

Kingston Single Malt Society

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

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This evening's menu in the company of
Single Malts from the ISLANDS & ISLAY



MENU

1st Nosing: DALWHINNIE WINTER'S GOLD
(introduced by: John Leighton)

1st course: Spinach, Pickled Onion, Pecans, Portabello,
Blue Cheese & Sherry Dressing

2nd Nosing: HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD
OLA DUBH SPECIAL RESERVE 12 YEARS OLD
(introduced by: Rob Arnoth)

2nd course: Pork Belly,
Peas, Favas, Cipollini, Mustard Cream

3rd Nosing: ARDBEG KELPIE
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

Main Course: Chicken Supreme, Mushroom Sauce, Mashed
Potatoes, French Beans

4th Nosing: ARDBEG AN OA
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

Dessert: Chocolate Peanut Butter Tart

5th Nosing: JURA 1993 BOUTIQUE BARREL
(introduced by: John Leighton)

COST OF THE MALTS

DALWHINNIE WINTER'S GOLD LCBO 238097 | 750 mL
bottle **Price: \$92.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch
Single Malts 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT LCBO
204560 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$59.95** Spirits, Scotch
Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

OLA DUBH SPECIAL RESERVE 12 YEARS OLD LCBO
107672 | 330 mL bottle **Price: \$ 6.00** Beer, Ale, Strong Ale
8.0% Alcohol/Vol.

ARBEG KELPIE VINTAGES 512137 | 750 mL bottle
Price: \$201.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Whisky
46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

ARBEG AN OA ISLAY SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 539643 |
750 mL bottle **Price: \$127.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey,
Scotch Single Malts 46.6% Alcohol/Vol.

JURA 1993 BOUTIQUE BARREL LCBO 438184 | 750 mL
bottle **Price \$249.95** Spirits 56.5% Alcohol/Vol.

Results of the January Raffle

The winner of the Tamdhu Batch Strength No. 2
was Marc Gallant. A total of \$320 was raised.
Thank you everyone!

Upcoming Dinner Dates

March 19th, 2018 - Deanston Vertical Nosing - River Mill
April 6th, 2018 - Macallan / Highland Park Night - River Mill
April 16th, 2018 - Glenlivet Vertical Nosing - River Mill
May 14th, 2018 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
June 18th, 2018 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
July 16th, 2018 - International Night - River Mill
Friday August 24th, 2018 - 11th Annual Premium Night - River Mill
September 17th, 2018 - Campbeltown / Lowland / Speyside /
Highlands / Islands / Islay - River Mill
October 15th, 2018 - Speyside / Islands - River Mill
November 19th, 2018 - Speyside - River Mill
December 10th, 2018 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 21st, 2019 - Robbie Burns Dinner - River Mill
February 18th, 2019 - Islands / Islay - River Mill
March 18th, 2019 - Speyside - River Mill
April 22nd, 2019 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
May 13th, 2019 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
June 17th, 2019 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
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Highlands / Islands / Islay - River Mill
October 21st, 2019 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
November 18th, 2019 - Speyside - River Mill
December 9th, 2019 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

JANUARY - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 55 January attendees @ \$70)	= \$3850.00
January dinner 55 persons (\$45.00/ea)	= \$2475.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$1375.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$917.70
Cost of Pours per Person = \$16.36	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= \$457.30
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$61.69

Jura rolls out 10yo across US

4th May, 2017 by Nicola Carruthers - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Whyte & Mackay-owned single malt Jura has unveiled Jura 10, the first release in the brand's new core line for the US.

Jura 10 is matured for ten years in American white oak ex-Bourbon barrels

Jura 10 consists of peated and unpeated malt and is matured for ten years in American white oak ex-Bourbon barrels with an aged oloroso Sherry cask finish.

Copper gold in colour, Jura 10 has aromas of "fruit, cracked pepper and dark chocolate", followed by "nectarines, ginger and freshly ground coffee" on the palate with a "subtle touch of smoke" on the finish.

