

Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998

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Welcome to our 4th Annual Irish Night



MENU

Welcome Nosing: TOMATIN LEGACY
(introduced by: Ken Goodland)

1st course: Smoked English Banger, Spring Peas, Cippolini, Mushroom & Wine Mustard Sauce

1st Nosing: CONNEMARA PEATED SINGLE MALT
(introduced by: Philip Henderson)

2nd course: Crispy Liver Pate, Onion Jam, Crispy Pancetta, Arugula, Focaccia Crostinis

2nd Nosing: WRITERS TEARS LIMITED CASK STRENGTH

(introduced by: John Leighton)

3rd course: Grilled Salmon,

Escalavida, Bulgur, Sofrito, Salsa Verde

3rd Nosing: BUSHMILLS MALT 10 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: John Creber)

4th course: Sticky Toffee Pudding, Salted Caramel, Vanilla Ice Cream

4th Nosing: GLENDALOUGH 13 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)

COST OF THE MALTS

- TOMATIN LEGACY LCBO 395723 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$43.35 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- CONNEMARA PEATED SINGLE MALT LCBO 27946 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$61.35 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- WRITERS TEARS LIMITED CASK STRENGTH IRISH WHISKEY LCBO 463786 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$179.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 53.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- BUSHMILLS MALT 10 YEAR OLD LCBO 131870 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$44.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- GLENDALOUGH 13 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY LCBO 463596 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$99.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

April 24th, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill
Friday April 28th, 2017 - Macallan & Highland Park
in the Company of Marc Laverdiere

May 15th, 2017 - Speyside - Benriach Vertical Tasting - River Mill

June 19th, 2017 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

July 17th, 2017 - 6th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill

Friday August 25th, 2017 - 10th Annual Premium Night - River Mill

September 18th, 2017 - Campbeltown / Lowland / Speyside / Highlands / Islands / Islay - River Mill

October 16th, 2017 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill

November 20th, 2017 - Speyside - River Mill

December 11th, 2017 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

January 22nd, 2018 - Robbie Burns - River Mill

February 19th, 2018 - Highlands / Islands - River Mill

March 19th, 2018 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill

April 16th, 2018 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill

May 14th, 2018 - Speyside - River Mill

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Results of the January Raffle

The winner of the Romantic Package of Benriach Heart of Speyside', Bottegga Prosecco, & Belgian Chocolates was Ken Goodland.

A total of \$315 was raised.

Thank you everyone!

FEBRUARY - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 38 February attendees @ \$60)	= \$2280.00
January dinner 38 persons (\$43.00/ea)	= \$1634.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$646.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$1019.55
Cost of Pours per Person = \$21.40	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$373.55)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$69.83

JAMESON REVEALS SIXTH ST PADDY'S DAY BOTTLING

14th February, 2017 by Nicola Carruthers- <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Ahead of St Patrick's Day celebrations next month, Jameson Irish whiskey has unveiled its sixth annual limited edition bottle design. McCarthy incorporated some of Ireland's most recognisable monuments into his design

The most recent in a series of collaborations with Irish artists, this year's bottle has been designed by Dublin-based designer and illustrator, Steve McCarthy.

McCarthy took inspiration from the Jameson family motto Sine Metu (meaning or without fear) and a commonly used Irish saying 'to chance your arm'.



He has also incorporated some of the Irish capital's most recognisable monuments into his design, such as the Ha'penny Bridge and Smithfield tower, and has also peppered the label with additional details that are reflective of his own knowledge of the city and sense of humour.

He said: "I wanted it to feel like there was a deeper meaning to what you see. For me, the Jameson motto is very emotive and I hope that with my design I am able to speak to others around the world who have also been inspired by Sine Metu, or those who might still with this release, to fear a bit less to live a bit more."

Daniel Lundberg, Jameson global brand director adds: "Our limited edition Jameson bottle for 2017 keeps the spirit of John Jameson alive and celebrates a very Irish saying that dates back to the 15th century but is as relevant as ever today.

