

Kingston Single Malt Society

A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky

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



Soup: Tomato Roasted Red Pepper Bisque
1st Nosing: **BOWMORE 15 Y.O. DARKEST**
(introduced by: Ken Goodland)

Salad: Greek Salad
2nd Nosing: **LAPHROAIG QUARTER CASK**
(introduced by: Doug Lawless)

Entree: Sole w/seafood stuffing
Vegetables: Seasonal selection
Potato: Saffron Flavored Rice
3rd Nosing: **ARBEG 10 YEARS OLD**
(introduced by: Mike Patchett)

Dessert: Homemade Apple Crisp

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.

- **BOWMORE 15 YEARS OLD DARKEST ISLAY SINGLE MALT** VINTAGES 503649 | 750 mL bottle
Price: \$ 89.95 Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **LAPHROAIG QUARTER CASK SINGLE ISLAY MALT*** LCBO 19158 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 63.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 48.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **ARBEG 10 YEARS OLD THE ULTIMATE ISLAY SINGLE MALT** VINTAGES 560474 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 99.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

APRIL - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money raised by 46 March attendees) = \$2515.00
April dinner 47 persons = \$32.50/ea = \$1527.50
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO = \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$913.00
Cost of Single Malts: = \$428.44
KSMS Monthly operational balance = \$484.56
Cost per person 46 attendees (All inclusive) = \$43.44

Spirit of Toronto – May 8, 2009

(as attended by Roberto and Sylvain)



remaining Dinner dates for KSMS 2008-2009

June 22, 2009 – BBQ (Final Exam)

Membership and Dinner prices for 2008-2009:

Membership Fees: \$40 (singles)
\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee \$15
Standard Dinner Fee: \$50 (member)
\$60 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee: \$55 (member)
\$65 (non-member)

SPIRIT OF THE WEST

The west coast whisky culture festival "Spirit of the West" takes place in Inveraray this May, part of Homecoming Scotland 2009's Whisky Month. The festival combines both the "water of life" and soothing celtic music and words, poetry, song and theatre. Robert Burns, an enthusiast for a dram is well to the fore with works such as "Freedom and Whisky Gang Together". Later life Burns became an exciseman, enforcing duty on whisky and other alcoholic drinks. But his rousing song "The De'il's Awa wi' th' Excise Man" expresses his negative feelings towards such government taxes. The Walking Theatre Company will re-enact the story of Highland smugglers hiding from the excisemen, using historical trails in an outdoor theatre experience, combining spellbinding storytelling with a distinct whisky aroma. Folk singer Robin Lang, who created his one man show "The Angel's Share" (the name given to the amount of whisky that evaporates during maturing in the wooden barrels) will be singing passionate tales of whisky during the festival. Singer Norma Munro lives on Islay, a major whisky producing island off the west coast and she will be singing local folk songs about whisky during the event. For more details, see [Spirit of the West Festival](#).

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Hi Roberto,
I have set up the discount code for your Kingston Single Malt Society Members. Please let them know that we are offering them a one year Canadian subscription for 50% off our subscription price. If they enter code KSMS1 in the discount code box when placing their order, they will receive a one year subscription for \$12.00 instead of the regular subscription price of \$24.00. (offer expires: **May 2009**)

Thank you,

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NEWS FROM LAPHROAIG

Well spring has arrived at the distillery – and not a moment too soon. We have had one of the hardest winters I can remember. However we have been very busy up here on your behalf and there is much to tell you about.

The Laphroaig Museum - Because Laphroaig has a rich history, it is only right as we approach our double century that we should create one. It is being built right next to the Friends of Laphroaig lounge and is due to open at the Feis Ile.

The Laphroaig Shop - There are some fantastic new products in the online shop. Following our unveiling of our special Laphroaig cheese at last years Laphroaig Live event we have now made it available, but due to restrictions it is I am afraid only available to UK friends. However you can all buy our new chocolates made with either 10 Year Old or Quarter Cask depending on preference.

I am sure you will recall our Friends of Laphroaig logo competition. Well we have had a huge demand to create a t-shirt with the winning design on it. We decided to make two with both black and white t-shirts. Both come packed in beautifully modified Laphroaig whisky tubes. There is also a superb new jacket on the website as well. Do look out for a new design of Polo shirts coming soon as well.

from: <http://alcoholreviews.com/index.shtml>

Jan. 1, 2009 LAPHROAIG SINGLE MALT 15 y.o.

