



**Scottish Single Malt Whisky Tasting - Private
Saturday, August 16, 2008, 2008**

<i>Distillery</i>	<i>Whisky Expert M. Jackson's Notes</i>	<i>Your Notes</i>
Auchentoshan 10 MJ Rating: 83	<i>Region:</i> Lowlands, western <i>Nose:</i> Clean warm, cereal grains <i>Palate:</i> Lemon-grass notes, lightly sweet <i>Finish:</i> Light, crisp, hint of lemon-grass	
Craggenmore 12 MJ Rating: 90	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Very complex: sweet, cut grass, herbs <i>Palate:</i> delicate, clean, herbal and flowery notes <i>Finish:</i> IONF	
Highland Park 12 MJ Rating: 90	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Orkney Islands <i>Nose:</i> <i>Smoky, sweet, heathery, malt, sherry</i> <i>Palate:</i> dry smoke, heather-honey, malt <i>Finish:</i> teasing, heathery, delicious	
Laphroaig 10 MJ Rating: 86	<i>Region:</i> Islay <i>Nose:</i> <i>Medicinal, phenolic, seaweed, slightly sweet</i> <i>Palate:</i> Seaweedy, salty, oily <i>Finish:</i> Round, very dry	
Aberlour A'bundah MJ Rating: 86	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Sherry, mint, pralines, luxurious, powerful <i>Palate:</i> Rich, creamy, hint of mint and cherries <i>Finish:</i> Nougat, cherry brandy, ginger, faint smoke	
Glenfarclas 105 MJ Rating: 79	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Sweet, raisin, sherry, oak, peat smoke <i>Palate:</i> Oak, dry maltiness, toffee, buttery <i>Finish:</i> Licorice, toffee, sherry notes	
Caol Ila 12 MJ Rating: 83	<i>Region:</i> Islay <i>Nose:</i> Soft juniper, mint, grass, burnt grass <i>Palate:</i> Flavorful, spicy, vanilla, nutmeg <i>Finish:</i> Very long	

A Classification of Pure Malt Scotch Whiskies

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Appendix A: Classification of Scotch Whiskies

- Group A**
- Aberfeldy, Glenugie, **Laphroaig**, Scapa
 - Average characteristics: full gold; fruity, salty; medium: oily, salty, sherry; dry
 - The best of its class: **Laphroaig** (Islay), 10 years, 86
- Group B**
- **Aberlour**, Balvenie, Benrinnes, Dalmore, Glendullan, Glenlivet, Glenturret, **Highland Park**, Lochside, Macallan, Millburn, Oban, Singleton of Auchroisk, Strathisla
 - Average characteristics: amber; sweet, sherry; medium, smooth; dry, sweet; long
 - The best of its class: **Highland Park** (Orkneys), 12 years, 90
- Group C**
- Ardmore, Blair Athol, Clynelish, Glenmorangie, Port Ellen, Talisker
 - Average characteristics: pale gold; sweet, salty; medium to full, oily; sweet, spicy; big, long, Spicy
 - The best of its class: Talisker (Skye), 10 years, 90
- Group D**
- **Auchentoshan**, Ben Nevis, Coleburn, Speyburn
 - Average characteristics: pale gold; fruity, grassy; oily; sweet, fruity; sweet, quick
 - The best of its class: Auchentoshan (Lowlands), 10 years, 85
- Group E**
- Balblair, Bladnoch, **Caol Ila**, Edradour, Glenburgie, Inchmurrin, Inverleven, Kinclaith, Littlemill, Pulteney
 - Average characteristics: pale wyne, gold; fruity, peaty; light; sweet, spicy; fruity
 - The best of its class: Bladnoch (Lowlands), 8 years, 85
- Group F**
- Aultmore, Benriach, Benromach, Bunnahabhain, Cardhu, Dalwhinnie, Glenallachie, Glen Deveron, Glenkinchie, Glen Scotia, Inchgower, Knockando, Miltonduff, Springbank, Tullibardine
 - Average characteristics: gold; aromatic; medium, smooth, light; sweet; sweet
 - The best of its class: Springbank (Campbeltown), 15 years, 88
- Group G**
- **Cragganmore**, Glenglassaugh, Glen Moray, Longmorn, Rosebank, Tamnavulin, Tomintoul
 - Average characteristics: gold, full gold; grassy; smooth, light; grassy; dry
 - The best of its class: **Cragganmore** (Speyside), 12 years, 90
- Group H**
- Bruichladdich, Deanston, Fettercairn, Glenfiddich, Glen Mhor, Glen Spey, Glentauchers, Ladyburn, Tobermory
 - Average characteristics: white wyne, pale; sweet; smooth, light; sweet, dry, fruity, smoky; dry, light
 - The best of its class: Bruichladdich (Islay), 10 years, 76
- Group I**
- Ardbeg, Bowmore, Dufftown, **Glenfarclas**, Glenlochy, Glenury Royal, Jura, Lagavulin, Longrow (Springbank distillery)
 - Average characteristics: gold, full gold, bronze; dry, peaty; medium, light, finn; dry, smoky, sweet; salty
 - The best of its class: Longrow (Campbeltown), 14 years, 90
- Group J**
- Glen Albyn, Glengoyne, Glen Grant, Glenlossie, Linkwood, North Port, Saint Magdalene, Tamdhu
 - Average characteristics: full gold; dry, peaty, sherry; light to medium, round; sweet; dry
 - The best of its class: Linkwood (Speyside), 12 years, 83
- Group K**
- Balmenach, Brackla, Convalmore, Craigellachie, Dailuaine, Dallas Dhu, Glendronach, Glenesk, Glen Keith, Glenordie (Glen Ord), Glenrothes, Knockdhu, Mortlach, Tomatin, Tormore
 - Average characteristics: gold, full gold; sweet, dry, peaty; medium to full; sweet, dry; dry, long
 - The best of its class: Dallas Dhu (Speyside), 1971, 85
- Group L**
- Banff, Caperdonich, Glencadam, Glen Elgin, Glen Garioch, Imperial, Lochnagar, Teaninich
 - Average characteristics: full gold; aromatic, peaty; medium; sweet, smoky; smoky
 - The best of its class: Lochnagar (eastern Highlands), 12 years, 80