"As Jameson found when he established the Bow Street distillery in 1780, fearing less can help you reap rewards you never thought possible and we still proudly live by this ethos.

"Steve's design perfectly balances the rich heritage of Dublin with the modern design and Irish wit

of Jameson, and we hope that Irish whiskey fans will be inspired by the bottle in their own St. Patrick's Day celebrations."

The limited edition bottle is available in markets including the USA, Ireland and Russia, at an RRP of €30.

GLENMORANGIE BACALTA JOINS PRIVATE EDITION RANGE

1st January, 2017 by Nicola Carruthers - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Glenmorangie has released Bacalta, the brand's first Scotch whisky finished in sun-baked Malmsey Madeira casks and the eighth expression in its Private Edition range.

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Glenmorangie Bacalta, which is Scots Gaelic for 'baked', follows the launch of [Glenmorangie Milsean in January last year](#).

The inspiration for the new limited edition bottling first began more than 20 years ago, with the release of Glenmorangie Madeira Finish, the world's first whisky extra matured in Madeira casks.

To develop the Madeira-finished concept, Dr Bill Lumsden, Glenmorangie's director of distilling and whisky creation drew on the distillery's work in cask management.



American oak casks were specially created and heavily toasted, before being seasoned by Malmsey wine – said to be the sweetest and most prized of the Madeira wines. The casks then lay to 'bake' in the heat of Madeira's sun.

After two years the casks were emptied, shipped to Scotland and filled with whisky already matured in ex-Bourbon barrels.

The influence of the Malmsey casks are said to lend complex layers of sweetness to Glenmorangie Bacalta.

Lumsden said: "For years I had longed to create the best Madeira-finished whisky possible. Realising that ambition took time

and dedication, as every step of extra-maturation was tailored exactly to our specifications – rather like haute couture.

"Connoisseurs will recognise the radiating warmth of our bespoke sun-baked casks in Glenmorangie Bacalta's aromas of ripe apricots, white chocolate and mineral notes. There are complex tastes of mint toffee, baked fruits, honeycomb, almonds and dates, mingling with marzipan, white pepper and melon – and a rich, syrupy finish. Glenmorangie Bacalta is a burst of sunshine in a glass."

Bottled at 46% abv and non-chill filtered, Glenmorangie Bacalta will be available from specialist whisky shops worldwide priced at £79.

Review - Glenmorangie Bacalta

Monday, February 6, 2017 - <http://whiskyforeveryone.blogspot.ca>

The Bacalta is a new limited edition single malt whisky from the famous north Highland distillery of Glenmorangie. It is the eighth release in their award-winning annual Private Edition range. As with the previous editions this whisky is the brainchild of Dr. Bill Lumsden - the Director of Distilling, Whisky Creation & Whisky Stocks at Glenmorangie. Bacalta translates as 'baked' from Gaelic and refers to the ex-Malmsey Madeira wine casks used to finish this whisky. These were filled with wine and left to mature and bake in the sun on the island of Madeira. They were then emptied and transferred to Scotland to be filled with part-matured Glenmorangie whisky to create Bacalta.

Glenmorangie is one of the biggest selling single malt Scotch whisky brands in the world and was founded in 1843 by William Matheson. It was originally named as Morangie and took its current name in 1887. Glenmorangie is one of Scotland's larger single malt distilleries with an annual production capacity of six million litres. The copper pot stills are the tallest of their type in Scotland and stand over five metres (16.5 feet) tall. The distillery and brand are currently owned by Moët Hennessey, who purchased them in 2004.

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Glenmorangie Bacalta is bottled at 46% ABV and is a limited edition, although the exact number of bottles has not been revealed. It is non chill-filtered and is available through specialist whisky retailers now. The recommended retail price is £79 each.