"The launch of the new Jura 10 celebrates our heritage of whisky-making," said Graham Logan, Jura Distillery manager. "The craft of producing great whisky has been at the heart of Jura's close-knit community for hundreds of years and we look forward to sharing the long-standing traditions and unmistakable flavours of Jura 10's island home with the world."

Jura 10 is available at retailers nationwide with a suggested RRP of US\$54.99 per 750ml bottle.

In August last year, Jura launched One for the Road - a limited edition whisky created to mark the retirement of its distillery manager, Willie Cochrane.

Jura limited edition celebrates island community

1st September, 2017 by Amy Hopkins - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Island distillery Jura has launched a 20-year-old single malt Scotch whisky in celebration of its community and workforce.

Jura One for the Road is the latest limited edition from the island distillery

Jura One and All has been non-chill-filtered and bottled at a cask strength of 51% without artificial colouring. Its assemblage of casks include American white oak ex-Bourbon barrels, Sherry wood, sparkling Cabernet Franc casks, Cabernet Sauvignon casks and Pinot Noir barriques.

Jura, owned by Whyte & Mackay, said the bottling commemorates the "bond" between the communities on Jura, which has around 200 inhabitants. The distillery was reopened on the island 50 years ago.

"There's no better way to mark the distillery team's dedication and craftsmanship than by creating a limited edition expression in their honour - chosen by them," said Graham Logan, distillery manager.

"In tribute to their passion and tenacity - the shared spirit that each person brings to every last drop - this special whisky is the perfect dram to toast one and all. We can't wait to hear what people think."

Jura One and All will be available from 1 September at an RRP of £120 (about US\$155).

Last year, Jura marked the retirement of its long-serving distillery manager Willie Cochrane with the release of limited edition Jura One for the Road

Jura rolls out Sherry Cask Collection in TR

2nd October, 2017 by Nicola Carruthers - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Island single malt Jura has launched its first travel retail exclusive range, Jura Sherry Cask Collection - a series of four whiskies finished in Sherry casks.

The Sherry Cask Collection features four single malt whiskies enhanced in Sherry casks

The range is said to represent a new signature style for Jura. The new expressions are all matured in American white oak ex-Bourbon barrels and enhanced by hand-selected Sherry casks that previously held Pedro Ximénez for 15, 20, 30 and 40 years. The Sherry lends "intense fruit flavours" at its youngest and a more "mature, deep and complex" flavour experience at its highest.

The first expression in the range, The Sound, is bottled at 42.5% abv, and enhanced with a "sweet finish" from hand-selected Sherry casks which previously held 15-year-old Pedro Ximénez. It has aromas of hazelnuts and orange, caramel fudge on the palate and black forest fruits on the finish.

Bottled at 43.6% abv, The Road is enhanced with a warm finish from hand-selected Sherry casks, which previously held 20-year-old Pedro Ximénez. Autumn gold in colour with aromas of fresh apricots; rich coffee to taste; and cinnamon to finish

The Loch is a 44.5% abv single malt enhanced with a rich finish from hand-selected Sherry casks which previously held 30-year-old Pedro Ximénez. aromas of treacle; baked apple, to taste; and cracked pepper to finish



The final expression, The Paps 19 Year Old is a 19-year-old single malt enhanced with a "complex finish" from hand-selected Sherry casks which previously held 40-year-old Pedro Ximénez. It has aromas of ginger cake and vanilla, spiced pear on the palate and a roasted walnut finish.

"Jura has been making real headway in the travel retail channel and we felt the time was

right to commit more focus here and create a dedicated exclusive range," said Kirsteen Beeston, global head of brand for Jura.

"This introduction not only reflects the strength of the Jura brand, but also our commitment to brand growth, investment and enhancement through stronger brand communications, new, distinctive premium packaging and fundamentally an innovative and remarkable signature style of whisky. This is Jura's time and we intend to seize this opportunity with vigour."

Jura Sherry Cask Collection will roll out globally from April 2018.

