



*Scottish Single Malt Whisky Tasting*  
*Saturday, April 3, 2010*

<b>Distillery</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Your Notes</b>
<b>Bladnoch 11 (1986)</b> MJ Rating: 85 Est. Cost: \$50	<i>Region:</i> Lowlands (Borders) <i>Nose:</i> Grassy, lemony, hint of sherry <i>Palate:</i> sherry start, grassy, flowery <i>Finish:</i> Citrus, long for a lowland whisky	
<b>Speyburn 10</b> MJ Rating: 71 Est. Cost: \$52	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Medium, gentle <i>Palate:</i> Clean, Lightly malty, herbal, heathery <i>Finish:</i> Fresh, sweet, lightly syrupy	
<b>Macallan Fine Oak 10</b> Rating: 90 Est. Cost: \$41	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Speyside <i>Nose:</i> Lemon, buttery, floral, dusty <i>Palate:</i> Dry, fruity, creamy, cereal <i>Finish:</i> Clean, long, apple mint	
<b>Glenmorangie Burgundy</b> Rating: 83 Est. Cost: \$65	<i>Region:</i> Highlands, Northern <i>Nose:</i> Toasty <i>Palate:</i> Sweet, fruity, winey <i>Finish:</i> Gradual, dryness of oak and toast	
<b>Caol Ila 12</b> Rating: 80 Est. Cost: \$48	<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>Glenfarclas 105</b> <b>Cask Strength</b> MJ Rating: 88 Est. Cost: \$90	<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	

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# *A Classification of Pure Malt Scotch Whiskies*

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- 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**, Glenloch, 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