

Kingston Single Malt Society

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

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- **AUCHENTOSHAN AMERICAN OAK** LCBO 395582 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$54.80** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **ARBEG ALMOST THERE - 3rd in the Young Ardbeg Series** VINTAGES 660860 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$170.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 54.1% Alcohol/Vol.

- **ARBEG UIGEADAIL ISLAY SINGLE MALT** VINTAGES 660860 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$170.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 54.2% Alcohol/Vol.

- **ARBEG PERPETUUM** SINGLE MALT WHISKY VINTAGES 410928 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$186.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 49.2% Alcohol/Vol.

This evening's menu with Single Malts from
CAMPBELTOWN / LOWLAND / ISLAY

1st Nosing: *Campbeltown - SPRINGBANK 10 YEARS OLD*
(introduced by: Rob Arnoth)

Soup: Butternut Squash

2nd Nosing: *Lowland - AUCHENTOSHAN AMERICAN OAK*
(introduced by: John Creber)

Salad: Warm Goat Cheese with Balsamic Vinaigrette

3rd Nosing: *Islay - ARBEG ALMOST THERE*
(introduced by: Roberto Di Fazio)

4th Nosing: *Islay - ARBEG UIGEADAIL*
(introduced by: Ken Goodland)

Entree: Chicken Supreme (Chicken Breast with Drumette
Attached Marinated & Served with Chef's Sauce)

Potato, Rice and Pasta Choice:

Baby Red & White Oven-Roasted Potatoes

5th Nosing: *Islay - ARBEG PERPETUUM*
(introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

Dessert: Turtle Cheesecake (Gluten Free)

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.

- **SPRINGBANK 10 YEARS OLD** CAMPBELTOWN SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY VINTAGES 708362 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$98.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

October 19th, 2015 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
November 16th, 2015 - Highlands - River Mill
December 14th, 2015 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 25th, 2016 - Arran - Robbie Burns - River Mill
February 22nd, 2016 - Islands - River Mill
March 14th, 2016 - St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill
April 18th, 2016 - Islay - River Mill
May 16th, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill
June 20th, 2016 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill
July 25th, 2016 - 5th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill
Friday August 26th, 2016 - 9th Annual Premium - River Mill
September 19th, 2016 - Campbeltown/Lowland - VIMY
October 17th, 2016 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill
November 21st, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill
December 12th, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill
January 23rd, 2017 - Arran - Robbie Burns - VIMY
February 27th, 2017 - Islands - River Mill
March 20th, 2017 - St. Patrick's (Irish) - River Mill

Results of the Jim Beam Signature Craft &
Buffalo Trace Distillery Bourbon Cream
July Dinner Raffle

The winner of the bottle was Anne Holley-Hime
During the course of the raffle a total of \$110 raised.
Thank you everyone!

Results of the Glenfiddich 125th Anniversary
bottle at the JUNE Raffle

The winner of the bottle was John Creber
During the course of the raffle a total of \$350 raised.
Thank you everyone!

Winners at the June BBQ

Perfect Attendance Award Winners

Roberto Di Fazio alongside Anne Holley-Hime, John Leighton, Bill Gorham; & Conny Leighton



Final Exam Winners (out of 18 points)

Bill Gorham (10 of 18) - Glenmorangie Taghta
Kelly Barber (9 of 18) - Bowmore Devil's Cask 10YO
Sylvain Bouffard (7 of 18) - Auchentoshan Virgin Oak
John Leighton (7 of 18) - Talisker Storm
Ainsley Crieghton (6 of 18) - Highland Park 10YO
Elsabe Falkson (6 of 18) - Tomintoul 14YO



Historic Bladnoch Distillery to restart production

27th July, 2015 by Amy Hopkins - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

The 200-year-old Bladnoch Distillery is to restart production following its acquisition by an Australian entrepreneur, with the SWA's former boss stepping in as non-executive director.

The historic Bladnoch Distillery is set to restart Scotch whisky production after six years. Bladnoch Distillery, which has lay dormant for six years, has been acquired by businessman David Prior, who has pledged "substantial investment" to restart whisky production.

Gavin Hewitt, former chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), will support Prior as non-executive director.

