

# Kingston Single Malt Society

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

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## MENU

**Welcome Nosing:** GLENMORANGIE COMPANTA  
(introduced by: Ken Goodland)

**1<sup>st</sup> Nosing:** GLEN MORAY 12 YEAR OLD  
(introduced by: John Leighton)

**Appetizer:** Smoked Sable Fish, Marinated Fennel, Sunchokes,  
Black Garlic, Fennel Cream & Chive Oil

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nosing:** BUNNAHABHAIN 18 YEAR OLD  
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

**Salad:** Roasted Vegetables Escalavista, Safrito, Spanish Chorizo,  
Glengarry Chèvre, Smoked Almonds, Arugula

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nosing:** AULTMORE 12 YEAR OLD  
(introduced by: John Creber)

**4<sup>th</sup> Nosing:** CLYNELISH 14 YEAR OLD  
(introduced by: Brian Simchison)

**Choice of Main Course Entree:**

Roasted Turkey, Sour Cream & Chive Potato Cake, Braised Kale,  
Pan Sauce

Or

Maple Glazed Salmon, Curried Lentils, Local Squash & Baby  
Carrots

**5<sup>th</sup> Nosing:** GLENROTHES ALBA RESERVE  
(introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

**Dessert:** Tiramisu

## COST OF THE MALTS

- **GLENMORANGIE COMPANTA HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT**  
VINTAGES 392456 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$176.95** Spirits,  
Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **GLEN MORAY 12 YEAR OLD** VINTAGES 119043 | 750 mL  
bottle **Price: \$49.75** Spirits 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **BUNNAHABHAIN 18 YEAR OLD ISLAY SINGLE MALT**  
VINTAGES 247049 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$179.95** Spirits,  
Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.3% Alcohol/Vol.

- **AULTMORE 12 YEAR OLD** LCBO 417840 | 750 mL bottle  
**Price: \$78.50** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **CLYNELISH 14 YEAR OLD** LCBO 139188 | 750 mL bottle  
**Price: \$99.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **GLENROTHES ALBA RESERVE** VINTAGES 31674 | 750 mL  
bottle **Price: \$69.99** Spirits, 46.0% bottle Alcohol/Vol.

## Upcoming Dinner Dates

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Arran - Robbie Burns - River Mill

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 - Islands - River Mill

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Irish Night - River Mill

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Islay - River Mill

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill

Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Premium - River Mill

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Campbeltown/Lowland - VIMY

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 - Arran - Robbie Burns - VIMY

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Islands - River Mill

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Night - River Mill

## NOVEMBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 43 November attendees @ \$60) = \$2580.00

November dinner 43 persons = \$45.00/ea = \$1935.00

(Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$645.00

Cost of Single Malts: = \$895.70

Cost of Pours per Person = \$14.00

KSMS Monthly operational balance = (-\$250.70)

Cost per person 26 attendees (All inclusive) = \$65.83

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## BEAM SUNTORY EYES SCOTCH GROWTH IN CANADA

10th November, 2015 by Melita Kiely - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Beam Suntory is tapping into Canada's growing demand for Scotch whisky by introducing its newly combined portfolio of premium expressions to the market – Bowmore, Auchentoshan and Laphroaig.

Beam Suntory has recently combined its portfolio of premium Scotch whisky, including Laphroaig

According to the firm, Scotch whisky grew faster than any other spirits category in Canada last year at a rate of 5.9%.

Now, Beam Suntory is keen to offer Canadian Scotch whisky fans "tremendous diversity" through its Scotch whisky portfolio.

"There is tremendous diversity in Scotch, which is why it's such an exciting spirit and appeals to so many Canadians, whether they are seasoned Scotch aficionados, just beginning their journey or maybe fall somewhere in between," commented Deepti Gurkar, senior brand manager, luxury portfolio, Beam Suntory Canada.

