



St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. Whisky Tasting
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<i>Distillery</i>	<i>Whisky Expert M. Jackson's Notes</i>	<i>Your Notes</i>
Bladnoch 11 <i>Connoisseurs Choice 1986</i> MJ Rating: 85	<i>Region:</i> Lowlands, Borders <i>Nose:</i> Nutty sherry, dried citrus skins, sweet grass. <i>Palate:</i> Orange zest, lemons, faint syrup, cream, honey <i>Finish:</i> Orange zest. Gently gingery balancing dryness	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Clynelish 14 MJ Rating: 82	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Northern <i>Nose:</i> Sweet grass, lightly peppery/mustardy <i>Palate:</i> Creamy maltiness, peaty, seaweedy-fruity. <i>Finish:</i> A fresh, mustardy attack; some salt	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Caol Ila 12 MJ Rating: 83	<i>Region:</i> Islay <i>Nose:</i> Soft juniper, mint, grass, soft burnt grass <i>Palate:</i> Lightly oily, flavorful, spicy, vanilla, nutmeg <i>Finish:</i> Spicy (nutmeg, pepper), warming, very long	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Cragganmore 1992 Double Matured Port MJ Rating: 90	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Heather honey, scented, beeswax <i>Palate:</i> Flowery, orange blossoms, orange, cherries, port <i>Finish:</i> Flowery, balancing dryness, warming, soothing	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Dalmore Cigar Malt Dave Broom Rating: 78	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Northern <i>Nose:</i> Stewed fruits, cocoa, cream, blackberry <i>Palate:</i> Dried fruits; pecan, cherry, plum; chocolate. <i>Finish:</i> Sweet, long, mixing dried fruits, molasses	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Glendronach 12 MJ Rating: 79	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Heather, vanilla, scented cream toffee, bourbon <i>Palate:</i> Silky smooth, clean, creamy, shortbread. <i>Finish:</i> Crisp, nutty dryness from winey sherry notes	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Glenfarclas 105 <i>Cask Strength</i> MJ Rating: 88	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Robust, butterscotch, raisins <i>Palate:</i> Sweet, rich nectar, some honeyish dryness <i>Finish:</i> Long and warmed by the high proof, rounded	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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, Kinclathie, 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, Milntonduff, 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