Funds will enable the distillery's production facilities to "meet environmental standards", while its eight existing warehouse, administrative and visitors' centre staff will be retained and new jobs will be created.

"I am delighted to have been able to purchase a Scotch whisky distillery of such renown as Bladnoch," said Prior. "Scotch Whisky is the world's foremost spirit drink and I am proud to be part of the Scotch whisky industry."

Bladnoch Distillery was first established in 1817 and is situated on the banks of the River Bladnoch. It is thought to be Scotland's most southerly distillery. In March last year, the distillery closed until further notice after its parent company, Northern Ireland-based [Co-ordinated Development Services, went into liquidation](#).

The chief executive of Co-ordinated Development Services, Raymond Armstrong, spent six years restoring the site, which began producing whisky again in 2000. However, the distillery has not distilled for the past six years.

Initial reports claimed that the distillery was being [eyed for acquisition by the Arran Brewery](#) and a number of partner investors.

"It is wonderful to see one of Scotland's oldest distilleries revived," said Hewitt, who [stepped down as chief executive of the SWA](#) after 10 years in the role in 2013.

"I'm excited to be on the team which will breathe new life into Bladnoch and provide a stimulus for the local economy."



Top 10 Scotch whisky distilleries to visit

27th July, 2015 by Amy Hopkins -

Scotch whisky distilleries may be in the midst of a tourism boom, but which highly rated sites should dram fans should put on their bucket lists?

These are the top 10 most highly rated Scotch whisky distilleries to visit.

According to the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), [a record-breaking 1.5 million people visited Scotland's Scotch whisky distilleries](#) last year – an increase of 15% compared to 2010.

The SWA claims this reflects investment by producers to enhance their visitors' centres, and create bespoke bottlings, tastings and blending sessions.

Collectively, Scotch whisky distilleries are now among some of the UK's best-known attractions, such as Edinburgh Castle, Stonehenge and London Zoo.

With producers realising the enormous potential of tourism

to grow awareness of their brands and also generate significant revenue, sightseers are spoiled for choice when it comes to narrowing down which sites to visit.

But, not to fear, help is at hand. We've scoured through the five star distilleries identified by [Visit Scotland](#) – Scotland's national tourism organisation – which have been singled out for their outstanding services and experiences.

Of course the list is not exhaustive, with distilleries such as Bowmore, The Macallan, Oban, Aberlour, Glen Grant and more receiving the coveted five star ranking. For a full list of Scotch



whisky distilleries and their tourism rankings, see [Visit Scotland's own extensive list](#).

10. **The Famous Grouse Experience**
Based at The Glenturret Distillery – thought to be the oldest working distillery in Scotland which was first officially established in 1775, with illicit production dating back to 1717 – The Famous Grouse Experience was recently named Whisky Attraction of the Year 2015. The distillery and visitors' centre, owned by Edrington and located in Crieff, [revealed a £250,000 refurbishment of its facilities](#) last year, renovating the visitors' café, shop, tasting experiences and welcome lounge. Only an hour's drive from Glasgow and Edinburgh, the distillery offers a range of tour experiences, focusing on tasting, blending and maturing. The site received the royal seal of approval last spring when the [Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were treated to their own private tour](#) and officially opened the Bottle Your Own initiative.

9. **Edradour Distillery**
As one of Scotland's smallest Scotch whisky distilleries, Edradour offers visitors a very different experience to some of the larger producers. First established in 1825, the distillery is described as the "last stronghold of traditional handmade single malt from a farm distillery". Edradour does not use any computer technology in its whisky creation process, offering a unique insight into the traditional Scotch distillation process.

8. **Strathisla Distillery**
Owned by Chivas Brothers, Strathisla claims to be the oldest continuously operating distillery in the Scottish Highlands, having first been established in 1786 on the banks of the River Isla. The Highland distillery was bought by the French drinks giant at auction in 1950 and has since produced liquid principally for the Chivas Regal and Royal Salute blends. With its beautiful cobbled courtyard and double pagodas, the distillery is also considered one of the most picturesque in Scotland. The guided tour of Strathisla Distillery takes visitors through the bonded warehouses and includes a tutored tasting session. In addition to its regular tour (£7.50), the distillery also offers two separate tours for connoisseurs, The Ultimate Strathisla Experience (£50) and Straight from the Cask (£35).