"Whether you're looking to sip on a peated malt from Islay or something more progressive – like Auchentoshan's American Oak, a smooth and versatile Scotch that's similar to a Bourbon – Beam Suntory's diverse portfolio of premium Scotches offers a taste for everyone."

Beam Suntory saw its sales soar 58% in the first half of its financial year, as a result of strong performances across the firm's Bourbon and Japanese whisky portfolios.

It claims single malt Scotch whisky is experiencing a double-digit growth of 11.9% – higher than the rest of the category.

"There's a flourishing subculture of ardent single malt fans out there, which plays a huge role within our newly combined portfolio," added Gurkar. "Bringing together award-winning single malts from Bowmore, Auchentoshan and Laphroaig, means that we're welcoming each brand's diverse yet passionate fans into one big, happy, loud and opinionated, single malt-loving family."

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## THE GLENROTHES ADDS PEATED WHISKY TO RANGE

4th November, 2015 by Amy Hopkins

Berry Bros. & Rudd has launched a new no-age-statement collection of single malt Scotch whiskies from Speyside Distillery The Glenrothes, featuring a new peated expression.

The Glenrothes has launched a single malt Scotch whisky finished in peated casks from Islay

The Reserve Collection is comprised of four single malts: Sherry Cask Reserve, Bourbon Cask Reserve, Vintage Reserve and a brand new expression, The Peated Cask Reserve.

Made up of 10 different vintages from across three decades, the [Vintage Reserve was initially launched in July this year](#), while Sherry

Cask Reserve – the first all first-fill Sherry cask expression from The Glenrothes – [was first unveiled last year](#).

The Bourbon Cask Reserve was originally available under the name Alba Reserve, but Berry Bros. altered the title in a bid to be "more transparent to consumers".

Meanwhile, the Peated Cask Reserve is a new addition to The Glenrothes range.

The expression is said to be inspired by an association formed between The Glenrothes and Islay Distillery Co Ltd in 1887, called Highland Distilleries.

The Peated Cask Reserve has been created by finishing Glenrothes' Vintage 1992 whisky in a cask hailing from Islay.

Ronnie Cox, The Glenrothes brand heritage director, called the new release: "A wonderful surprise. The first modern-day marriage of elegant, fruity, and, of course, mature Glenrothes with subtle but intriguing peaty mists of Islay."

The Glenrothes Peated Cask Reserve will be sold exclusively through M&S in the UK from November and will be priced at £45 per bottle.

All whiskies in The Reserve Collection have been bottled at 40% abv.

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## Man camps out for days to buy \$36K bottle of Glenfiddich

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/glenfiddich-scotch-50-year-old-sale-vancouver-1.3309276>

Bruce Langereis camped at the edge of a Vancouver parking lot for four wet days for his shot at getting a 50-year-old bottle of ultra-rare single malt Glenfiddich.

He walked away with the dark, silver-necked bottle — which had a \$36,000 price tag.

"I will probably have the first drink out of it," said Langereis, of Delta Land Development Ltd., who plans to set the "showcase spirit" on the mantel at a bar his company built — Rosewood Hotel Georgia's Prohibition Bar — where one shot will cost salivating scotch lovers up to \$2,000.



This bottle of 50-year-old Glenfiddich is the only one to go on sale in Canada this year. (Doug Kerr/CBC)

Some might ask: why?

"The taste, the textures, the sophistication of the fluids. There is a reason that a bottle costs \$36,000," said Langereis.

Langereis was not alone in the lineup. Hundreds of scotch aficionados braved November rain to bag other bottles, with prices ranging from \$60 upwards.

But the Glenfiddich was the ultimate prize.

Orange marmalade with a faint wisp of smoke

"These bottles are exceptionally rare. Fifty years old means it was put away 50 years ago and so it's a really exceptional layered flavour for a scotch," said April Kemick of B.C. Liquor stores.

"Some will collect it ... but there are people who do believe that good whisky should be poured. So some people actually share it with their friends if you can believe it," Kemick said.

