

# Kingston Single Malt Society

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

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**HIGHLAND  
ESTD 1798  
PARK**  
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



*The*  
**MACALLAN**  
*The* SINGLE MALT

## MENU

1<sup>st</sup> Nosing: HIGHLAND PARK 10 YEAR OLD

Amuse Bouche: Smoked Salmon on a Bagel Chip

2<sup>nd</sup> Nosing: HIGHLAND PARK 15 YEARS OLD

First course: Local Heirloom Beets, Organic Greens,  
Pistachio, Soft Goat Cheese, Pomegranate Vinaigrette

3<sup>rd</sup> Nosing: THE MACALLAN CASK STRENGTH

Main course:

Roasted Cherry Wood Smoked Rib-Eye, Truffle Mashed  
Yukon Golds, Escarole, Mushrooms & Peppercorn Sauce  
Or

Pan-Seared Salmon, Forbidden Black Rice, Bok Choy,  
Ginger Orange Glazed Carrots

4<sup>th</sup> Nosing: THE MACALLAN 18 YEAR OLD

Dessert: Personal Tarte Tatin (Caramel & Apples in  
Pastry)

## Upcoming Dinner Dates

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - BBQ (Final Exam) - VIMY

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill

Thurs. Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Premium - River Mill

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - VIMY

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - River Mill

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - VIMY

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

## COST OF THE MALTS

I know members are always interested in the cost of the single malts we taste. Plus the \$75 Special Occasion Permit and the 16% levy charged by the LCBO for all alcohol served at the dinner.

- **HIGHLAND PARK 10 YEAR OLD** LCBO 334029 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$ 59.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **HIGHLAND PARK 15 YEARS OLD** SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY LCBO 11882 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$ 92.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **THE MACALLAN CASK STRENGTH** SINGLE MALT LCBO 608604 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$ 99.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 58.2% Alcohol/Vol.

- **THE MACALLAN 18 YEAR OLD** LCBO 608604 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$ 300.05** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

# Win Me Tonight!!

**ARRAN MALT  
DEVIL'S  
PUNCH BOWL**

Price \$ 115.95

700 mL bottle Single Malt  
Scotch

53.1% Alcohol/Vol.

COST of Tickets:

\$3 each, two tickets for \$5, or  
20 tickets for \$20. The winner  
must successfully answer the  
skill testing question: What



country does single malt come from?

## APRIL - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 30 April attendees @ \$60)	= \$1800.00
April dinner 30 persons = \$45.00/ea	= \$1162.50
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO	= \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$562.50
Cost of Single Malts	= \$404.20
Cost of Pours per Person = \$13.47	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= \$158.30
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$54.72

## The Macallan Cask Strength

By Ryan on May 22, 2013 - <http://www.scotchblog.ca>



Since I was first introduced to the dram, nearly two short years ago, I've considered this expression to be my "quintessential" [Macallan](#) experience. Matured exclusively in sherry oak casks from Jerez, Spain that were previously seasoned with dry Oloroso for 18 months; this whisky is like Christmas morning in a glass. It's bottled at cask strength (60.1% A.B.V. on the label but I've noticed variation between batches), without chill filtration and is best enjoyed with a splash of water.

Fans of The Macallan and lovers of big, richly sherried Speyside whiskies take note: [The Macallan Cask Strength has been discontinued in Ontario and, judging by the website, globally as well.](#) Perhaps as

part of the shuffle within the product range, the heretofore non-aged-stated red mahogany beauty has now been re-launched as a 10 year old cask strength offering. Although I have yet to try the new formula, I'm left wondering "If it ain't broke..."

**Nose:** Without water, expect to be taken aback by a strong, concentrated burst of alcohol co-mingled with dried fruits, orange, and spice. With a generous splash of water, the nose becomes more nuanced and layered and you can actually begin to pull out some distinctive fruity notes like: apricot, raisins, plums and candied pineapple alongside buttery oak.

**Palate:** Without water, hot but by no means fiery with bright flavours of raisins, candied fruit, chocolate orange and hazelnuts amidst a warming woody spice mixture of nutmeg and cloves. With water this dram really shines as the spirit becomes smoother and richer by allowing the more subtle flavours of caramel and coffee to emerge.

