

- **THE ISLE OF JURA AGED 16 YEARS SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 91264** | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 79.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **TOBERMORY 12 YEARS OLD ISLAND OF MULL SINGLE MALT 1996 LCBO 139642** | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$ 84.00** Spirits, 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **SCAPA 16YO SINGLE MALT WHISKY LCBO 139279** | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 119.95** Spirits, 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

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

Soup: Tomato Roasted Red Pepper Bisque
1st Nosing: **ISLE OF JURA 16 YEARS OLD** (Jura)
(introduced by: Sandra Holloway)

Salad: Greek Salad

2nd Nosing: **TOBERMORY 12 YEARS OLD ISLAND OF MULL SINGLE MALT 1996** (Mull)
(introduced by: Heather Evans)

Entree: VOM Chicken (Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Roasted Red Pepper and Cheddar Cheese)

Vegetables: Seasonal

Potato: Saffron Flavoured Rice

3rd Nosing: **SCAPA 16 YEARS OLD** (Orkney)
(introduced by: Christine Wasson)

Dessert: Chocolate Carrot Craze

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.

Remaining dinner dates for KSMS 2009-2010

May 17, 2010 - Islay

June 21, 2010 – BBQ (Final Exam)

Win Me !!

THE MACALLAN 25

SHERRY OAK

SINGLE MALT WHISKY

VINTAGES 283283 | 750 ml bottle Price: \$649.95; Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol

Starting February 22nd, 2010 tickets can be purchased for a chance to win this bottle. Tickets will be \$3 each or two tickets for \$5. Tickets will be on sale at each dinner until the June 21st, 2010 BBQ Dinner when the bottle will be raffled. The winner must successfully answer the skill testing question: What country does single malt come from?



MARCH - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money raised by March attendees)	= \$2300.00
February dinner 45 persons = \$45.04/ea	= \$2171.56
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO	= \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$53.44
Cost of Single Malts:	= \$428.46
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$375.02)
Cost per person 45 attendees (All inclusive)	= \$59.44
Cost per person 41 attendees (All inclusive)	= \$65.24

Island hopping

Scotland's islands are only loosely connected and include vastly differing geographies, histories and whisky styles

Including all Scotland's islands in the same whisky category is like throwing tabby cats and tigers together.

Islay, of course, has its own category, but within 'islands' Orkney is bracketed with Arran – which is the equivalent of pairing Wigtown and Wick. And while generally we tend to think of island whiskies as peated in style, this isn't the case at all. Of the 14 island distilleries (we'll ignore Lewis for the moment as it's yet to bottle whisky) the house styles of six of them could be described as

mainly unpeated. Take the actual output of the 'hybrid' distilleries – those that produce both peated and peated whisky – and it's possible that more island malt is unpeated than it is peated – because Caol Ila produces large volumes of unpeated whisky.

You'll need a great deal of time and patience to do the islands properly, and in all likelihood a good bit of weather and a fair wind at your back wouldn't go amiss.

Here then is our quickfire guide to the islands of Scotland.

ARRAN

THE DISTILLERY: Isle of Arran, Lochranza

Tel: +44 (0) 1770 830264
www.arranwhisky.com

A relatively new distillery, this is purpose-built so the tour is great for the novice. The whisky is sweet, vanillery and fresh tasting.

THE ISLAND: Described as Scotland in miniature, Arran is 19 miles long, 10 miles wide, and has

diverse scenery.

WHAT ELSE TO DO: Arran is the perfect place for walking and cycling, and has great golf courses. Arran Aromatics makes cosmetics and soaps, Arran brewery is producing world class beers.

HOW TO GET THERE: There are car ferries from Ardrossan, and in the summer you can also travel from Wemyss Bay.

JURA

THE DISTILLERY: Isle of Jura
+44 (0) 1496 820240

Small and homely, making clean, fruity whisky. The standard range has been expanded to include peated, aged and specially finished versions.

www.isleofjura.com

THE ISLAND: Famous for the Paps of Jura, the island feels like the end of the world.

Cattle block the one road from the ferry to the distillery, the island's largest group of inhabitants are its deer and then its snakes, and few people live here.

This all makes it utterly irresistible.

WHAT ELSE TO DO: Deer stalking, off road driving, shooting and some of the best walking and hiking in Britain make it surprisingly lively here.

