strengths and levels of hops.

Kinsman said: “Glenfiddich’s first whisky finished in IPA craft beer casks is testament to us challenging ourselves to produce something vibrant and unusual.

“The result is a liquid with a zesty citrus note followed by soft, sweet vanilla and a hint of fresh hops. The innovative flavour comes from carefully hand selecting the right malt whiskies to complement the extra hoppy notes.”

Also released this month is Glenfiddich Project XX (pronounced ‘twenty’), a single malt vating of 20 different casks, including Port pipes, Sherry butts and first-fill Bourbon casks, each chosen by the brand’s 20 global ambassadors.

Kinsman asked each ambassador to select a cask that best represented their personality from Glenfiddich’s warehouses, before blending them together to create the brand’s first mass collaborated whisky.

Kinsman added: “It has the warm summer fruity character of a classic Glenfiddich but then its ‘multiple personalities’ are revealed as the flavours of candy floss, cinnamon spice, almonds and rich port tannins kick in with the odd hint of liquorice.”

The Glenfiddich IPA Experiment will be available in Tesco’s and specialist whisky stores at a retail price of £45 from 6 September.

Glenfiddich Project XX will be available from specialist whisky stores nationwide from September, priced at £50 for a 70cl bottle.



PLANS FOR NEW DISTILLERY IN HIGHLAND CASTLE

13th July, 2016 by Amy Hopkins- <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Proposals have been submitted to build a new micro-distillery and whisky warehousing complex on the site of a historic castle in the Scottish Highlands.

Dunrobin Castle has requested permission to build a new micro-distillery on its premises

Dunrobin Castle in Sutherland has requested permission from Highland Council to turn its powerhouse into a distillery complete with visitor facilities and a tasting room, and also convert its existing steading buildings at Dunrobin Farm into bonded warehouses.

If approved, the distillery, designed in collaboration with Lachlan Stewart Studio, will produce “limited runs” of Scotch whisky and gin and will provide eight job opportunities for people in the local community.

In its planning application, Dunrobin Castle said: “Unlike many whisky distilleries, Dunrobin Highland Distillery can offer a holistic approach to the production of whisky.

“The estate has unique access to its own private water source – Cagar Foesaig – the source which is located deep inland within the mountain ranges on the estate [...]

“The estate owns and manages some of the Highland’s prime arable farmland and currently grows barley for other large local distilleries. Some of this barley is also milled in Golspie Mill – formerly Dunrobin Mill – which has been operational since 1863 and could be used to mill limited runs of barley for use in the new distillery.”

Dunrobin Castle was first built in the 13th century and continues to be the family seat of the Early of Sutherland and the Clan Sutherland. Highland Council will now consider whether to approve the distillery planning application.

PEOPLE ‘HAPPIER WHEN DRINKING ALCOHOL’

26th May, 2016 by Annie Hayes - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

New research has revealed people are “happier at the moment of drinking alcohol” – but the effects are transient and not linked to long-term satisfaction.

Whiskey Burgers

Source: [Pass the Sushi](#)

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup finely chopped scallions, plus 1/3 cup
- 1/3 cup whiskey, plus 2 Tbsp.
- 1/4 dry bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce, plus 1 1/2 tsp.
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 tsp. seasoning salt
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

- 1 lbs. ground beef
- 1 lbs. ground pork
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Lettuce, onion, tomato for topping
- Hamburger buns
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Instructions

- In a large bowl combine 2/3 cup green onion, 1/3 cup whiskey, bread crumbs, 2 tbs Worcestershire, melted butter, 2 minced garlic cloves, seasoning salt, red pepper flakes, and ground pepper in a bowl with the ground beef and pork. Shake into 16 1/2" thick patties.
- Make the cheddar-whiskey filling: In a food processor combine the cheddar cheese, 1/3 cup green onions, 2 tbs whiskey, 1 1/2 teas Worcestershire, and 2 minced garlic cloves. Pulse until nearly smooth.
- Place 1 tbs of the cheddar filling in the center of 8 patties. Top with the remaining patties and pinch together the sides.
- Preheat grill to medium heat. Place patties on grill, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Flip each patty, cover and cook an additional 5 minutes. Open grill and top each burger with the remaining cheese mixture (I just used slices), cover and continue to cook for 5 minutes more.
- Spread barbecue sauce over buns, layer on a burger and desired toppings and serve.

SCOTS DRINK 41 BOTTLES OF VODKA AT HOME A YEAR

26th May, 2016 by Melita Kiely - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Alcohol consumption in Scotland is on the rise with the equivalent of 41 bottles of vodka purchased per adult in 2015, according to new data.

Alcohol sales in Scotland are on the rise

Sales of alcohol had been on a downward trajectory, but a new study by NHS Health Scotland found an increase in off-trade sales - namely through supermarkets and off-licences - has resulted in a sales spurt.

Alcohol Focus Scotland said the country has become a "nation of home drinkers", as around 10.8 litres of pure alcohol were sold per adult in Scotland in 2015 - 20% higher than in England and Wales.

Dr Mark Robinson, senior public health information manager at NHS Scotland, said: "It is concerning that the recent falls in population alcohol consumption have reversed and that off-trade alcohol sales have reached their highest level.

"Trends in the price of alcohol sold by supermarkets and off-licences correspond with trends in the volume of alcohol sold by these retailers.

"Between 2009 and 2013, the average price of alcohol increased and consumption decreased. Since 2013, average price has flattened and consumption has increased.

"Higher levels of alcohol consumption result in higher levels of alcohol-related harm and these present a substantial public health and economic cost to Scotland.

"Policies that reduce the availability of low priced, high-strength alcohol are the most effective for reducing alcohol-related harms and narrowing health inequalities."

Reservation policy

- The agreement with the Kitchen's requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. Each month an invitation will be sent out to all members of the Society in the first week of the respective month in which the dinner will be held. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. After that members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 19th, 2016 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 16th, 2016. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me (613-532-5285).

- Unless otherwise stated accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2016 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is found, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.

- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 19th, 2015 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).

- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2016, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.



Just a note because we care.

Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding, Roberto

Membership and Dinner prices for 2015-2016

Membership Fee:	\$40 (singles)
	\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$50 (member)
	\$60 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)



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