**Finish:** At full strength, the long and lingering finish eventually settles into rich dark chocolate and a hint of wood smoke. The slight oiliness of the spirit gives the dram some extra "oomph" here as it seems to coat the mouth while simultaneously producing a mouth-puckering dryness and of course a wonderful numbing of the lips! A splash of water creates a better interplay in the finish between the notes of vanilla, coconut, smoke and spice before settling into the dark chocolate flavours which now appears much later.

**Overall:** Personally speaking, this was the best standard Macallan expression I've found to date. Aside from the delicious flavour, I've also loved the slight batch variation between bottles resulting in differing alcohol content (from 54% to a monstrous 61%) as well as shifts in the intensity of the bouquet. It is without question for me, a smart buy as it's reasonably priced at [\\$99.95 in the LCBO](#) and it's the last we'll see of this great whisky. Purchase one to squirrel away and one to share.

Price at US\$628,000 / GBP£381,620 at Sotheby's

## Hong Kong – Scotch Whisky News

January 23rd, 2014 - <http://www.whiskyintelligence.com/>

The Macallan six litre decanter of 'M' produced by LALIQUE achieves a New World Record price at US\$628,000 / GBP£381,620 at Sotheby's Hong Kong

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Hong Kong:** Today saw the sale of a stunning rare 6 litre "Imperiale" version of the highly sought after Macallan M – the world's most sophisticated single malt whisky, contained within a beautifully designed and meticulously crafted crystal decanter, for US\$628,000 / GBP£381,620 at Sotheby's in Hong Kong.

M represents a masterpiece created from the collaboration between three masters of their crafts; Fabien Baron, Founder and Creative Director of Baron & Baron, Silvio Denz, President and CEO of LALIQUE and Bob Dalgarno, Whisky Maker at The Macallan.

To celebrate the conception of M and its global launch in Hong Kong, four 6-litre Imperiale decanters were specially crafted by LALIQUE for The Macallan. These are the largest decanters ever made by LALIQUE. Each decanter required the work of 17 craftsmen, including two with the prestigious title, "Meilleur Ouvrier de France", with each taking over 50 hours to complete.

Of the four, two will be archived by The Macallan and one has been committed to a private collector in Asia. The fourth, *Constantine* (named, as are the other three, after Roman emperors), uniquely features the engraved autographs of the three principal creators – LALIQUE/Silvio Denz, Fabien Baron and Bob Dalgarno. This highly collectable creation was made available as part of the Finest and Rarest Wines and The Macallan auction by Sotheby's in Hong Kong on Saturday, 18 January 2014.

David Cox of The Macallan commented: We are absolutely delighted at the generosity of the successful bidder of the "M" 6L decanter Constantine in securing such a wonderful contribution to a number of Hong Kong charities and at the same time setting a new world record for The Macallan. It is testimony to the craft, quality and passion underpinning the creation of this great decanter. It is a very proud moment for us".

The Macallan is one of the world's most sought after and collectable whiskies, sitting at the top of the auction index for whiskies and holding the current Guinness World Record™ for the most expensive whisky ever sold at auction, in 2010 in New York, The Macallan 64 years old in LALIQUE Cire Perdue at US\$460,000 / GBP£288,000.

Silvio Denz of LALIQUE said, "This new world record at US\$628,000 / GBP£381,620 highlights the uniqueness of the decanter and the remarkable quality of The Macallan single malt. Its creation is a tremendous achievement due to the unprecedented size, weight and completely new shape. After the Guinness World Record achieved by The Macallan in LALIQUE Cire Perdue in 2010 at Sotheby's New York, this exceptional figure underscores the interest and value of such extraordinary decanters".

Robert Sleigh of Sotheby's Hong Kong, "The Macallan M decanter 6 litre Imperiale brought global interest from bidders who were attracted by the combination of the unique opportunity and exceptional quality bringing a new world record for single malt whisky as well as benefiting Hong Kong charities.

All net sale proceeds will be donated to a host of local charities in Hong Kong.

### About The Macallan

Founded in 1824 in the heart of Speyside, The Macallan was one of the first distilleries in Scotland to be legally licensed. Since then it has built a reputation as one of the world's leading single malt whiskies. The creation of The Macallan draws on the vital contributing influences of Spain, North America and Scotland, and of their respective natural raw materials, combined with traditional methods and craftsmanship. From its founding, through the subsequent owners of The Macallan distillery in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and into the present century,



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The Macallan has been recognised for its outstanding quality above all else.

