

Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998
JANUARY 27th, 2014



This evening's
menu
celebrating the
255th
Anniversary
of
Robbie Burns
Birthday

Please join me in welcoming Steven Drotos,
Brand and Sales Support Manager for VINEXX
Global who will help guide us through this
evenings selections.

MENU

Pre-dinner toast to Robbie Burns

1st Nosing: ROBERT BURNS SINGLE MALT

2nd Nosing: ARRAN MALT PORT CASK

Soup: Cock-A-Leekie

3rd Nosing: ARRAN MALT BOURBON CASK

Entree: Roast Beef - Prime Rib

Haggis, Neeps, Tatties (Turnips & Potatoes), &
Green Things

4th Nosing: ARRAN MALT DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL

Dessert: Atholl Brose

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.

- ISLE OF ARRAN ROBERT BURNS ARRAN SINGLE
MALT VINTAGES 981084 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 42.95

Spirits, Scotch Whisky 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- PORT CASK FINISH SINGLE MALT WHISKY (ISLE
OF ARRAN) VINTAGES 328815 | 700 mL bottle Price \$

80.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 50.0%
Alcohol/Vol.

- THE ARRAN MALT BOURBON SINGLE CASK ISLE
OF ARRAN SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 269712 | 700 mL

bottle Price: \$ 91.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt
Scotch 55.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- THE ARRAN MALT DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL
VINTAGES 328815 | 700 mL bottle Price \$ 115.95 Spirits,
Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 53.1% Alcohol/Vol.

December Raffle Results

Ardbeg Blasda & Glen Garioch 12

Congratulations to

Sandy Finucan and Jeff Taylor

During the course of the raffle

a total of \$460 was raised.

Thank you everyone!

Winners of Gifts from Mrs. Claus

(aka Lana Di Fazio)

Whisky Bible - Mike Patchett

Whisky Bible - Sylvain Bouffard

Whisky Stones - Walter MacKenzie

Beer and Beer Bread - John Creber

Jim Beam BBQ Set - Marci MacMullin

Winners of the Auction

Glenfarclas 17 - Jim Boseovski

Glenfiddich 15 DE - Wade Murray

Glenmorangie Ealanta - Mel Douglas



Arran The Devil's Punchbowl Chapter II - 'Angels and
Devils'

Our Demonic Distiller James MacTaggart
has once again delved into the darkest recesses of
our warehouses to select the casks for the second
release in this un-holy trinity of devilish drams.

Each cask has been meticulously chosen and
through the dark art of blending they have
created an Arran bottling of depth and rich
character where the aromas and flavours dovetail
to perfection.

Bottled at natural strength and without
chill-filtration, The Devil's Punch Bowl is a
testimony to the consistent superior quality of
The Arran Malt across each year of production.
For your elucidation the numbers of every cask,
hand-picked for this bottling, have been listed on
the inside of this box. Dare to dram with the Devil
once again.

Explain about ... Burns Night

<http://whiskyforeveryone.blogspot.com/2010/01/explain-about-burns-night.html>

Burns Night is an annual festival that celebrates the life and works of Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns (also known as Rabbie to his friends) and has a strong association with whisky. Burns is widely regarded as Scotland's national poet and the festival has become Scotland's unofficial national day. It is celebrated on January 25th, the date of Burns' birth. Burns Night has a rich heritage in Scottish culture and combines two of the nation's favourite pastimes, eating and drinking whisky, with the legendary poetry of Robert Burns.

Robert Burns was born in 1759 in the small town of Alloway, Ayrshire. The town is located two miles (3km) to the south of Ayr in the Lowland region of Scotland. The house where he was born is now the Burns Cottage Museum. Burns was tutored mostly by his father for his early education before starting formal schooling in 1772. His first attempt at poetry was in 1774 - it was entitled *O, Once I Lov'd A Bonnie Lass* and was inspired by his first love. He went on to write hundreds of poems and songs including famous works such as *Tam O'Shanter*, *My Love Is Like A Red, Red Rose* and *Auld Lang Syne*, which is traditionally sung around the English speaking world on New Year's Eve.

As time passed and Burns' work became more renowned, so did his reputation for liking whisky and women. His heavy drinking and adultery gained him notoriety and scorn within literary circles, although the quality and output of his works remained consistently high. His first illegitimate child was born in 1785 and he went on to father 12 children with four different women (although these totals are believed to both be higher!). He died on July 21 1796, aged just 37, of rheumatic fever that is believed to have been accelerated by a degenerative heart condition from his childhood. His final child was born two days later, on the day that he was buried with full civic and military honours. Burns' grave stands in a graveyard in Dumfries.