Our tasting notes: The colour is deep golden yellow with a tint of amber and the nose is predominantly made up of sweet, fruity and floral aromas. Initial aromas are of sultanas and dried apricots, along with some milk chocolate and candied citrus (especially orange and a hint of lemon). Underneath are further aromas of toffee, bitter almond and a whiff of coffee.

On the palate this is velvety and viscous with plenty of initial sweet and fruity notes. Most prominent are those of juicy sultanas, bitter candied orange (or is it marmalade?) and butterscotch. This note in particular becomes more savoury and reminiscent of burnt caramel or toffee with time. The sweetness continues in the form of honey, golden syrup, raisins and some lovely bittersweet malty cereals. There are also increasingly influential toasted wood spices present - think of cinnamon, bitter almond and all-spice especially. Hints of treacle and menthol round the palate off.

The sweetness fades slowly as the finish progresses. The tangy orange note is now at the forefront, as is that of burnt caramel and bittersweet malt. These eventually fade too leaving the drying, warming toasted wood spices to linger.

With water, the floral aromas from the nose become more evident and have a hint of honeysuckle or something similar. The whisky loses its spiciness and becomes incredibly soft, creamy and fudge-like.

What's the verdict?

The Bacalta is a delicious whisky that combines sweetness, fruitiness and spiciness with a wonderful viscosity and lengthy finish. We are big fans of Glenmorangie and their annual Private Edition range ever since we first purchased a bottle of the early Sonnalta release. Bacalta is one of the best recent bottlings in the series in our opinion. The pricing has also remained at the same level of previous years and this makes it increasingly decent value.

Dr. Lumsden hinted at the launch of Bacalata about taking the series in a very different direction for next year's release, which

sounds exciting. However, we now have a long wait to find out what that may involve ...

TOP 10 MOST INVESTIBLE SCOTCH BRANDS OF 2016

13th February, 2017 by Annie Hayes - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

As Scotch whisky's value sales continue to soar, we round up the 10 distilleries that offered the best return on investment last year using RW101's latest Investors' Index.

Last week rare whisky index, valuation and brokerage firm Rare Whisky 101 (RW101) revealed that [Scotch whisky volume and value sales at auction reached record levels in 2016](#).

More than 58,758 bottles totalling £14.2 million went under the hammer – prompting leading Scotch whisky index the Rare Whisky Apex 1000 Index to close 38% up for the year, outperforming wine, gold and the FTSE 100.

RW101's Investors' Index [launched in 2014](#), and tracks changes in the value of Scotch whisky brands to give investors unique insight into the market.

In 2015, the Index demonstrated that interest in silent distilleries dwindled in comparison to the previous year, [when they made up seven of the 10 most investible Scotch whisky brands](#).

This year, RW101 notes that Speyside distilleries Glen Grant, Balvenie, Glenfarclas and GlenDronach saw “significant increases” with “massive market appetite” for the latter.

Glenfarclas, meanwhile, has been “buoyed by vastly underpriced ancient vintages” and is “starting to catch up” with other distilleries.

Islay distilleries Bowmore, Ardbeg and Lagavulin made “excellent progress” in 2016, driven by interest in “old aged spirit, single casks and older vintages”.

According to research by Lloyds Private Banking, one in six UK investors holds alternative investments in their portfolios, with 3% investing in whisky. On average, £27,700 is spent on whisky as a single “passion” investment.

“Most investors are not passionate about equities and bonds beyond their return but a study by Lloyds Private Banking has revealed that one in six UK investors holds a ‘hobby’ investment in their portfolios,” said Markus Stadlmann, CIO, Lloyds Private Banking.

“Investors are willing to part with large sums of money to invest in what they love. On average, £13,500 is spent on a single investment, and with one in ten spending more than £50,000 on an individual item.”

