



Friends of Scotland Congressional Caucus Whisky Tasting - Wednesday, April 1, 2009

<b>Bladnoch 11 (1986)</b>	<i>Region:</i> Lowlands (Borders)	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Grassy, lemony, hint of sherry	_____
MJ Rating: 85	<i>Palate:</i> sherry start, grassy, flowery	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Citrus, long for a lowland whisky	_____
<b>Deanston 12</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Eastern	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Linseed oil	_____
MJ Rating: 70	<i>Palate:</i> Light, smooth, soothing	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Light, nutty	_____
<b>Speyburn 10</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Medium, gentle	_____
MJ Rating: 71	<i>Palate:</i> Clean, Lightly malty, herbal, heathery	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Fresh, sweet, lightly syrupy	_____
<b>The Balvenie Doublewood 12</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Sherry, orange skins	_____
MJ Rating: 87	<i>Palate:</i> Nutty, sherry, orange, heather, cinnamon	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Long, tingling, warming	_____
<b>Glenmorangie Burgundy</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Northern	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Toasty	_____
MJ Rating: 83	<i>Palate:</i> Sweet, fruity, winey	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Gradual, dryness of oak and toast	_____
<b>Macallan Fine Oak 10</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Lemon, buttery, floral, dusty	_____
MJ Rating: 90	<i>Palate:</i> Dry, fruity, creamy, cereal	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Clean, long, apple mint	_____
<b>Springbank 10</b>	<i>Region:</i> Campbelltown, Argyll	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Light brine, spice, malt, pear	_____
MJ Rating: 83	<i>Palate:</i> Dry and sweet, pear, citrus, smoke	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Melon	_____
<b>Ardbeg 10</b>	<i>Region:</i> Islay, South Shore	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Smoke, brine, iodine dryness	_____
MJ Rating: 85	<i>Palate:</i> Sweet then mean and moody	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Hefty, lots of iodine	_____
<b>Laphroaig 10</b>	<i>Region:</i> Islay, South Shore	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Medicinal, phenolic, seaweed, sweet	_____
MJ Rating: 86	<i>Palate:</i> Seaweed, salty, oily	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Round and very dry	_____
<b>Glendronach 12</b>	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside	_____
	<i>Nose:</i> Intense sherry	_____
MJ Rating: 77	<i>Palate:</i> Balance of sherry and malt, some caramel	_____
	<i>Finish:</i> Very long, some dryness	_____

# 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**
- **Ardberg**, 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