

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

1st Nosing: LEIF ERIKSSON

Soup Course: Sherry scented bisque with maplewood smoked clams and light Roquefort mousse

2nd Nosing: THOR

2nd Course: Thyme & Marjoram rubbed wild boar carpaccio, fricasse of artichoke hearts & shaved Granna Paddano

3rd Nosing: EARL MAGNUS 15 YEAR OLD

3rd Course: Lightly smoked, sustainable B.C. salmon gravlax with a tart apple glaze and a savoury bread pudding of poached dates and Glengarry Fen

4th Nosing: SAINT MAGNUS 12 YEAR OLD

Main Course: Cracked peppercorn and sage crusted rib-eye of bison with garlic three way mashed potatoes, vanilla braised butternut squash and juniper berry and bing cherry demi-glaze

5th Nosing: EARL HAAKON 18 YEAR OLD

Dessert Course: Dark chocolate and caramel semi-freddo, hazelnut, nougatine truffles and Bailey's creme Anglaise

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 LEIF ERIKSSON VINTAGES 157743 | 700mL bottle, Price \$100.00, Spirits, Whisky, Scotch Whisky 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- HIGHLAND PARK THOR VINTAGES 272229 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$ 249.95 Spirits, Whisky, Scotch 52.1% Alcohol/Vol.

- HIGHLAND PARK EARL MAGNUS SPECIAL EDITION 15 YEARS OLD ORKNEY ISLANDS SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 157743 | 700mL bottle, Price \$150.00, Spirits, Whisky, Scotch Whisky 52.6% Alcohol/Vol. (Released November, 2009; 5,976 bottles)

- HIGHLAND PARK SAINT MAGNUS SPECIAL EDITION 12 YEARS OLD ORKNEY ISLANDS SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 157743 | 700mL bottle, Price \$200.00, Spirits, Whisky, Scotch Whisky 55.0% Alcohol/Vol. (Released September, 2010; 11,994 bottles)

- HIGHLAND PARK EARL HAAKON SPECIAL EDITION 18 YEARS OLD ORKNEY ISLANDS SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 157743 | 700mL bottle, Price \$350.00, Spirits, Whisky, Scotch Whisky 54.9% Alcohol/Vol. (Released July, 2011; 3,300 bottles)

Upcoming Dinner Dates

December 10th, 2012 - Christmas Dinner - FFOM

January 21st, 2013 - Arran - Robbie Burns - FFOM

February 25th, 2013 - Macallan Fine Oak - FFOM

March 18th, 2013 - St.Patrick's (Irish) - Renaissance

April 15th, 2013 - Islay - FFOM

May 13th, 2013 - Highlands/Islands - FFOM

June 24th, 2013 - BBQ (Final Exam) - VIMY

July 22nd, 2013 - International - VIMY

Thurs. August 29th, 2013 - 6th Annual Premium - FFOM

September 23rd, 2013 -

Oct 21st, 2013 -

November 18th, 2013 -

December 9th, 2013 - Christmas Dinner -

Core Duty Free Exclusives

In the good old days these were whiskies you will find in what used to be called Duty Free, now officially called Global Travel Retail. Basically, you will find them when you are getting onto planes, trains, liners or even the odd hover craft. These outlets are very important to Highland Park, so we have created an exclusive range based on Vintage years dedicated to intrepid explorers and whisky enthusiasts going on their holidays.

Leif Eriksson

Released in March 2011, Highland Park Leif Eriksson is limited edition Single Malt Scotch Whisky exclusive to global travel retail.

This unique expression celebrates the achievement of the first European traveller to reach America over a thousand years ago. It is wholly matured in bourbon casks and American oak sherry casks. Unusually, there is no European sherry oak influence in this expression of Highland Park; it is all honey sweetness from the peat and a delicious maltiness.

Thought to have been born in Iceland circa AD970, the courageous Eriksson set out from the Orkney Islands

north of mainland Scotland at the dawn of the 11th century to make the perilous crossing of the North Atlantic and establish settlements in Labrador and Newfoundland, a feat which earned him the nickname 'Leif the Lucky'.

Orkney had been associated with the Vikings since the 8th century when fearless Norse explorers sailed in magnificent handcrafted oak longboats to colonise the islands.

Highland Park Leif Eriksson is a tribute to the bravery of the early explorer. It owes its distinctive flavour and colour to Orkney's unique aromatic peat combined with maturation in American oaks casks from both bourbon and sherry.