JURA RELEASES LATEST TASTIVAL EDITION FOR 2016

26th May, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Jura distillery has released a limited edition Scotch whisky to celebrate the new edition of its island's Tasting festival, featuring "crowd-sourced" packaging.



Jura's latest Tasting special edition features "crowd-sourced" packaging

Jura Tasting 2016 is a triple Sherry cask finished single malt made from hand-selected barrels, launched to commemorate Tasting 2016 on the island of Jura itself.

It features packaging with artwork by German artist Florian Schommer, whose design was favoured among fans on social media in a competition against three other international designers - French illustrator Yo Az, UK-based Claire Scully and Karin Ohlsson from Sweden.

The design incorporates Schommer's personal tasting notes for the whisky, including apple,

represented by branches, notes of vanilla, captured in delicate white flowers and a colour scheme based on a blend of maple syrup and roasted hazelnut.

Jura Tasting 2016 is the last expression to be overseen by Jura distillery manager Willie Cochrane, who announced his retirement just last week.

"Every limited edition is special, but this one's particularly close to my heart as it commemorates my last Jura Tasting, which has been a highlight on my calendar for the past ten years," he said

"It wouldn't be Tasting without something a bit different to inspire new perspectives on whisky, and I'm sure Florian Schommer's wonderful illustrations will do just that."

Tasting guests will have first opportunity to try and purchase this year's limited edition bottling at the festival on 25 and 26 May. Jura Tasting 2016 will be available online and in shops globally (excluding US) at an RRP of £85 from 30 May 2016.

Peat Bombs: Two Dozen Of The Most Heavily Peated Scotch Whiskies
JUNE 20, 2017 - ADAM POLONSKI - <http://whiskyadvocate.com>

Peat is one of the most unique, expressive, and occasionally polarizing flavors encountered in whisky. The densely compressed, long-decayed vegetation was traditionally used as a fuel source in rural and remote parts of Scotland—so it was also used to dry barley during the [malting process](#), thus imparting its signature smoky and medicinal

aromas and tastes to the core ingredient of scotch. Peat-dried barley contains [phenols](#), a class of chemical compounds that impart what we perceive as peated, smoky flavors. Phenol levels are measured in parts per million, or [PPM](#)—it doesn't take a lot of phenol for us to notice.

Although it's not for everyone, peated scotch is popular with a certain strain of whisky lover worldwide. Peat expresses a spectrum of flavors, many of them described in seemingly unpleasant terms like iodine, Band-Aids, bicycle tires, and gasoline. Peat heads are undeterred by these unsavory adjectives, as are the distillers and blenders who have pushed the boundaries of peat influence to the outer limits of ordinary tolerance. Just how far can you go? Below, we've rounded up the peatiest whiskies of Scotland. Strap yourself in for a gut-punch of a dram.



THE MOST PEATED WHISKIES EVER MADE

The most heavily peated whisky ever made, at least in the days of modern records, is Bruichladdich Octomore 6.3 (not rated, around \$170). Released in 2015, the scotch has a gasp-inducing PPM of 258. If you can't find Octomore 6.3, subsequent Octomore releases are more widely attainable, although they've toned down the PPM slightly. The two newest releases—[Octomore 7.4](#) (83 points; \$195) and [Octomore 10 year old 2nd edition](#) (90 points; \$235)—both had PPM levels of 167. [Octomore 7.3](#) (88 points; \$180) was also a winner with a PPM of 169.

Although PPM is widely used as a shorthand, it's not the final arbiter of how peaty a whisky tastes. "PPM is the measure of what's on the malt, as opposed to what ends up in the liquid," says Brendan McCarron, head of maturing whisky stocks for Ardbeg and Glenmorangie. "Some whiskies use the same PPM malt, but with different levels of smoke due to distillation cuts, age of matured spirit, et cetera." The way a whisky is aged can make a big difference in final peat levels, and perception matters more than a single number. "PPM is a big factor—the single most important, but not the be-all and end-all," McCarron says. "A bit like age, it's a great guide but can't be the only factor." That's the case for Ardbeg Supernova, a sporadically recurring, very heavily peated release. "For Supernova, we do use some super highly peated malt, but also some casks that have just shown higher peating levels on the nose," he says. The [2015 Ardbeg Supernova](#) (91 points, \$160), the most recent release, will also be hard to find, so snap it up if you see it.