"I will probably have the first drink out of it." - Bruce Langereis

The ultra-rare single malt is one of only 50 bottles available worldwide this year, and the only one to be sold in Canada.

"On the palate what it tastes like, is you get this sweetness that comes through like orange marmalade with a faint wisp of smoke, with a lovely, velvety finish," explains Glenfiddich scotch ambassador Mitch Bechard.

The sale is part of the [B.C. Liquor Stores annual premium spirit release](#).

Joining it on the shelves will be whiskies, cognacs and bourbons from around the world.

The Glenfiddich sold Saturday morning at the Cambie Liquor Store. The rest of the premium stock will be available at 30 stores across the province.

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## RETURN TO GROWTH 'ON HORIZON' FOR SCOTCH

5th November, 2015 by Amy Hopkins - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

The decline of the Scotch whisky industry is "slowing", with exports to the troubled Chinese market leaping 46% in the first half of this year.

The SWA has identified "encouraging trends" that indicate the Scotch whisky export market is on the path to growth

According to latest figures released by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), despite the persistence of economic headwinds and political uncertainty, "encouraging trends" are starting to develop in several key markets.

In total, the value of Scotch exports dropped by 3% to £1.7 billion in the first half of this year, compared to a fall of 11% in the first six months of last year.

In terms of volume, exports dropped 3% to the equivalent of 517m bottles, compared to a 6% decline during the same period in 2014.

The SWA notes that premium blends and single malt Scotch whisky “became ever more popular”, with the latter experiencing a 5% value increase to £406m.

After a decade of consistent growth, Scotch whisky exports first started to decline two years ago, impacted by numerous challenges in the emerging markets.

“We’re starting to see some strong signals for growth and we continue to believe the long-term prospects for Scotch whisky remain good,” said David Frost, chief executive of the SWA. “This is reflected in the large number of new distilleries opening, with half a dozen starting production in the last year or so.

“The growth of single malt exports shows that premium products are ever more popular. We had a decade of record growth, there was then a decline in exports in recent years largely because of the slowdown in the emerging markets, but signs of improvement are on the horizon.”

Bright horizons

Earlier this year, Frost predicted that the Scotch export market will return to growth in 2016.

“We will continue to push for more open access to markets by pressing for the removal of barriers such as high tariffs and unfair levels of taxation,” he added. “Scotch needs a level playing field, in the UK and overseas, to continue to be a Scottish and British success story.”

Exports to North America “remained steady” at £327m, with exports to Canada growing 20% to £36m and the Mexican market increasing 12% to £43m.

The market for Scotch in China returned to growth despite the country’s ongoing austerity measures, with direct exports increasing an enormous 46% to £22m due to demand for blended variants. In 2013, the country was knocked out of the top 20 exports markets for Scotch whisky, a position it has now managed to regain in terms of both value and volume.

The SWA notes that trading conditions remain “volatile” in other markets, with volume exports plummeting almost 30% in Brazil and 8% in India.

While Germany was hit in terms of value and volume, Poland and Turkey saw double-digit growth.

## JIM MURRAY’S WHISKY BIBLE 2016 – THE WINNERS

19 November 2015 by Stuart –

[blog.thewhiskyexchange.com/2015/11/jim-murrays-whisky-bible-2016-the-winners/](http://blog.thewhiskyexchange.com/2015/11/jim-murrays-whisky-bible-2016-the-winners/)

Excitement builds every year about the big winners in Jim Murray’s Whisky Bible. Last year, Jim chose Yamazaki Sherry Cask 2013 as his 2015 World Whisky of the Year, which had an astonishing effect on demand for this now-rare bottle – and boosted the fortunes of the entire Japanese whisky category overnight.

So, who is this year’s winner? For the first time, it’s from Canada: Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye. Jim scored it 97.5pts/100: ‘Rye, that most eloquent of grains, not just turning up to charm and enthrall but to also take us through a routine which reaches new heights of beauty and complexity,’ he said. ‘To say this is a masterpiece is barely doing it justice.’