So how did Burns Night begin and what does it involve? It is believed that the first Burns Night took place over 200 years ago in 1801. This is less than five years after Burns' death and was celebrated by a group of scholars who were fans of his works. In the early days, it was seen as the perfect platform to celebrate Scotland and being Scottish, incorporating Burns' poetry, Scottish food (most notably haggis, neeps and tatties) and copious amounts of whisky. The popularity and celebrations grew year on year until we have the Burns Night that we know today.

The modern Burns Night supper has evolved over time but remains quintessentially (some would say, stereotypically) Scottish. The core of the supper is the haggis (a mixture of offal, cereal grains, oatmeal, herbs and spices wrapped in the lining of a sheep's stomach) and this is served with neeps and tatties (turnip/swede and potato). This can be preceded by a soup based starter - the three most common are Scotch Broth (a thick soup that contains barley and anything else that you may have), Cullen Skink (a fish based chowder) or Cock-a-leekie soup (the clue is in the name - it's chicken and leeks, then prunes are added). Dessert can take any form (if you have space or haven't had a heart attack by this point!), with cheese, Cranachan (whipped cream, whisky, raspberries and oatmeal) or Cloutie Dumpling (a cake made with dried fruit, condensed milk, spices and golden syrup, then cooked in a cloth or *clout* in Gaelic) being the most popular. These are traditionally accompanied by whisky at every opportunity.

The main ceremonial part involves the reading of [Address To A Haggis](#) - a poem written by Robert Burns to celebrate Scotland and its national food. The haggis is bought in and placed on a table and then the reader performs the poem to the haggis and the crowd. This can be accompanied by bagpipes at larger events (as seen in the image, left). The final act of the poem is to slash the stomach membrane of the haggis to reveal its contents and for the reader to down a dram of whisky (occasionally, another dram can be poured over the steaming haggis). Then the rule is to toast the haggis, have a fun evening and drink whisky!

Other Burns Night facts ...

* Approximately 15 million people worldwide annually celebrate Burns Night.

* There are statues of Robert Burns in Central Park, New York and at Poet's Corner in Hyde Park, London.

* It is estimated that 70% of the UK's annual haggis consumption happens on or around Burns Night.

* Burns Night contributes a staggering £150 million to the Scottish economy each year.

* The poetry of Robert Burns have been translated in to almost every known language and have been used in the works of legendary figures such as Jimmy Hendrix and The Beatles.



www.whiskyadvocateblog.com **Whiskey of the Year Categories**

Craft Whiskey of the Year: Few Spirits Rye, 46.5%, \$60

American Whiskey of the Year: Four Roses 2013 Limited Edition Small Batch, 51.5%, \$85

Canadian Whiskey of the Year: Wiser's Legacy, 45%, C\$49.95

Irish Whiskey of the Year: Redbreast 21 year old, 46%, \$180

Japanese Whiskey of the Year: Yoichi 1988 single cask, 62%, \$250

World Whiskey of the Year: Kavalan Solist ex Bourbon Cask, 57.1%, \$110

Blended/Blended Malt Whiskey of the Year: The Big Peat Christmas Edition 2013, 54.9%, £46

Speyside Single Malt of the Year: Macallan Ruby, 43%, \$299.95

Islay Single Malt of the Year: Kilchoman 2007, 46%, \$80

Highland Single Malt of the Year: Talisker Storm, 45.8%, \$66

Lowlands/Campbeltown Single Malt of the Year: Kilkerran Work in Progress 5 Sherry Wood, 46%, \$60

Lifetime Achievement Award: Michael Urquhart; Managing Director, Gordon & MacPhail

Distiller of the Year: Diageo

The 2013 Gift Buyer's Guide to Whisky

<http://www.scotchblog.ca> - By Matt on December 22, 2013

It's merely 2 days until Christmas. You have many people you want to shop for, and there is a whisky lover on your list. You've already gone into your local store a couple times and have left empty handed because no one could help you make heads or tails of the selection and whether or not it would be enjoyed by the person you are buying for. Where could you possibly turn for help?

Well, this is one of those places. The first thing you'll need to do is make a list of what they have on their shelf at home. See a lot of Glenfarclas or Macallan on their shelf? That means you have a fan of sherried whiskies that you are buying for. Are there names like Elijah Craig, Maker's Mark, or Bookers staring back at you? Then you've got a bourbon fan on your hands. Are you staring at a myriad of bizarre sample bottles with hand written labels filling every nook and cranny of the room while 3 other shelves hold full-size bottles that are open, and another room holds the closed ones? Then get out of my house!

All jokes aside, the label on a bottle, tube, or tin will be your first indicator of what you should be looking for. In fact, the best way to read a label is often in reverse. For instance if it says "Single Malt Scotch Whisky", then the bottle contains whisky, made in Scotland from malt (a process by which barley is allowed to sprout before roasting called "malting"), from a single distillery. Whereas "Blended Scotch Whisky" refers to whisky made in Scotland that uses a blend of different distilleries and types of whisky. Other things that you will find noted on the label could include the region of Scotland the whisky is from (Highland, Lowland, Speyside, Islay, Campbeltown, or Island), cask type (most commonly sherry or bourbon), an age statement that lists the age of the youngest whisky in the bottle, and the type of whisky it is such as Canadian, Irish, Bourbon, or Scotch.