There's no need to despair if you don't feel like chasing rarities or paying the triple-digit prices that triple-digit PPM levels command. Although Octomore and Supernova are the clear winners for the most heavily peated whiskies out there, plenty of other scotches have lots of peat and are much more widely available.

WIDELY AVAILABLE HEAVILY PEATED WHISKIES

Octomore and Supernova both hail from Islay, and the island is famous for its peated whiskies. Some of the peatiest malts come from three distilleries on the island's southern shore: Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardbeg. Most Laphroaig releases have a phenol level of 45 PPM, but the peat taste is most pronounced in [Laphroaig 10 year old Cask Strength](#) (88 points; around \$70) and [Laphroaig Lore](#) (86 points; \$125). Lagavulin—is peated to 35 PPM at the famed Port Ellen maltings using peat from Islay's Castlehill Peat Bog. Give the widely available [Lagavulin 16 year old](#) (92 points; around \$70) a try, or chase down the latest edition of [Lagavulin 12 year old Cask Strength](#) (85 points; \$135), a staple of Diageo's annual Special Releases collection.

Ardbeg uses malt that's been peated to 50 to 55 PPM, generally the highest of the Islay distillers. Other than the hard-to-find Supernova, [Ardbeg Corryvreckan](#) (96 points, \$85) is technically the smokiest whisky in the lineup, but [Ardbeg 10 year old](#) (93 points, around \$55) actually tastes smokier on the palate. "Smokiness can be measured. Ardbeg 10 is the most perceivably smoky, but physically, the smokiest is Corryvreckan," McCarron says. "Corryvreckan has a lot of

French oak, so you perceive all these herbal and spicy flavors that compete with the smoke."

Elsewhere on Islay, Bruichladdich's Port Charlotte range features consistently high peating levels (whiskies bottled under the Bruichladdich name itself, however, are unpeated). Try the [Port Charlotte 2008 Islay Barley](#) (90 points; around \$75), which has a phenol level of 40 PPM and is made exclusively using barley grown on the island. [Caol Ila 12 year old](#) (89 points; \$60) is a good illustration that phenol levels aren't everything—the whisky is heavily peated, with a phenol level of 35 PPM, the same as Lagavulin—but it tastes noticeably less smoky than its neighbor.

Generally speaking, Islay's distilleries make the peatiest whisky in the world, but plenty of other distilleries in Scotland use peated malt at lower levels. If you want to venture outside of Islay, seek out [Talisker 10 year old](#) (90 points; \$70) or [Talisker Dark Storm](#) (89 points; around \$70, available only in duty-free), both from the Isle of Skye. [Highland Park 12 year old](#) (90 points; around \$55) and [Highland Park 18 year old](#) (94 points; around \$160) also have pronounced smoke and peat flavors. If you venture from the islands to the Highlands, [anCnoc Cutter](#) (90 points; around \$80) boasts a PPM level of 20.5.

Many blended whiskies and blended malts feature a little Islay whisky to add some smokiness, but a few blends put smoke first and foremost on the agenda. Most notable are [Peat Monster](#) (94 points; around \$50) from Compass Box and [Big Peat](#) (90 points; around \$60) from Douglas Laing, both blended malts. Big Peat is a blend of exclusively Islay malts—including Caol Ila, Bowmore, Ardbeg, and Port Ellen—while Peat Monster is Islay-dominated. Upgrade picks: the annual Big Peat Christmas Edition (around \$70), which has never scored [less than a 90 in the Buying Guide](#), and the [Peat Monster 10th Anniversary Edition](#) (92 points; \$100), which was released a few years ago but can still be found online or on some store shelves.

While Islay is home to the world's peatiest whiskies, there are many other options out there, including some made outside of Scotland, like [Connemara](#) (Ireland), [Hakushu](#) (Japan), and certain expressions from [Westland](#) (USA), and [Amrut](#) and [Paul John](#) (India). Peat lovers of the world, start exploring!

