

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 the ISLANDS

Soup: Carrot Ginger Honey

1st Nosing: **ISLE OF JURA SUPERSTITION**
(introduced by: Christine Wasson)

Salad: Classic Caesar

2nd Nosing: **HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD**
(introduced by: Sylvain Bouffard)

Entree: Chicken Piccata (Roasted Chicken Breast
garnished w/artichoke hearts, mushrooms, capers
& lemon beurre blanche)

Vegetables:

Potato: Pasta Alfredo

3rd Nosing: **TALISKER 10 YEAR OLD**
(introduced by: Tom Richmond)

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.

- **ISLE OF JURA SUPERSTITION SINGLE MALT** LCBO 38927 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 57.95**
Spirits, Whisky, Scotch-Malt Whisky 43.0%
Alcohol/Vol.

- **HIGHLAND PARK 12 YR OLD SINGLE MALT** LCBO 204560 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$ 54.95** Spirits,
Scotch Whisky, 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **TALISKER 10YR OLD** LCBO 249680 | 750 mL
bottle **Price: \$ 72.95** Spirits, Scotch Whisky, 45.8%
Alcohol/Vol.

MARCH - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money raised by 43 March attendees)	= \$2170.00
March dinner 45 persons = \$37.75/ea	= \$1698.76
Special Occasion Permit @ LCBO	= \$75.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$396.24
Cost of Single Malts:	= \$718.95
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$322.71)
Cost per person 45 attendees (All inclusive)	= \$55.39
Cost per person 43 attendees (All inclusive)	= \$57.97

remaining Dinner dates for KSMS 2008-2009

May 25, 2009 - Islay
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)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$45 (member)
	\$55 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$55 (member)
	\$65 (non-member)

Premium Single Malt Night Thursday August 27, 2009 @ 7p.m.

Reservations for the dinner are now under way.
The cost of the evening will be \$125/person. Non-drinkers can attend at a cost of \$75/person. Non-drinkers can personally arrange to enjoy their favorite wine at this dinner (please contact me for more information). The dinner will be similar to the one attendees enjoyed last year. On hand will be three premium single malts, which will average between \$200-250. A special treat this year is the Macallan 25 year old following Marc Laverdiere's kind offer. Additionally, Paul Charbonneau has gracefully offered to bring along a choice of cigar (Montecristo or Cohiba). To accompany the cigars I will have on hand the Dalmore Cigar Malt. Another bottle that I will have on hand is the 25 year old Port Ellen. A little note to heighten your anticipation for this treat In 1925 the distillery was acquired by DCL and closed down. Following an extensive modernization programme in 1967 it became licensed to Low Robertson & Co Ltd of Edinburgh. In 1983 the distillery ceased production permanently. There is virtually no chance of Port Ellen starting up again. It has been converted to a malting and is now basically a factory. Due to the costs involved in the purchase of these single malt bottles I will require a financial commitment of a minimum 23 people to go forward with the dinner. After that, a wait list will be developed. Additional people will be permitted to attend but only after another increment of 23 is confirmed . As

I mentioned before this is simply to take best financial advantage of sharing the cost of each bottle.

KSMS travels to Scotland in May 2010

Yes that is right. Plans are in the making to see if there is enough interest from members to take part in a trip to Scotland next year. We will travel to Scotland for ten days. Included in the cost will be transportation from Kingston, flight to Scotland, transportation while in Scotland, dedicated tour Driver, accommodation, one meal per day (perhaps breakfast), and visits to numerous distilleries. To accommodate a range of interests excursions such as golfing and visits to factories that manufacture crystal, lace, etc will be considered.



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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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EDRINGTON COPING WITH ROCKETING COSTS

Edrington Group – the firm behind whisky brands such as The Famous Grouse, Cutty Sark, The Macallan and Highland Park – delivered an upbeat outlook, despite production costs. The company is facing significant cost increases for cereals, energy, transportation and packaging materials. Edrington said it was confident of shrugging off these pressures through continued investment in its brands plus innovation, good relationships with suppliers and targeting markets offering the best scope for expansion. The comments came as the group unveiled a 9.5% increase in pretax profits to £75.6 million for the year to March 31. The surplus for 2006-07 had come in at £68.9 million. Turnover in the latest period totalled £291.5 million compared with £278.5 million last period. The group's strategy of investing in authentic premium spirits brands continues to bear fruit in what is a dynamic and growing international market.

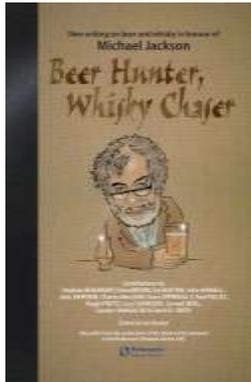
The Famous Grouse has consolidated its position as 'one of the leading blended Scotch whiskies in the world' and increased sales in 2007-08. Confidence in The Macallan, produced at Craigellachie on Speyside, was clear from its multimillion-pound investment in the distillery and associated assets during the current trading year. Edrington is building warehouses and bringing a stillhouse at The Macallan distillery, which had been mothballed in the early 1990's, back into service as part of a £40 million investment.