HOW TO GET THERE: Follow the instructions to Islay, head for Port Askaig and catch the ferry across the fast-flowing sound of Islay. **W**

MULL

THE DISTILLERY: Tobermory,
+44 (0)1688 302647

www.burnstewartdistillers.com

Tobermory produces a fruity and only lighted peaty whisky for half the year, and a peaty whisky by the name of Ledaig for half the year.

THE ISLAND:Tobermory is a slice of The Highlands thrown into the sea, with high bens and dramatic scenery.

Tobermory the town defines 'pretty Scottish harbour.'

WHAT ELSE TO DO:This is a bird watching paradise, and you're more likely to see sea eagles than anywhere else in Scotland. Golden eagles and osprey join the bird fest, and the sea life is pretty special, too.

HOW TO GET THERE: There are ferries from Oban on the mainland to Craignure then it's a drive over the island to the distillery.

ISLAY

THE DISTILLERIES:There are now eight operating distilleries, nearly all of which allow visitors. The island style is of course big peated whiskies, but that's not the whole story by a long chalk.

THE ISLAND:Whisky is of course at the heart of Islay and the distilleries dominate here. But there are 130 miles of rugged and wonderful coastline, making it a rugged island paradise.

WHAT ELSE TO DO: Another island where walking, cycling and sailing are all outstanding. The Machrie Hotel has an excellent golf course, and Islay also brews its own beers.

HOW TO GET THERE: There are flights twice a day from Glasgow, or you can drive round to Tarbert on the west coast and sail to Port Ellen or Port Askaig, at opposite ends of the island.

SKYE

THE DISTILLERY: Talisker
+44 (0) 1478 614308

www.malts.com

Talisker needs little introduction, a big, peaty, peppery whisky ideal for the rugged and unforgiving landscape and a world class champion.

THE ISLAND: Skye may now be joined to the mainland by a bridge but it remains enigmatic, and other worldly, its landscapes dramatic and its weather patterns scarily unpredictable.

WHAT ELSE TO DO: Skye has some of the best climbing and trekking in Europe, to great wildlife and places to visit which include the Museum of Island Life, the Museum of the Isles, the castles of Eilean Donan, Dunvegan and Armadale and for the children, a toy museum and a dinosaur museum.

HOW TO GET THERE: There are ferries from Mallaig and Glenelg and a bridge from the mainland.

THE ORKNEY ISLES

THE DISTILLERIES:

Highland Park
Tel +44 (0) 1856 874619,
www.highlandpark.co.uk
Scapa
Tel +44 (0) 1856 876585
www.scapamalt.com

These are very different whiskies. Highland Park is rugged and honeyed, with peat and oak in the mix, Scapa is more gentle, with citrus notes and a sweet and sour mix.

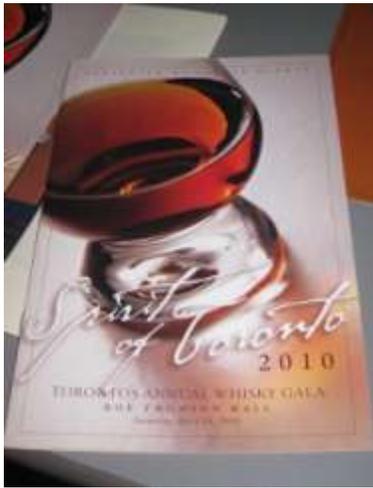
THE ISLAND:A collection of scores of small islands, the biggest of which are linked by bridges built on concrete blocks and around Scapa Flow. Virtually treeless and often windy, these are remote geographically and almost Scandinavian in outlook.

WHAT ELSE TO DO: If you're in to archaeology and history you could, spend a week here.

Stone circles, ancient burial sites, Pictish villages, historical churches, and the legacy of the Second World War, there is no place quite like it anywhere else on earth.

HOW TO GET THERE: You can fly from Aberdeen and Wick and there are ferries from various points along the very north East coast around Thurso to a number of destinations.

Spirit of Toronto – April 24th, 2010



Roberto & Sylvain with Davin de Kergommeaux at the Islay Gentle Giants Masterclass

(as attended by: Ken, Bill, Sylvain, Mike, & Roberto)



Mike and Roberto



Roberto and Sylvain at the Balvenie Masterclass



Sylvain, Mike and Bill enjoying Glenrothes



Roberto & Joanna (Organizer of Spirit of Toronto)

Guest blog #2: Jura and Orkney

JOHN HANSELL - MARCH 30TH, 2010 – MALT ADVOCATE



Islay is considered a mecca for peat freaks and with its eight working distilleries is a wonderful way to spend time. Less traveled islands host distilleries including Mull and Arran. Our trip took us to two others: Jura and Orkney. Our trip to the Isle of Jura is a literal “jump” from Islay, a seven minute ferry ride. “Any

time someone travels all the way to Jura, I’d be happy to show them ‘round!” Even on a Saturday morning, we found out. Distillery Manager Willie Cochrane loves to show off the distillery. This was the first time that we’d had the opportunity to get to Jura; sometimes the water is too rough, more often, time runs too short. A truly unique experience and one which gives you a great idea of how the climate affects the maturation of the whisky.