Yellow gold in colour, Highland Park Leif Eriksson has a honey-tinged sweetness of orange blossom on the nose with suggestions of vanilla, spicy dried oak, mango and melon. Soft vanilla and sweet barley on the palate with a hint of grape, it has a finish of Muscovado sweetness balanced by wisps of Orcadian peat smoke.

Highland Park Leif Eriksson is bottled at 40% ABV.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Yellow golden

Nose: Spicy, orange blossom, honey-tinged sweetness with vanilla and dried oak. Mango and melon notes with a wisp of smoke

Palate: Soft vanilla and sweet barley with a hint of grape

Finish: Muscovado sweetness balanced by wisps of

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Valhalla Collection

In Norse mythology, Valhalla is a huge hall located in Asgard, one of the Nine Worlds, ruled over by the god Odin. Chosen by Odin, half of those that die in combat travel to Valhalla, led by valkyries, while the other half go to the goddess Freyja's field Fólkvangr.

In Valhalla, the dead join the masses of those who have died in combat known as Einherjar, as well as various legendary Germanic heroes and kings, as they prepare to aid Odin during the events of Ragnarök. Before the hall stands the golden tree Glasir, and the hall's ceiling is thatched with golden shields. Various creatures live around Valhalla, such as the stag Eikþyrnir and the goat Heiðrún, both described as standing atop Valhalla and consuming the foliage of the tree Læraðr.

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In honour of this great warrior, and in celebration of its own unwavering Norse heritage, Highland Park brings you Thor. With a natural strength like its namesake, drawing influence from the environment unique to Orkney, Thor is a truly elemental spirit. Distilled where sea turns to ocean, this 16 year-old single malt is a meeting point of nature's forces, exuding a dynamic and bold character on the surface, but with an unexpected softer side at its heart.

Bottled at a robust 52.1% ABV this limited edition whisky comes housed in a unique wooden frame, which echoes the fearsome contours of a traditional Viking long ship.

To hear more from Thor visit www.whiskyofthegods.com

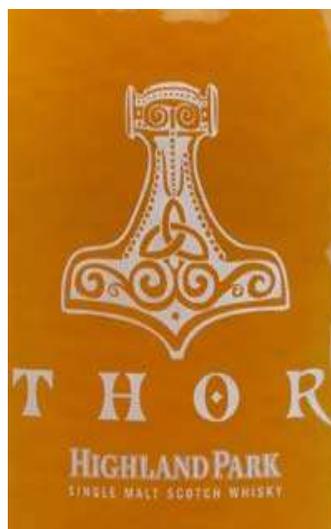
TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Rich amber, with an iron ore glow

Nose: Concentrated and forceful, with an explosion of aromatic smoke, pungent fresh ginger, antique copper, stewed plums, and golden syrup. With water, earthy notes emerge, like a garden after a heavy rain shower.

Palate: Thor's high strength grabs the palate and refuses to let go. Initially dry, with fiery gingerbread then vanilla, blackberries, fresh mango, peach and hints of cinnamon. As its big flavours swirl around the mouth, some softer, sweeter notes develop, giving Thor and unexpected layer of complexity and depth.

Finish: The finish thunders on, leaving behind lingering notes of sweet vanilla and an intense spiciness.



Earl Magnus Editions

A series of three limited bottlings, the Earl Magnus Editions celebrate the Viking history and Nordic heritage of Orkney.

Highland Park was established by Magnus Eunson in 1798. Eunson, like many Orcadians, was named after the remarkable Earl Magnus of Orkney. St. Magnus Cathedral was built in the 12th century in his honour and dominates Kirkwall to this day.

The packaging for the three editions is based upon an original Highland Park bottling dating from around 1870. The bottle has been carefully recreated, complete with flaws and defects consistent with those of the original. The 19th

century label featured a depiction of Earl Magnus from an ancient stained glass window. The beauty of the label, inspired by the original, can be appreciated with its simple presentation in an etched wooden box.

The three editions are:

Earl Magnus... released November 2009

Saint Magnus... released September 2010

Earl Haakon... released July 2011

Earl Magnus

Released in November 2009, this bottling celebrates the life of Earl Magnus who was born in 1075 when the Orkney Islands belonged to Norway. His Viking ancestors were terrifying warriors whose code of heroism, hatred and honour through vengeance framed their brutal lives. Into this world came Magnus, a man unlike any other Orkney Earl, spreading Christianity.

The peace-loving Magnus was very different to his cousin Haakon who remained imbued with the fighting spirit. Haakon was envious and ambitious, striving for self-glory. Their history is a classic tale of the struggle of good versus evil; the treachery and tragedy of the life of Earl Magnus accounts for his prominence in northern literature.