7. **Glenmorangie Distillery**
Located by the idyllic coast of Dornoch Firth, the legendary Men of Tain have been producing single malts at the Glenmorangie Distillery since 1843. With access to both the distilleries and warehouses, expert tour guides give guests the opportunity to experience all stages of the whisky making process from mashing and fermenting to distilling and maturing, topped off with a dram or two of the finished product. A range of tours are offered to visitors from The Original – which leads guests around the distillery depicting the story of the flagship expression, Glenmorangie Original – to The Heritage Tour. On the Heritage Tour, visitors have the chance to experience a pilgrimage to the Tarlogie Springs – the brand's own water source – a visit to the Hilton of Cadboll Stone and lunch followed by a tasting at the Glenmorangie House, including Glenmorangie Original, a variant from the Extra Matured Range and Glenmorangie 18 Year Old.

6. **Auchentoshan Distillery**
Founded in 1823, this Lowlands malt distillery is situated near Glasgow at the foot of the Kilpatrick hills with views spanning over the River Clyde. Six owners have taken the reigns of the Auchentoshan Distillery since its foundation, most recently Morrison Bowmore Distillers, which acquired the facility in 1984 and has since given the establishment a significant refurbishment. A whole range of guided tours to suit every price point – The Classic Tour costs just £6 for a whole hour – are offered, to cater for the whisky novice and enthusiast alike. Other more advanced tours allow visitors to sample whiskies straight from the warehouse casks – a privilege normally reserved for the master blender and distillery manager. Plus, as an extra pull for those looking to get close with nature, there is the chance to meet the distillery's highland cow, Hamish

5. **Highland Park Distillery**
Britain's most northerly distillery is certainly worth the trek. Located just outside Kirkwall on the Isles of Orkney, Highland Park is one of the few remaining distilleries retain a traditional malting floor, so the hand-turning process is a must see. The sight and smell of the traditional peat kilns are a feast for the senses, and the old, stone buildings make for an authentically atmospheric setting. Highland Park celebrates its Norse roots through its expressions ([including the recently launched Odin](#)) so it's fitting that the distillery focuses on its heritage through a slick video presentation

introduction. Add in the whisky and the warm welcome of the visitor centre and it's easy to see why the guest experience ranks so highly.

4. **Glenfiddich Distillery**
One of the rarities of Glenfiddich that sets it apart from other Scotch whiskies today is that it is one of the few single malt distilleries that remains completely family-owned. Situated in Dufftown, Scotland, visitors to the distillery are immersed in the brand's family heritage and able to explore the still house and whisky warehouses. Each tour is rounded off with a tutored nosing and tasting of a carefully chosen selection of Glenfiddich's single malts. The more in-depth tours include the Pioneers Tour, which includes a visit to warehouse number 12 which houses the Malt Master's Selection. The range comprises four casks specially chosen by sixth malt master Brian Kinsman, and those taking part in the tour are invited to fill a 200ml bottle from a cask of their choice as a momentum from the tour. But before you leave, make sure you stop by to sample the culinary delights at the Malt Barn, headed by award-winning chef Addy Daggert, or for a dram in the Malt Barn Bar, which boasts the largest selection of Glenfiddich whiskies in the world.

3. **Glenkinchie Distillery & Visitors' Centre**
Just a short ride from Edinburgh – the distillery even operates a shuttle bus service – Glenkinchie is set in a picturesque location, surrounded by rolling barley fields. A model distillery on the original malting floors gives visitors an insightful overview, before a full distillery tour details the production process in full. The tasting bar comes highly recommended, as does the gift shop and outside seating area – the perfect place to relax after a couple of drams of this classic lowland malt.

2. **The Glenlivet Distillery**
Described by the brand as "the single malt that started it all", The Glenlivet distillery was founded in 1824 by local farmer George Smith who obtained the first license to produce whisky "legally" in the parish of Glenlivet, and has operated near enough continuously since. Nestled deep in Speyside, the distillery has a total of 15 stills, and is currently ageing more than 65,000 casks. The distillery offers an immersive experience for whisky history lovers of all kinds – whether you'd rather capture the rich past of the glen in the warmth of an indoor exhibition in the visitors' centre, or take to the land surrounding the site and trail through the historical landmarks on a self-guided walk. If you'd rather focus on the here-and-now, a guided tour of the distillery – which includes a visit to one of the brand's bonded warehouses and a complimentary dram – is essential, while taking up the opportunity to fill your own bottle of whisky straight from the cask is a real treat.