In the thirteenth edition of the book, Murray scores the whisky a “record-qualifying” 97.5 out of 100 points. It is created at the Gimli Distillery, which sits on the shores of Lake Winnipeg in central Canada.

Another rye expression, Pikesville 100 proof Straight Rye from the Heaven Hill Distillery in Kentucky, was awarded second spot in Murray list of the best whiskies in the world.

Irish Distillers’ Midleton Dair Ghaelach came in third, while Buffalo Trace’s William Larue Weller Bourbon and Japanese whisky Yamazaki Mizunara came in fourth and fifth respectively.

### CROWN ROYAL NORTHERN HARVEST RYE, 45%

Producer’s Tasting Notes:

Nose: Baking spices, cereal, light wood spices.

Palate: Gentle oak note, rich butterscotch, spiced vanilla, develops into soft peppery notes.

Finish: Smooth and creamy.

Murray revealed the top ranking whiskies in his *Whisky Bible 2016*, published today. The selection of Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye edition as the World Whisky of the Year marks the first time a Canadian whisky brand has scooped the top title.

Murray admits that he was surprised by the quality of Northern Harvest Rye.

“To be honest, I had been considering actually demoting Canadian whisky from having its own chapter in the Bible,” he said. “The quality of Canadian has been disappointing me for some time with too many non-whisky products, like fruit juice or wine, being added to give a softer flavour.

“Then Crown Royal Northern Harvest pops up out of nowhere and changes the game. I think other distillers out there have to have a close look at this and see if they can at least have a go at reaching where this new bar has been set. Otherwise the name of Canadian whisky will continue to decline against the high standards being set in other countries.”

Murray named Yamazaki Single Malt Sherry Cask 2013 as the World Whisky of the Year in his *Whisky Bible 2015*, where Scotch brands missed out on a top five placement.

This year – just like last year – there are no Scotch whiskies in Jim’s list. And Midleton Dair Ghaelach’s achievement is the first time that an Irish whiskey has finished in the top three.

“Last year people were shocked when I gave Yamazaki the award – until they tasted it. Then they saw it was not the affront to Scotch they first thought and something truly extraordinary,” said Murray.

“This year, doubtless there will be many more eyebrows raised because rarely is Canada mentioned when it comes to the world’s top whiskies. But, again, I have no doubt people finding the bottling I tasted will be blown away with this whisky’s uncompromising and unique beauty. It certainly puts the rye into Canadian rye.”

Jim has increased his World Whiskies of the Year to five, as opposed to his normal three, accompanied by his choice of Single Cask of the Year. Here are the winners:

### JIM MURRAY’S 2016 WORLD WHISKIES OF THE YEAR

1. Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye
2. Pikesville Straight Rye
3. Midleton Dair Ghaelach
4. William Larue Weller Bourbon (Bot.2014)
5. Suntory Yamazaki Mizunara (Bot.2014)

### SINGLE CASK OF THE YEAR

Glenfarclas The Family Casks 1957 #2110

### THE WINNERS

#### SCOTCH

Scotch Whisky of the Year: Glenfarclas 1957 Family Casks #2110

Single Malt of the Year (Multiple Casks): Glen Grant 10yo

Single Malt of the Year (Single Cask):

Glenfarclas 1957 Family Casks #2110

Scotch Blend of the Year: The Last Drop 50yo

Scotch Grain of the Year: Clan Deny Cambus 1987 25yo #9320

Scotch Vatted Malt of the Year: Compass Box The Lost Blend

#### SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

No Age Statement (Multiple Casks): Ardbeg Supernova 2009

No Age Statement (Runner Up): Laphroaig An Cuan Mor

10 Years & Under (Multiple Casks): Glen Grant 10yo

10 Years & Under (Single Cask): Saor Gruwehewwel

11-15 Years (Multiple Casks): Gordon & MacPhail

Connoisseurs Choice Strathmill 2002

11-15 Years (Single Cask): SMWS 4.199 (Highland Park 1999)