 **We Know Whisky**
The magazine for the whisky enthusiast | Presenters of WhiskyFest



Back in April 2008, we reviewed LAPHROAIG 10 Year Old, again. Now we are enjoying the slightly more a mature cousin.

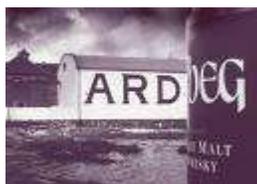
Beyond the cold weather, we were prompted to hoist a scotch today, January 25, 2009, as it is the 250th anniversary of the birth of [Robbie Burns](#), that whiskey-loving, romantic poet from 18th century Scotland. If we really wanted to be true to Burns' memory, I suppose we would sip whisky made in South Ayrshire, where he was born. Instead, we grabbed an Islay whisky, as whenever we think of Scotland our minds cannot help but recall our happy time on that lovely island.

LAPHROAIG 15 YEAR OLD WHISKY is delicious. It is much more demure than its 10 year old sibling. The iodine and peat notes are much softer, and it offers almonds and a wee blackberry note. Wonderful stuff, and worthy of our highest rating. (Rating *****)



Laphroaig 18 year old - This is a fantastic new expression that is replacing our venerable 15 Year Old. It is not without shedding a tear or two that I wave goodbye to our multi award winning "15". I have been to our warehouse in Glasgow and retrieved the last 65 bottles. For the collectors amongst you I have made 30 available for "Friends" on a first come first served basis.

But frankly the new "18" has a flavour to behold. Not only has it enjoyed the extra 3 years sleep, we have bottled it at the higher strength of 48%ABV and thus avoided the chill filtering process. It is absolutely delicious and I hope to have some of the first bottling available for you in a month or two.



**ARBEG VISITOR CENTRE
'BEST IN COUNTRY'**

The Glenmorangie Company's Ardbeg Distillery Visitor Centre has been named 'Best Visitor At-traction' at the Whisky Magazine's Icons of Whisky awards in Glasgow.

The Visitor Centre, which re-mains one of the leading visitor attractions on Islay, already car-ries a Visit Scotland '4-star' rating and more recently has undergone a significant refurbishment pro-gramme during 2008.



ARBEG UIGEADAIL 'WORLD WHISKY OF THE YEAR'

Ardbeg Uigeadail has been named World Whisky of the Year in the sixth annual edition of whisky writer Jim Murray's, "Whisky Bible". Murray has nosed and re-tasted a staggering 1500 whiskies over the past year and his "Whisky Bible 2009" contains 3,850 whisky tasting notes in all.

Ardbeg's parent company Glen-morangie sees the win as further endorsement of its decision to re-focus its activities on developing innovative products for the pre-mium single malt Scotch whisky market brands. Glenmorangie chief executive Paul Neep commented: "The markets for whisky are chang-ing. There has been a significant increase in interest in premium single malts in markets such as Asia, Continental Europe and the USA. We want to capitalize on the growth in these markets by creat-ing innovative and exciting new products within our Glenmoran-gie and Ardbeg brands. Awards, such as Jim Murray's for Ardbeg, really help build confidence and trust amongst new consumers in new markets so they are very im-portant to us.

EARTH TO ARDBEG!

(This postcard announcement arrived in the mail recently. Naturally, we in Canada cannot order, only dream and sigh. That is, unless you order, hop a plane and pick it up!)

Wherever you are on the planet (and let's face it, Committee Members are all over the place), gaze up at the stars and reflect on Ardbeg's latest creation – Ardbeg Supernova. Peated to more than 100 parts per million, way above the peating level of the acknowledged star of malt whisky, Ardbeg Ten year old, Supernova is a stellar explosion of flavours, the peatiest Ardbeg ever and quite simply heavenly!

Was it written in the stars that this dram should come to pass? No, it was written by Jim Murray, author of his very own Whisky Bible, when he exclaimed ... "THIS IS NOW SUPERNOVA STUFF!" There are just 3,000 pre-launch Committee bottles to go round over 50,000 members. Check ardbeg.com for more info.