1. **Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery**
Aberfeldy Distillery was founded by John Dewar & Sons Ltd in 189, and is the "flagship" visitor centre out of the five distilleries owned by the company. It lies just three miles from the birthplace of founder John Dewar, and relies on the fresh water stream Pitilie Burn which runs alongside the distillery. The heritage centre, Dewar's World of Whisky, features a film show, interactive displays – including an "aroma test" to challenge visitors – handheld audio guides, whisky tastings, and memorabilia charting the development of the Dewar's brand. A distillery tour will unlock the conventional aspects of whisky production, including mash tuns, production methods and ageing warehouses – but with the added bonus of a disused steam train in the grounds that used to transport the whisky to the railway line running from Inverness to Perth.



<https://drinkdistiller.com/top-entry-level-peated-single-malts>

Many of us who begin our journeys into the world of whisk(e)y often wade blindly into the vast sea of drams without knowing much about what tastes to expect or just how different a rye from Canada can be from a single malt from Islay. Peat is one of those flavors that some people adore, while others recoil from. It is a mineral rich dirt that is cut from the ground, dried, and used for fuel in the malting process. It imparts a smoky, medicinal, iodine taste to the spirit that can be somewhat shocking if you're not expecting it.

We've put together a list of fantastic peated single malts for those of you who want to get to know Uncle Peat just a tiny bit better. Cheers!

- #1. Lagavulin 12 Year - Avg. User Rating - 4.12
"Not as sweet as regular Lagavulin (though it does have detectable vanilla and caramel flavors), but the pungency, brininess and smokiness definitely run in the family..."
- #2. Talisker 10 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.98
"Bacon and kippers, iodine, and ripe pear were first to rise to the occasion. Salt & pepper are next up with sweet malty cereal replacing the fruit. The peat smoke is a bit late to the party..."
- #3. Laphroaig 10 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.92
"Sticking your nose in a glass of this whisky instantly wakes up your senses. Your mind races trying to pick out all of the aromas and tastes you're experiencing. Peat Smoke? Check..."
- #4. Caol Ila 12 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.82
"This whisky whispers the sounds of Islay with more nuanced, finessed aromas and flavors than most. At first sniff, hints of autumn rise out of the glass with apples, pears and scents of the season's first fires. This is followed by vegetal notes of wet sea grass, and black tea..."
- #5. Ledaig 10 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.81
"There is a pleasant sweet bacon smoke on the nose along with some peanut brittle. The whisky is full and soft on the palate with a nice bit of bite. The smoke is more akin to roasting coals..."
- #6. Oban 14 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.80
"A very likable dram indeed with flavors of pears, sea salt, heather, toasted barley, and a touch of earthy peat smoke. This is a whisky many claim to be a favorite from novices to experts alike..."
- #7. Highland Park 12 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.74
"The sweet aroma is very inviting and draws you in closer to inspect the dram. The honey'd and vanilla fragrance takes a turn on the palate replaced by grass and pineapple..."
- #8. Old Pulteney 12 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.73
"Have always considered this one a true crowd pleaser because it's not too smoky or too sweet. A great choice if you're not sure which direction you want to sip in. The maritime influences do give it a slight dry, smoky, briny edge, but this is well tempered..."
- #9. Bowmore 12 Year - Avg. User Rating - 3.57
"Aged in predominantly ex-Bourbon barrels, the rich vanilla and chocolate notes really shine through here. Tastes of salty caramel, beef jerky, and gentle peat smoke are crystal clear..."

JUNE - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money expected from 60 June attendees) = \$4300.00
June dinner 60 persons = \$52.00/ea = \$3120.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$1180.00
Cost of Single Malts: = \$1553.20
KSMS Monthly operational balance = -(\$373.20)
Cost per person 60 attendees (All inclusive) = \$77.89

Membership and Dinner prices for 2015-2016

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| 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) |
| June BBQ Dinner Fee: | \$70 (member) \$80 (non-member) |

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 21st, 2015 dinner date as an example:
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 21st, 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 4th, 2015 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

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

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.

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



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