Magnus reigned jointly with his cousin Haakon from 1108 until 1115 when their followers fell out. Peace was negotiated and the Earls agreed to meet bringing only two ships each. The treacherous Haakon arrived with eight ships and captured his saintly cousin. The Norwegian chieftains decided that one of the Earls must die. After the refusal of his standard-bearer to undertake the task, Haakon ordered his cook to kill Magnus which he did by striking him on the head with an axe.

The fame of Magnus, canonized only 20 years after his death, has been maintained by the stunning cathedral built in the 12th century by his nephew in Kirkwall the capital of Orkney and which still proudly stands to this day.



Earl Magnus is a perfectly balanced, natural strength bottling of 52.6% abv. The foundation is 15 year old Highland Park, but to give additional character and depth, hand selected casks containing whisky distilled in the early 1990s was added. 5,976 bottles released all of which are now sold.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance:

Golden honey, clear and bright.

Nose:

Cedarwood and lemon. Mango chunks with hints of ginger and cinnamon bark.

Palate:

Vanilla, balanced smokiness, milk chocolate and crystallized ginger.

Finish:

Medium sweet with lingering spiciness.

Saint Magnus

Released in September 2010, this bottling celebrates Saint Magnus, one of the six canonized Norsemen born in the 11th and 12th centuries when the Orkney Islands belonged to Norway. He is described in Orkneyinga Saga as "a man of extraordinary distinction, tall, with a fine, intelligent look about him. He was a man of strict virtue, successful in war, wise, eloquent, generous and magnanimous, open-handed with money and sound with advice, and altogether the most popular of men."

Saint Magnus was a man of peace, contemplation and scholarly learning; spiritual intensity is more a feature of Magnus' Saga than violence and cruelty. It is a life story of Christian devotion and forgiveness, qualities that are not usually associated with the Vikings, and includes the healing of the sick, crippled, blind and insane. Saint Magnus was murdered by his treacherous cousin Haakon and was canonized only 20 years later.

Bottled at a natural strength of 55% abv, this limited edition 12 year old is drawn from casks laid down in 1998 and earlier years. Only 11,994 bottles are available.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Copper toned honey, clear and bright.

Nose: At natural strength there is terrific intensity with classic dried fruits and honey sweetness. Thereafter glorious notes of cinnamon, dried apple and hints of exotic fruits emerge, followed by a whiff of aromatic smoke

Palate: Immediately intense and rich, the whisky lingers on the palate emphasizing the perfect balance between sweetness and aromatic smoke.

Finish: Long and gently smoky.



Earl Haakon

Released in July 2011, the Earl Haakon bottling continues the story from the Orkney Inga Saga but reflects the darker, more sinister character by bringing the murderous cousin into the spotlight. Whilst the first two bottlings in the Series celebrated the influential 11th century Earl Magnus who was canonised to become Saint Magnus only 20 years after his untimely death, his cousin Haakon was far closer to the warmongering and violent Viking of legend. It was in fact

Haakon who ordered the death of Magnus under the most deceitful and murderous of circumstances.

Highland Park Earl Haakon adopts the character of its namesake through 18 year old cask strength single malt giving a character-busting ABV of 54.9%. This Orcadian beast encapsulates the spirit of Haakon, a true berserker and warrior, to capture the depth of flavour of Highland Park's multi-award winning 18 year old but adding a new dimension achieved through one vatting. With only 3,300 bottles available worldwide, this third edition is set to sell out in record time and build on the success of both Earl Magnus and Saint Magnus.

The Earl Haakon bottle is entirely black glass, made in the same historic way as the previous two bottlings, and is presented in an open black wood window wooden gift box.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Rich russet, clear and bright
 Nose: Shellac, hot fudge, gingercake, lemon zest and blackcurrants with a hint of damsons
 Palate: Sweet vanilla, wood smoke, cedarwood and ginger
 Finish: Lingering spiciness, medium sweet and long



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 October 22nd 2012 dinner date as an example:
- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday September 28th, 2012. 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 October 5th, 2012 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday October 10th, 2012 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
- Anyone canceling between Wednesday October 10th, 2012 @ 6pm and Monday October 22nd, 2012 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 October 22nd 2012 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 October 10th, 2012 @ 6pm and Monday October 22nd, 2012, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2012-2013

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 \$5 donation per attendee to RMC Pipes & Drums with Highland Dancers)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member) \$80 (non-member)

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

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



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