WORLD'S LARGEST WHISKY COLLECTION BOUGHT BY DIAGEO

A connoisseurs' choice 1977-distilled Caol Ila single malt featured alongside a number of bottles of Lagavulin single malt are amongst the 3,384 bottles that make up the world's largest collection of whiskies, returned home to Scotland from Brazil.

The record-breaking collection was built up over 35 years by Brazilian whisky enthusiast, Claive Vidiz, who has scoured the world for whiskies to create it.

The bottles are currently being stored in a high security location in Scotland, after being shipped 6,500 miles from Sao Paulo. A specially designed vault is being created at the Scotch Whisky Experience to display what will be called the "Diageo Claive Vidiz Scotch Whisky Collection". The vault is part of a £2million investment at the five-star tourist attraction on Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

While the details of the terms of its sale to Diageo will remain under wraps, the unique collection is described by whisky experts as "invaluable" and ranges from the most popular whiskies to some of the rarest.

"To split up a collection which I have devoted more than 35 years of my life to would have broken my heart so I am truly thrilled Diageo has purchased it in its entirety." said Mr. Vidiz. "It is also wonderful to see it safely back in Scotland. We have an expression in Brazil 'the good son returns home' and in my view the collection is back with its family now," he added.

"We are delighted to have worked with Claive to bring this wonderful collection safely back to Scotland and to play a part in preserving its legacy and historic significance," said Bryan Donaghey, Managing Director of Diageo Scotland. "We are loaning the collection to the Scotch Whisky Experience where annually 200,000 visitors will be able to view the Collection in its atmospheric vault."

NEW MALTS FROM PORT ELLEN AND CAOL ILA RELEASED

Diageo are to launch a 29 yo Port Ellen and an 8 yo Caol Ila made from unpeated malt as two of a range of ten "rare limited editions single malt whiskies" for the European and North American markets.

Nick Morgan, marketing director for the Classic Malts Selection", said: "Every year we review our inventory of single malt Scotch whiskies with a view to releasing limited quantities of the most special ones for connoisseurs. I suspect that some will be bought by collectors, as always, but I can certainly confirm that every whisky we issue in this series is not only individual and interesting but supremely drinkable. Demand for rare and special malt whiskies continues to grow, and of course some of these now released are drawn from a finite and dwindling stock, as their distilleries were closed over 20 years ago. In these circumstances we believe that even the most expensive offer terrific value compared with some of the more hyped wine vintages."

KILCHOMAN COMES OF AGE

Kilchoman, Islay's new farm distillery celebrated its first milestone in December, when the first cask to be filled at the distillery reached the legal whisky requirement of three years maturation in an oak cask.

Founded in 2005 by Anthony Wills and privately owned, Kilchoman produces just 90,000 litres of spirit a year.

Not only one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland, it is also unique on Islay, in that a proportion of the barley used in production is grown in the fields surrounding the distillery and malted on site. "It is a very special day for all those connected with the distillery" says Mr. Wills, Managing Director. "At times we thought we'd never get there but the spirit has been very well received around the world which is always encouraging and our next milestone is the release of our first single malt in September 2009." Malcolm Rennie, Distillery Manager says "for me it is hugely satisfying to have initially produced a unique quality new spirit and then for three years watch as it has evolved into an exceptional young whisky. The whole distillery team are justifiably proud of their efforts and will continue to take Kilchoman through to a truly special Islay whisky".

BRUICHLADDICH WIN ENTERPRISE AWARD

Bruichladdich Distillery has won an "Enterprise 250" Award for Innovation & Design. The Enterprise 250 awards recognize exceptional achievement by Scotland's best £5 to £15 million companies in areas of leadership, innovation and focus. Bruichladdich Distillery is the world's fastest growing single malt distillery according to figures in The 2008 Scotch Whisky Industry Review published by Sutherlands.

Since the distiller's 2001 reopening, UK sales grew 1000% compared to 18.7% for the industry as a whole. Overseas, sales grew 11 times faster than average for the industry. MD Mark Reynier said: "We're a youthful, dynamic company, punching above our weight, challenging industry orthodoxy. We are indeed honoured by this award. Our success is based on de-industrializing whisky. We offer consumers quality, authenticity, individuality, variety, and of course innovation. We enjoy our work."