#### About LALIQUE

LALIQUE is internationally recognized as the undisputed Master of crystal. Representing the ultimate in artisanal skills, utmost precision and fundamental values, LALIQUE stands for luxury, excellence and creativity. René Lalique, renowned as the inventor of modern jewelry, became Master in the art of glassmaking in 1907. Lalique earned his title, *Sculpteur de Lumière*, from the richly sculptural craftsmanship and dramatic contrasts between clear and frosted finishes that define his work. Today, the LALIQUE company offers crystal collections across five categories: decorative items, interior design, jewellery, perfumes, art. For more information, please visit <http://www.lalique.com/>.

## Macallan 42 Year Old 1969 Decanter £12,000.00 (incl. tax) at Single Malts Direct – Scotch Whisky News

January 31st, 2014

Macallan 42 Year Old 1969 Decanter | incl. tax: £12,000.00

Duncan Taylor Rarest is a collection of single cask whiskies no longer widely available, bottled at natural cask strength and unfettered by chilled-filtration. Carefully selected from the company's coveted

reserves, Duncan Taylor Rarest delivers unparalleled levels of luxury and refinements. Rarest Macallan 1969, the series inaugural release, is presented in a decanter of exquisite crystal, intricately engraved and adorned with hand cut silver. Bringing its 42 years journey full circle, Rarest Macallan 1969 is housed in an elegant display case, honed by our cabinet maker from the very cask that matured it to perfection. Generations of passion, knowledge and craftsmanship drive Duncan Taylor Scotch whisky today. Duncan Taylor Rarest is the culmination of the company's vision; to provide the most authentic Scotch whisky without compromise...



## The Black Grouse Alpha Edition

By Ryan on March 3, 2014 - <http://www.scotchblog.ca>

The [Black Grouse Alpha Edition](#)

contains a higher proportion of aged malts from The Macallan and Highland Park to the aged grain whiskies than what's found in the standard Black Grouse. Male *Tetrao tetrix*, (Black Grouse) engage in a mating ritual known as a Lek to determine the alpha position or dominance in the flock by presenting the best display for females. Festooned with a black feather, the bottle and packaging of the Alpha Edition serves as a nod to the company's interest in positioning this version of the Grouse as a premium offering in the product line and was originally launched exclusively for the travel retail market in 2011 before becoming more widely available in 2012. We love the original Black Grouse, in fact it [won our Battle of the Blends series](#), so we had no hesitation in sampling a new spin on an old favourite even if we were a tad disappointed to see it bottled at 40% ABV despite the higher malt content.

**Nose:** Sweet, rich and inviting aromas of caramel and dark chocolate covered berries with soft thread of dried grass and straw laden peat smokiness.

**Palate:** Medium-bodied and a touch oily. The dram opens with sweet flavours of toasted vanilla and caramel that gracefully usher in a



gentle, balanced, layer of char and peat smoke. Once on the scene, the smokey element dominates but doesn't overpower and a light bitterness akin to a high cocoa content dark chocolate emerges on the way to the finish.

**Finish:** Long and smokey with soft drying tannin reminiscent of musty old leather.

**Overall:** A great example of a rock-solid blended Scotch whisky. There's not a lot of complexity here but the flavours are focussed, well-balanced and there's no forced grainy sweetness or accompanying heat or spiciness that can appear in blends within a similar price point. Doubtless, fans of the Grouse lineup will enjoy this offering and I can confidently suppose that both newcomers to Scotch whisky and seasoned enthusiasts will find themselves charmed. There's still a [sizeable stock of the Alpha Edition left in the LCBO and for \\$54.95](#) you can certainly afford to keep one around for your daily dram and to serve to guests while putting one or two bottles away for a rainy day.

## FREYA – 'THE FAIR ONE' – TAKES CENTRE STAGE 'The third whisky in the acclaimed Valhalla Collection' – Scotch Whisky News

February 5th, 2014 -

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

FREYA – 'THE FAIR ONE' –  
TAKES CENTRE STAGE

The third whisky in the acclaimed Valhalla Collection After the lightning strike of the mighty Thor and the smoky complexity of the trickster Loki, Highland Park has turned its attention to the mesmerising Norse Goddess of Love, Freya for the third release in the acclaimed Valhalla Collection.