Glenmorangie channels American rye for new expression

30th January, 2018 by Owen Bellwood - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Glenmorangie has expanded its Private Edition series with the launch of the brand's first single malt aged in ex-rye whiskey casks, called Spios.

Spios is the ninth edition in Glenmorangie's Private Edition range and is aged in ex-rye whiskey casks

Spios was inspired by a trip Dr Bill Lumsden – Glenmorangie's director of distilling, whisky creation and whisky stocks – took to American rye whiskey distilleries.

Lumsden said: "I have always loved American rye whiskey's spicy character, and I believed our smooth house style would perfectly complement the nuances of ex-rye casks.

"The result is Glenmorangie Spios – a full-bodied, savoury single malt which brings to mind American rye whiskey's golden age."

Spios, named after the Gaelic for 'spice', is aged in first-fill American rye whiskey casks, which were hand-selected by Lumsden and shipped across the Atlantic to the Highland distillery.

Hoping to capture the heyday of American rye production, Lumsden said of Spios: "Its fresh, herbal nose hints at cherry, clove and scents of green grass. The rye's spice bursts on to the palate, as toffee, clove and cinnamon mingle with buttery vanilla, before a sweet and lingering finish – a single malt whisky which is unmistakably Glenmorangie, yet exquisitely different."

Rye whiskey found its popularity as the base spirit in cocktails, including the Manhattan and the Sazerac, and [saw a rapid increase in production volumes between 2009 and 2016](#).

Glenmorangie Spios is non-chill-filtered, bottled at 46% abv and will be available from whisky specialists worldwide for £79 (US\$110) from 30 January.



The LVMH-owned [distillery has also today announced that it hopes to begin expanding its Ross-shire site](#), with plans unveiled to add an extra still house.

Glenmorangie plans distillery expansion

30th January, 2018 by Amy Hopkins - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Highland distillery Glenmorangie is marking its 175th anniversary by embarking on a multi-million-pound expansion that will add a second still house to its site.



Glenmorangie's expansion will enable it to keep up with global demand

Subject to planning approval, the new still house will feature two copper stills, which will work in tandem with the distillery's existing still house.

In line with Glenmorangie's existing signature equipment, the new stills will be the tallest in Scotland.

Plans also include the construction of a separate building that will provide additional mashing and fermentation facilities.

If planning permission is granted, expansion work will begin this year, with completion set for 2019.

Glenmorangie has not confirmed how much the expansion will increase its production capacity by, but says it will allow the brand to "increase capacity in line with rising global demand – and prepare for its next 175 years of masterful whisky creation".

Marc Hoellinger, president and CEO of The Glenmorangie Company, said: "It is a testament to the success of Glenmorangie, and to the increasing appreciation of our whisky creators' vision and expertise, that we are able to plan with confidence for the future.

"We have decided to invest in a new still house to support the distillery's growth and ensure that many more discerning single malt whisky drinkers can discover the delights of Glenmorangie."

Last summer, *The Spirits Business* took a tour around the Glenmorangie Distillery with director of whisky creation, distilling and whisky stocks Dr Bill Lumsden. Click [here](#) for a behind-the-scenes look at the distillery's processes.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2017-2018

Membership Fee:	\$40 (singles) \$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member) \$70 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$55 (member) \$65 (non-member)
Christmas Dinner Fee:	\$65 (member) \$75 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member) \$80 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member) \$80 (non-member)

Reserved Seating

- Complimentary Reserved Seating will only be provided to groups of four (4) or greater, when requested.

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. 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. Following the RSVP date members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 18th, 2017 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 18th, 2017. 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 1st, 2017 @ 6pm.

- Once the RSVP date has been achieved I will e-mail a spreadsheet informing everyone of their status and amount due.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm and Monday September 18th, 2017 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 18th, 2017 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 1st, 2017 @ 6pm and Monday September 18th, 2017, 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



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