



Old Town Alexandria Whisky Tasting  
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<i>Distillery</i>	<i>Whisky Expert M. Jackson's Notes</i>	<i>Your Notes</i>
<b>Inchmurrin 10</b> 86 Proof MJ Rating: 70	<i>Region:</i> Highlands (Loch Lomond) <i>Nose:</i> Tropical fruit, orange flower water <i>Palate:</i> Light at first, honeydew with ginger <i>Finish:</i> Spicy, warming, long, soothing	
<b>Clynelish 14</b> 92 Proof MJ Rating: 81	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Northern Coast <i>Nose:</i> Fragrant, stroll in sand dunes <i>Palate:</i> Coriander, orange, dry, spicy, mustardy <i>Finish:</i> More perfumy and exotic	
<b>Caol Ila 12</b> 86 Proof 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> Nutmeg, pepper, warming, very long	
<b>Rosebank 12</b> 120 Proof, 2003 MJ Rating: 76	<i>Region:</i> Lowlands, Central <i>Nose:</i> Camomile <i>Palate:</i> Flowery sweetness <i>Finish:</i> Mint imperials	
<b>Dalwhinnie 15</b> 86 Proof MJ Rating: 76	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Aromatic, dry, slightly phenolic, light peat <i>Palate:</i> Smooth, heather, honey, cut grass, malty <i>Finish:</i> Long crescendo, sweet, dried fruits, molasses	
<b>Strathisla 12</b> 86 Proof MJ Rating: 80	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Apricot, cereal grains, oak <i>Palate:</i> Sherry, fruit, sweet but dry <i>Finish:</i> Violets, vanilla, smooth	

# 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, 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