Famed for her great beauty and often known as *The Fair One*, Freya is the patron and protector of the human race, and to whom souls travel to be renewed. On one hand she is a beautiful and sensitive adviser but on the other a hot blooded and glorious Warrior that no one can resist.

Her story is full of colour and legends. Spring flowers fall from her hair and she sheds tears of gold and amber. It is believed the reflection from her magical cloak of feathers in the night sky creates the aurora borealis (Northern Lights).

Highland Park has continued The Valhalla Collection tradition of reflecting the character and qualities of the Norse Gods in the whisky itself, this time taking Freya's intriguing allure and feisty personality as their inspiration to create an entrancing single malt – full, rich and complex with a lingering beguiling finish.

The shimmering gold 15 year old vibrant whisky offers a white chocolatey aroma with a fresh tropical fruitiness emerging from the trademark gentle, sweet smokiness Highland Park is known and loved for.

Freya represents the continuation of Highland Park's Valhalla Collection; a range of four unique whiskies taking inspiration from the legendary Nordic gods of old. Bottled at 51.2% ABV this limited edition whisky comes housed in the same unique and award winning wooden frame of Thor and Loki, echoing the fearsome contours of a traditional Viking long ship.

Gerry Tosh, Global Marketing Manager said: "*Freya is the only female to feature in The Valhalla Collection and being a serene, spiritual and giving goddess, she brings a fresh allure and depth to the lineup. Her beauty and majesty are said to make her*



utterly captivating and I think people might feel the same about this smooth and classy single malt. It is unmistakably Highland Park, but offers a rich, full burst of flavour that reflects this Warrior God's mesmeric aura and feisty dominant side."

Freya will be available from specialist independent whisky retailers, at the Highland Park distillery and [www.highlandpark.co.uk](http://www.highlandpark.co.uk) from 7<sup>th</sup> February at a RRP of £140.

Tasting Notes: Highland Park Freya – 15 years old – 51.2% abv  
Colour: The Fair One, golden

Aroma: Almond and Madagascan vanilla shimmer in the distance like the *Aurora Borealis*. White chocolate followed by candied cherries makes way for a vibrant wave of mango and melon, riding upon a cloud of cream soda.

Taste: The heart of this whisky shines like a jewel, surrounded by fragrant peat. Orange peel, butterscotch and rose petals provide the sweetness along with orange blossom and ginger. Lively popping candy, lemongrass and tropical fruits are lightly shrouded in peat smoke.

Finish: Complex and beautiful, yet balanced and considered like Freya herself, the finish gives lingering spice and soft peat smoke intertwined with soft orchard fruits, toasted coconut and a light char, providing a rounded depth and allowing this whisky to soar.

#### Notes: About Highland Park

Established in 1798 on Orkney, Highland Park is one of the most remote Scotch whisky distilleries in the world. For over 200 years, the distillery has combined time old tradition and the very best craftsmanship to achieve perfection. Its range of 12, 15, 18, 21, 25, 30 and 40 year old single malts is consistently acclaimed by connoisseurs and experts. Highland Park has won a string of prestigious awards across its portfolio, Highland Park 18 year old was named Best Spirit in the World by American drinks expert Paul Pacult in Top 115 Spirits, Spirit Journal in 2009 and 2005.

2013 has seen Highland Park 25 year old awarded the first ever 100-point score, along with the Chairman's Trophy for Best of Category, at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge. It too has also recently been named 'Best Spirit in the World'.

Five keystones contribute to making Highland Park:

- Hand-turned malt adds to the deliciously succulent, balanced layers of aromatic character found in Highland Park
- Aromatic peat gives a delectably seductive, luxuriant floral sweetness to Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- Cool maturation enhances the smooth character of Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- Sherry oak casks contribute to the distinctive richness and multi-dimensional complexity of Highland Park
- Cask harmonization ensures consistency and balance in Highland Park

<http://www.highlandpark.co.uk/>

Please drink responsibly.

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.

### Reservation policy

- Our contract with the Officer's Mess Kitchen 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please respond to me (rdifazio@cogeco.ca). 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 (613-634-0397).

- Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6pm.

### Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6pm and Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 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 available, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.

- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 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 Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6pm and Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

### Membership and Dinner prices for 2013-2014

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)
(includes donation to RMC Pipes & Drums with Highland Dancers)	
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member) \$80 (non-member)

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



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