Orkney is a totally different experience. To experience the wind and see the barren, treeless landscape are a must! It’s a bit of a drive and a ferry ride, but there are incredible non-whisky field trips as well.



We were fortunate to get a tour of Scapa thanks to our friend Ian of Chivas Brothers who met us there to show us around. Scapa is not open to visitors

and it is rare to see inside. (Stills on left.) There has been some modernization but it remains a very traditional distillery. The Scapa 16 YO reflects a movement from the 12 and 14 YO in an attempt to produce a standard product while they build up more stocks. The distillery was mothballed from 1997 to 2004 and no whisky was being produced. It will take till 2014 to see significant stocks of 10 YO whisky again.

Highland Park is always a pleasure to visit. They have the largest traditional floor maltings of any distillery (peat-fired kiln on left) and Edrington Group clearly wants to move Highland Park into a top selling single malt. Gerry Tosh gave us the tour and he believes peat type and levels and quality of casks are the drivers for what you

finally taste in the whisky. While lots of people focus on water source, shape of the stills, barley and so forth, Gerry sees that those make up a very small part of the overall distinctiveness of the whisky. Met a number of the key marketing staff during the visit and expect to see aggressive promotion of Highland Park and new expressions in the future. They will maintain true to their core 12 and 18 YO, but you will see other vintages as well. – *B. J. Reed*

Mortlach 70

World's Oldest Bottled Single Malt Whisky



Arrival of the World's Oldest Whisky-Mortlach 70 Year Old

Online whisky shop Master of Malt is the first internet retailer in the world to offer for sale the astonishing Mortlach 70 Year Old..

Released March 11th, this amazingly well aged whisky has been bottled by renowned independent bottler Gordon and Macphail. With an outturn of only 54 full-sized (70cl) decanters, and 162 smaller (20cl) decanters - this whisky is an extremely limited edition. Master of Malt is delighted to be able to offer the whiskey for sale before any other online retailer.

Tasting notes for the whiskey have been compiled by Charles Maclean and read as follows:

Appearance: The colour of sun-bleached polished mahogany.

Aroma: A mellow nose, at once waxy and fruity; candlewax to the fore initially, which becomes snuffed candle (a thread of smoke), with Maraschino cherries in Madeira cake behind, and after a while an orangey citric note - fresh and juicy, becoming apricot jam. Flaked almonds and whin flowers, becoming light coconut oil.

Taste: Surprisingly lively tasted straight. A smooth, waxy mouthfeel; a sweetish start becoming moderately dry, but not overly-tannic. Dried fig and tobacco notes, and an intriguing light smokiness. A long finish and, for the first time, a hint of planed hardwood in the aftertaste. With a teaspoon of water, the smooth texture is enhanced. The fresh, light sweetness becoming pleasantly sour ('Soor Plooms'), with sooty smoke in the finish.

Comment: Remarkable. No trace of damp wood or must or bung cloth - a delicate, fresh, vital, fruity whisky, but with unusual attributes of waxiness and smokiness - uncommon today, more usual before the 1960s.

Mortlach 70 Year Old is available now from www.masterofmalt.com priced at Pounds Sterling 9999 for the full-sized (70cl) decanter, and Pounds Sterling 2499 for the small (20cl) decanter.

Whisky Recipe

Kentucky Bourbon Fudge Pie source: Examiner.com



Ingredients:

- 1 prepared deep-dish pie shell, unbaked
- ½ cup butter
- 4oz. Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate
- 2 TBS. bourbon
- 6 TBS hot water
- 1 14oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs, well beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup pecans, chopped or whole

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F

1. Combine butter and chocolate in a glass mixing bowl and microwave until melted. (Alternatively, use a double boiler on the stove.)
2. Add bourbon, hot water, condensed milk, and eggs and stir until smooth.
3. Add vanilla, salt, and pecans and mix well.
4. Pour into pie shell and bake until center is set, 45-55 minutes.