BRUICHLADDICH WINTER 2008 – New Releases (While perusing the latest Ileach (Islay newspaper) we noticed that Bruichladdich is releasing some new malts – don't know if or when they will arrive in Ontario)

2001 – The Resurrection Dram = Our First Bruichladdich Distillation. Lightly peated. An homage to the Harvey Brothers of 1881.

Golder Still = The end of an era, a golden glow of Bruichladdich's past.

Octomore = The most heavily peated whisky the world has ever seen. An iron fist in a velvet glove.

DNA = The ultimate essence of Bruichladdich

X4 = The first quadruple distillation in 300 years. The purest Islay spirit.

PC7 = The third expression of this new classic. Port Charlotte Limited 2008 Cask Offer

Port Charlotte 2008 (heavily peated) new filling in fresh bourbon cask to be filled by December 19

More whisky in the tank

BBC filmed an unusual biofuel experiment on the whisky island of Islay. - The experiment involved TV's wine expert Oz Clarke and Top Gear's James May attempting to run a high performance racing car on a special distillation of Bruichladdich single malt whisky.

Bruichladdich's unique quadruple-distilled X4 Islay Spirit was first tasted by wine & spirit expert Oz Clarke for proof before 3 litres were filled in to the car's fuel tank.

A 150 mph Radical SR4 racing car from Radical Sportscars, the Peterborough-based manufacturer, was

selected for the test. The engine was not modified in anyway at all.

Using an Atlantic shore road closed to traffic by the island's 5 policemen cleared of sheep and cattle the racing car achieved a hair-raising 0-60 in 3.5 seconds over four runs.

"The exhaust smells much better than petrol", said Duncan MacGillivray, Bruichladdich distillery manager, "sure it's a sustainable biofuel; but at £26 a litre, the Duty and VAT isn't! Fuel here is a whopping £1.50 - £1.60 a litre so it's not a viable alternative just yet. The police even tried to breathalyse the car but fortunately they had the wrong type of tester." (Thanks to <http://www.whiskygrotto.com>: A blog devoted to news on the world of Scotch Whisky and Whiskey).

Bowmore Single Malt whisky targeted by thieves
A consignment of Single Malt Scotch Whisky, destined for the UK Christmas market has been stolen from an independent haulier in Hertfordshire, England.

More than 10,000 bottles of [Bowmore](#) Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky with a retail value of almost £300,000 were taken in the incident which happened around midday on Tuesday the 4 December.

The haul included various expressions of Bowmore, from 12 years old through to 25 years old.

Bowmore Distillers are urgently bottling more of the award winning spirit from Islay to ensure UK retailers and consumers will not be disappointed this Christmas.

Glen Moore, Bowmore Brand Director commented:
"We are confident we will be able to supply all retailers with Bowmore and customers will still be able to buy Scotland's no 1 Islay malt whisky for Christmas."

He added *"Unfortunately Single Malt Whisky cannot be distilled today and bottled tomorrow so it will take up to twenty five years to replace the older stock."*



N.B.: For the purpose of next month's exam we will be maintaining the areas as we travelled through them this past year.

**CAMPBELTOWN,
LOWLAND,
SPEYSIDE,
HIGHLAND,
ISLANDS,
ISLAY**

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 June 22nd dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Monday June 2nd, 2009. 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 at (613-634-0397).

- Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for a member who responds by Saturday June 13th, 2009 midnight.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Saturday June 13th, 2009 midnight will be removed from the list.

- Anyone cancelling between Saturday June 13th, 2009 midnight and Monday June 22nd, 2009 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$50). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their reservation to find a replacement. If I can substitute an individual from the wait-list, then the member will not be asked to pay for their cancellation.

- Anyone who fails to attend the June 22nd, 2009 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$50). The member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation.

- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Saturday June 13th, 2009 midnight and Monday June 22nd, 2009, your 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.

Win Me !!



CARDHU 12y.o. SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT

VINTAGES 70284 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$ 247.95**
Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Starting February 23, 2009 tickets can be purchased to win this bottle. Tickets will be on sale at each dinner until the June BBQ dinner when the bottle will be raffled. The winner must successfully answer the skill testing question:

What country does single malt come from?

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



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