Once you have attended to looking into the contents of your subject's cabinet, turn your attention to thoughts of their favourite flavours. Both in terms of food, and if you can think of them, whisky. Do they enjoy smoked foods like pulled pork or beef brisket? Look for something with "Islay" on the bottle and you'll have a very good chance of bringing home a smoky whisky. Do they have a sweet tooth

that sees them looking at the dessert menu before the mains in a restaurant? Then a whisky from the Speyside region will likely be a big hit with them.

Want more specific recommendations? Then read on...

As always, I will take a somewhat local approach to things meaning that I will link back to LCBO listings and, if you are lucky enough to be located elsewhere, please do make use of any of the great shops listed at the end. All referred shops are such due to the attentive, helpful, and knowledgeable nature of their staff. As for the prices listed, those are Ontario prices, meaning that many will likely find these whiskies for less elsewhere.

Lastly, if you would like more detailed information on any of the whiskies or a picture of the bottle, a quick click on the name will take you to a full review.

Under \$70

Canadian Whisky: The Portable Expert by Davin de Kergommeaux. A book? Yes. Again? Not "again", still. Since it is only **\$15.67 on Amazon**, you can combine this with any bottle for a complete experience, or simply opt for the book alone as it is the ideal companion to a fine dram of whisky. While its subject matter is entirely about the under-studied and often misunderstood world of Canadian whisky, it is by no means diminished as a gift for the Scotch or bourbon lover. Expansive in its detail, yet easily understood by the layperson; it touches on everything including the history of the spirit, the process of making whisky of any kind, distilleries past and present, as well as offering reviews on dozens of existing Canadian whiskies. Suitable for fans of: whisky, whiskey, bourbon, Scotch, Canadian Whisky, and general knowledge.

Three Ships 5 Year Old Blended Whisky

The most inexpensive bottle on this year's list is by no means anything to ignore. A fantastically well balanced whisky, it delivers hints of sweet tea, light smoke, and an enjoyable nutty note. Hailing from South Africa, it also carries a bit of surprise for the recipient as few will have had the opportunity to taste a whisky from that part of the world before. For just **\$34.95**, this one is also surprisingly easy on the wallet. Suitable for fans of: Johnnie Walker, Islay Mist, Laphroaig, Bowmore, and Black Grouse.

The Famous Grouse: The Famous Jubilee Special Edition Constructed using greater proportions of both Highland Park and Macallan in the blend than the average Famous Grouse bottling, this one has something for everyone. Rich, sweet, and deeply layered with toffees, cocoa, light spice and a hint of smoke, it is very hard to find anything to dislike about it, especially at **just \$39.95**. Stock is now dwindling and when it's gone, it will be gone for good. So this may be your last chance to get your hands on it. Suitable for fans of: Macallan, Highland Park, Famous Grouse, Johnnie Walker, and just about any whisky.

Forty Creek Heart of Gold

Rich caramel, toffee, and maple syrup combined with peppery cloves, hints of orange, and semi-sweet chocolate. It is just about everything anyone enjoys in a seasonal dessert and it comes in a bottle from Canada's leading whisky maker. There are only 9,000 bottles of this limited release that have ever been made, so if your whisky fan also happens to be a fan of rye or Canadian whiskies, then this one is sure to be a hit. Priced at **\$69.95** right now, it may well survive the Christmas season, but like last year's Portwood Reserve, don't expect it to last too long. Suitable for fans of: Canadian whisky of any kind, Masterson's Rye, Wiser's, Bulleit Bourbon, and sticky toffee pudding.

\$70 to \$100

Benromach 10 Year Old

Honey roasted almonds, brown sugar, red apples, and just a hint of smoke throughout make this Speysider a superstar for **\$74.50**. Impeccably balanced from beginning to end this whisky is arguably one of the best standard expressions coming out of Scotland right now and the small size of the distillery means that not all that many people are familiar with it. I know I would be happy receiving multiple bottles of this one wink wink. Suitable for fans of: Macallan, Aberlour, Lagavulin, Highland Park, and pulled pork sandwiches.

South Island Single Malt 18 Year Old

The fact that this has been marked down to **\$77.35** is a testament to its obscure nature rather than its immense quality. It is rare to ever find an 18 year old single malt for anything under \$100, let alone one from an extinct distillery in New Zealand. This rare prize exhibits all the traits of an old-style Speyside Scotch whisky with tangerines, caramel,

honey, and barbecue wood smoke. Suitable for fans of: Benromach, Highland Park, Oban, Isle of Jura, and grilled fruits with butterscotch ice cream.