Figures show whisky sector not in decline, say insiders



Mark Smith; www.heraldsotland.com; Published on 11 Sep 2009
The Scotch whisky industry is not in crisis, in spite of mass layoffs at Diageo and recent production cuts at Chivas Brothers, and the forthcoming global export data will prove it, insiders at the Scotch Whisky Association claim.

The industry body's figures for the first half of 2009, set for release at the end of the month, will reveal an uptick in the overall value of shipments around the world, SWA insiders said.

However, they will also show that during the first quarter of the year, whisky distillers saw markedly diminished demand from trade customers, which had difficulty obtaining funds from banks amid the credit freeze – but increases in the second quarter offset the earlier decline.

“We’ve said all along that the whisky industry is recession-resistant, not recession-immune – and we stand by that,” one insider said.

“What these latest figures will show is that global consumption overall has not decreased. The problem was that trade customers were

ordering less because they were having trouble getting credit. “These customers were simply using up existing supplies before deciding to restock. That situation changed in the second quarter.”

The insider told The Herald: “To suggest the whisky industry is in decline is ridiculous. In the past two years alone, around £500m has been invested into new and rejuvenated distilleries. If that’s not a sign of confidence, I don’t know what is.”

Such comments are notable because Diageo, the world’s biggest drinks group, earlier this week said it would continue with plans to close its Johnnie Walker bottling plant in Kilmarnock and axe headcount at Port Dundas with the combined loss of 900 posts.

The group, which last week also issued a downbeat outlook for 2010, will offset the layoffs by creating 400 jobs through the expansion of the packaging plant in Fife.

Meanwhile, Chivas Brothers, which is owned by French drinks giant Pernod Ricard and controls around 20% of the Scotch whisky market, also this week said it cut production at several distilleries as whisky sales suffered in the past six months. It said volumes of Ballantine’s are down 4% and Chivas Regal off 5% year-on-year.

Earlier this year, SWA figures revealed the Scotch whisky industry has set new records for exports in 2008, earning £97 every second for the UK’s balance of trade. The value of shipments increased by 8% to a record £3.1bn.

Comments by insiders suggest that the latest half-year figures, when published, will reveal that industry is on track to set a new record in 2009. “Some markets are down, it’s true. Spain, Korea and the US are down – and while this reflects the state of the economy, there are also credit and supply issues,” The Herald was told. “But there is definitely a vast improvement over the situation at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. Whisky remains a growth industry.”

The \$90,000 Macallan Linley Whisky Cabinet

A one-of-a-kind bespoke cabinet designed by Viscount David Linley containing six extremely rare bottles of vintage single malt whisky from famed Speyside distillery The Macallan is on offer at Harrods in London for about \$90,000. Macallan commissioned the royal cabinetmaker to produce the exquisite piece solely for Harrods, designed to be ultra luxurious and unique in every way. The six precious bottles are Macallan’s prized 1937, 1940, 1948, 1955, 1966 and 1970 vintages. Handcrafted in Linley’s workshop from solid English Burr Oak with mirrored interior panels the cabinet also includes six bespoke Linley-designed crystal whisky tumblers as well as a cigar humidor in the fold-out side compartments.



BBC NEWS Feed Thursday, 11 February 2010

Thieves have stolen more than £250,000 worth of whisky from a transport depot just yards from a police station.

Two loaded trailers of Grants-branded whisky, which were due to be driven to France, were taken from the secure compound at Locharbriggs in Dumfries. The whisky arrived at the yard at about 1830 GMT on Wednesday. However by the time two drivers went to collect it at 0400 GMT on Thursday, it was gone. Police have appealed for anyone with information to contact them.

Those responsible made off with the haul despite the depot being protected by guards, electronic gates and cameras. Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary said the two yellow container-style trailers had Currie transport insignia on the sides. The yard exits onto the A701 Dumfries to Moffat road. Detectives are appealing for anyone who may have seen them being towed away to come forward.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2009-2010

Membership Fees:	\$40 (singles)
	\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$50 (member)
	\$60 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$45 (member)
	\$55 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (non-member)
(includes \$5 donation per attendee to RMC Pipes & Drums with Highland Dancers)	
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (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 September 21st dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Saturday August 30th, 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 Wednesday September 9th, 2009 midnight.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday September 9th, 2009 midnight will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Wednesday September 9th, 2009 midnight and Monday September 21st, 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 Monday September 21st, 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 Wednesday September 9th, 2009 midnight and Monday September 21st, 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.

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



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