16-21 Years (Multiple Casks): Old Pulteney 21yo

16-21 Years (Single Cask): Old Malt Cask Highland Park 1998

22-27 Years (Multiple Casks): Glen Moray Port Cask Finish

22-27 Years (Single Cask): Wemyss Kirsch Gateau (Bunnahabhain)

28-34 Years (Multiple Casks): Tomatin 1988 25yo Batch 2

28-34 Years (Single Cask): Glenfarclas 1985 Family Casks #2593

35-40 Years (Multiple Casks): Tomatin 36yo Rare Casks Batch 1

35-40 Years (Single Cask): BenRiach 1977 Batch 11

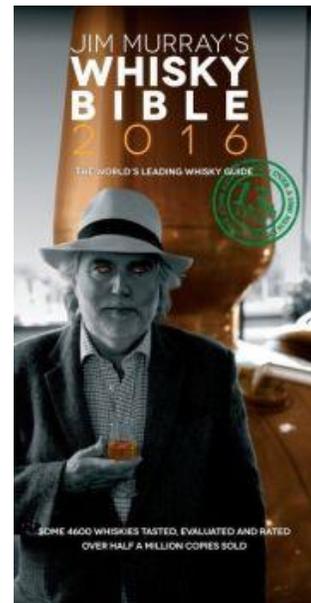
41 Years & Over (Multiple Casks): Ledaig 42 Years Old

41 Years & Over (Single Cask): Glenfarclas 1957 Family Casks #2110

#### BLENDED SCOTCH

No Age Statement (Standard): Ballantine’s Finest

No Age Statement (Premium): Ballantine’s Limited



5-12 Years: Johnnie Walker Black Label  
 13-18 Years: Ballantine's 17  
 19-25 Years: Royal Salute 21  
 26-50 Years: The Last Drop 50 Years Old Sherry Wood

**IRISH WHISKEY**

Irish Whiskey of the Year: Midleton Dair Ghaelach  
Irish Pot Still Whiskey of the Year: Midleton Dair Ghaelach  
Irish Single Malt of the Year: SMWS 118.3  
Irish Blend of the Year: Powers Gold Label

**AMERICAN WHISKEY**

Bourbon of the Year: William Larue Weller 2014  
Rye of the Year: Pikesville Rye 110 Proof  
US Micro Whisky of the Year: Notch 12  
US Micro Whisky of the Year (Runner Up): McCarthy's Batch U14-01

**BOURBON**

NAS (Multiple Barrels): William Larue Weller 2014  
NAS (Single Barrel): Buffalo Trace Single Oak Project Barrel 20  
9 Years & Under: Booker's Bourbon 63.95%  
10-17 Years (Multiple Barrels): Eagle Rare 17yo 2014

**RYE**

NAS: Thomas H Handy  
Up to 10 Years: Pikesville Straight Rye 110 Proof  
11 Years & Over: Sazerac 18yo 2014

**WHEAT**

Wheat Whiskey of the Year: Parker's Heritage 13yo / Release 8

**CANADIAN WHISKY**

Canadian Whisky of the Year: Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye

**JAPANESE WHISKY**

Japanese Whisky of the Year: Yamazaki Mizunara 2014 (Japan only)  
Single Malt of the Year (Multiple Barrels): Yamazaki Mizunara 2014  
Single Malt of the Year (Single Barrel): SMWS 119.14

**EUROPEAN WHISKY**

European Whisky of the Year (Multiple):  
 English Whisky Co. Chapter 16 / Peated Sherry Cask  
European Whisky of the Year (Single):  
 Kornog Taouarc'h Chwec'hved 14 BC

**WORLD WHISKIES**

Asian Whisky of the Year: Amrut Greedy Angels 10yo  
Southern Hemisphere Whisky of the Year: Heartwood The Good Convict

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 dinner date as an example:  
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. 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 (613-634-0397).  
 - Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6pm.

**Cancellation policy**

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.  
 - Anyone canceling between Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

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



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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.

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