1999 Glen Elgin 12 Year Old Dimensions Series by Duncan Taylor

A limited edition of a rare single malt from a fantastic independent bottler. Apples and pears in a fruit salad one minute, candied oranges and mint chocolate the next. An excellent whisky with incredible pedigree, it is rarely found as a single malt here since much of the distillery's production goes into making blended whiskies. Silky smooth, this is a great gift for someone just getting into whisky or for the hardened fanatic, but you had better move quickly to secure one of the **17 bottles left in Ontario for \$92.95**. Suitable for fans of: Glenfiddich, Blavenie, Balblair, Old Pulteney, and fruit tarts.

Over \$100

Gordon & MacPhail Connoisseur's Choice Craigellachie 1991

A remarkable dessert dram from benchmark independent bottlers **Gordon & MacPhail**. Craigellachie is another rarely seen single malt used primarily for blended whisky, but one must wonder why when this expression delivers waves of peach pie, honeydew melons, and toasted coconut. This particular whisky was one of the crowd favourites in the **tasting we held** with a number of this bottler's whiskies back in January, which makes it all the more surprising that there are any bottles left right now. Currently, there are **18 bottles remaining at the LCBO for \$119.95**. Suitable for fans of: Glenfiddich, Old Pulteney, Glenmorangie, and just about any dessert.

Glenfarclas 21 Year Old

One of the finest examples of what a great sherry cask can do with a single malt Scotch whisky is also one of the best possible deals to be had in Ontario. Priced **\$129.95** this fantastic whisky is back, but only in a limited quantity with just 34 bottles remaining. Cotton candy and bubblegum at first, but quickly evolving into butterscotch and almonds with candied fruits, Christmas spices, and dark chocolate. Highly recommended at any time of the year as it is one of the best bang-for-you-buck whiskies available. Suitable for fans of: Macallan, Aberlour, Dalmore, Highland Park, and Christmas desserts of any kind.

Whisky Recipe

Apple-Oatmeal Crisp with Irish Whiskey Cream

Source: foodnetwork.com, courtesy of Emeril Lagasse, 2001

Prep Time: 20 min; Cook Time: 45 min;
Serves: 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 stick cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 2 pounds Rome Beauty or Winesap apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons Irish whiskey
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom
- Pinch salt
- 1/4 cup Irish oatmeal
- 1/4 cup toasted, chopped walnut pieces
- Irish Whiskey Cream, recipe follows

Preparation

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly butter an 11 by 7-inch baking pan and set aside.
- In a large skillet, melt 3 tablespoons of butter over medium-high heat. Add the apples, lemon juice, 1/2-cup of the brown sugar and 1 tablespoon of the flour. Stir well, and cook for 5 minutes. Add the whiskey, cinnamon, cardamom and salt, stir well, and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat.



- In a large bowl combine the remaining flour, oatmeal and remaining 1/2-cup sugar. Add the remaining 5 tablespoons of butter, and with your fingers or a pastry blender, work the mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Add the walnuts and mix well.
- Place the apple mixture in the greased pan and sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 35 to 40 minutes. Serve hot with the Irish Whiskey Cream.

Irish Whiskey Cream

Ingredients

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons Irish whiskey

Preparation

- Whip the cream until it begins to form soft peaks. Add the sugar and whiskey and beat until stiff peaks form. Cover and chill until needed.

Yield: about 2 cups

DECEMBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 40 December attendees @ \$65) = \$2600.00
 (Money from 29 December guests @ \$75) = \$2175.00
 December dinner 69 persons = \$47.00/ea = \$3243.00
 Cost of Glasses: = \$194.93
 (Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$1337.07
 Cost of Single Malts = \$1100.65
 Cost of Pours per Person = \$15.78
 KSMS Monthly operational balance = \$236.42
 Cost per person 81 attendees (All inclusive) = \$65.61

Upcoming Dinner Dates

February 10th, 2014 - Islay - VIMY
 March 10th, 2014 - St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill
 April 28th, 2014 - Speyside - VIMY
 May 26th, 2014 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
 June 16th, 2014 - BBQ (Final Exam) - VIMY
 July 28th, 2014 - 3rd Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
 Thurs. Aug 21st, 2014 - 7th Annual Premium - River Mill
 September 15th, 2014 - VIMY
 October 20th, 2014 - VIMY
 November 17th, 2014 - VIMY
 December 8th, 2014 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

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 23rd, 2013 dinner date as an example:
- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 30th, 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 6th, 2013 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday September 11th, 2013 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
- Anyone canceling between Wednesday September 11th, 2013 @ 6pm and Monday September 23rd, 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 23rd, 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 11th, 2013 @ 6pm and Monday September 23rd, 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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