Highland Park was Edrington's fastest growing brand in 2007 with value of sales growing by 20%. The group said they have exciting plans to further develop this hidden gem. Details of a £750,000 investment at Highland Park's Orkney distillery, including a £250,000 visitor centre refurbishment, has been announced.

COFFEE & SINGLE MALT - MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

After dinner is the ideal time to enjoy malt whisky. Up until now there has been no coffee specifically blended to complement and enhance the unique pleasure of single malts. However, due to the efforts of The Cuillin Hills Hotel, on the Isle of Skye, such a coffee has now been blended and is enjoying rave reviews from visitors and guests at the Hotel.

The coffee is the brainchild of Mr. Peter Sim, General Manager at the Cuillin Hills Hotel and Mr. John Thompson, of the Edinburgh Tea and Coffee Company. Their task was helped and aided by the Talisker distillery on the Isle of Skye. The coffee blend, which is a secret mixture of Indonesian and South American beans, gives a coffee that is a medium dark roast. It is full-bodied, rich and complex, complementing whisky flavours whilst adding further flavours of its own. The main characteristics of this blend are dark chocolate and a rich nuttiness. Balancing these tastes and adding an underlying sweetness are caramel and toffee notes, the finish is long and luxuriant with hints of liquorice and cinnamon. The Cuillin Hills Blend coffee is exclusively available from the Cuillin Hills Hotel, Portree, Isle of Skye.



A new book is being released on March 27th featuring writings about beer and whisky to honour the memory of the inimitable Michael Jackson. Many beer lovers considered Michael as one of the foremost authorities on the topic - while an equal number of whisky drinkers considered Michael to be THE authority on whisky. Michael was arguably the most influential writer on beer and whisky in recent memory.

The book is being published by Classic Expressions and includes contributions from contributions by Stephen Beaumont, Julie Bradford, Dave Broom, Ian Buxton, John Hansell, Charles MacLean, Hans Offringa, F Paul Pacult, Roger Protz, Lucy Saunders, Conrad Seidl, Gavin D Smith, and Carolyn Smagalski.

All of the writers contributed the work without fee and all profits from the sale of the book go to benefit the Parkinson's Disease Society of the UK.

Thanks to the ScotchBlog.com



Best Packaging/ Marketing Campaign

One of the closest races with *Elements of Islay & Bruichladdich Octomore* tying for 2nd place - and *Glenmorangie Signet* walking away with the prize.

WINNER Glenmorangie Signet 25.00%

2. Elements of Islay 22.92%
2. Bruichladdich Octomore 22.92%
3. Highland Park 40 YO 14.58%
4. Ardbeg Blasda 10.42%
5. Tuthilltown's Hudson Bay 4.17%

Bang for the Buck

At around \$100 US, the HP 18 isn't exactly cheap - but enough of you think it's worth a lot more.

WINNER Highland Park 18 yo 48.98%

2. Black Bottle 16.33%
3. Famous Grouse 10.20%
3. Balvenie Signature 12 yo 10.20%
3. Bulleit 10.20%
4. Rittenhouse 100 4.08%

Distiller/Blender/Independent Bottler of the Year Ardbeg was once a distillery with a cult. It's now getting the recognition it deserves. And with Big brother Glenmorangie taking 3rd place, the People at Glenmorangie should be very proud. And remember last year's Glenmorangie "Brand Overhaul" got second place in the "Worst Marketing Campaign" category. Apparently that is long forgotten.

WINNER Ardbeg 30.00%

2. Bruichladdich 22.00%
3. Glenmorangie 14.00%
4. Compass Box 12.00%
4. Glenora 12.00%
5. Heaven Hill 6.00%
6. Stranahans 4.00%

Most Innovative New Product

Another win for the Glenmorangie Company - and the 2nd win for this particular label. It really is something special.

WINNER Glenmorangie Signet 34.88%

2. Octomore 20.93%
3. Elements of Islay 16.28%
4. Ardbeg Blasda 13.95%
5. Black Grouse 6.98%
5. BenRiach's "Fumosus" range 6.98%

Best New Non-whisky Product (i.e., book, resource, etc)
Turns out I met Neil & Joel last year in London and had drinks with them & Sukhinder Singh. Small world, huh?

WINNER Caskstrength.net 34.78%

2. Malt Whisky Yearbook 2009 32.61%
3. Whiskipedia 17.39%
4. Goodness Nose by Richard Paterson 8.70%
5. Whisky Dream by Stuart Rivans 6.52%

Most under-rated-whisky

Clynelish speaks for itself. No wonder John Glaser uses it in so many of the Compass Box blends.

WINNER Clynelish 14 38.64%

2. Scapa 14 25.00%
3. Glengoyne 17 15.91%
4. Amrut 11.36%
5. Bulleit 9.09%

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 November 24th dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Saturday November 1st, 2008. 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 November 12th, 2008 midnight.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight will be removed from the list.

- Anyone cancelling between Wednesday November 12th, 2008 midnight and Monday November 24th, 2008 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 November 24th, 2008 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 November 12th, 2008 midnight and Monday November 24th, 2008, your name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

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?

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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