10. BALVENIE - Up 7 places

William Grant & Sons-owned Speyside distillery The Balvenie has shifted up 7 places to re-enter the top 10 for the first time since 2014. The distillery has rolled out a number of high-end releases in recent years – including the first two chapters of its DCS Compendium, crafted in celebration of the industry's longest-serving malt master, David Stewart MBE – which may have contributed to its “significant” value increases. The brand was founded in 1862 by William Grant himself, who converted 18th-century mansion Balvenie New House into a distillery. To this day it is one of just six distilleries in Scotland to boast its own malting floor.

9. ARDBEG - Up 6 places

Islay distillery Ardbeg has made “excellent progress”, according to RW101 – confirming that there is no slowdown in demand for heavily peated Scotch whisky. The main drivers behind its growth in popularity are “old aged spirit, single casks and older vintages”. Owned by The Glenmorangie Company, the distillery has closed twice throughout its history – in 1981 and 1996. Last year, Ardbeg released a 21-year-old whisky to the Ardbeg Committee, a members' club of 120,000 people formed to “prevent the distillery's doors ever closing again”, using liquid distilled in the mid-90s.

8. MORTLACH - Down 4 places

Interestingly, it is a string of independent bottlings – the release of £20,000 Mortlach 75 Years Old by Gordon & MacPhail, for example – which are “pushing prices”. Mortlach's official distillery bottle value sales remain flat at auction – a trend also noted with Talisker and Glen Grant distilleries. The Diageo-owned brand benefited from a rush on secondary market stocks in 2015, but the momentum did not carry through. The Mortlach distillery lies in Speyside's Dufftown, and was the first legal distillery to be built there.

7. CONVALMORE - Up 1 place

Rising one place to 7th position is Convalmore, a Victorian Speyside distillery with a wealth of history. Built in 1893 and decommissioned in 1985, the site changed hands a number of times during its turbulent lifetime, surviving a serious fire and failed “continuous distillation” experiments. After closing it was sold to United Distillers and now belongs to William Grant & Sons, which still uses the site for warehousing Glenfiddich and Balvenie whisky. Though its liquid was used for blending while it was active, three single malts have been released since its distillery doors closed, as well as a selection of independent bottlings.

6. BOWMORE - Up 10 places

Soaring through the ranks is Islay's oldest distillery, Bowmore, driven by old age statements, single casks and old vintages. Founded in 1779, its production methods have scarcely changed in two centuries. In 2015 a bottle of 1980 Bowmore single malt Scotch whisky donated by Queen Elizabeth II fetched a whopping US\$50,000 at auction, while at the end of 2016, [Bowmore launched the final 50 bottles of its 1961 50 Year Old whisky](#), at the same time launching a new 50-year-old collection.

5. PORT ELLEN - Non-mover

Throughout 2016, in RW101's top 30 ranking, 49 distilleries dropped a place – 39 of which are silent. Out of the 13 silent distilleries in the top 30, just two have remained equal – one being Port Ellen. Established on Islay's south coast in 1825 by AK Mackay and Co, and closing in 1983, Port Ellen has become one of the most sought-after whiskies in the world, with prices increasing steadily as supplies peter out. Diageo has released a bottle of Port Ellen in its Special Releases every year since 2001, and independent bottlings have been released by the likes of Douglas Laing & Co and Signatory.

4. KILLYLOCH - Down 2 places

Mainly used for blends, Killyloch was distilled between the 1960s and 1980s at historic Lowland malt distillery, Glenflagler, which was closed and demolished by Inver House Distillers in 1985. The name is said to be the false spelling of nearby water source Lillyloch, and occurred after early barrels were marked with an incorrect stencil, or so the story goes. Bottlings are very rare – 36-year-old Killyloch 1967 (pictured above) was its only ‘official’ debut as a single malt.

3. DALMORE - Non-mover

Delivering the same success as 2015, hugely investible non-mover The Dalmore remained at the top end of RW101's Investor's List. The Whyte & Mackay-owned brand targets the luxury market, launching [high-end travel retail boutique activations](#) and rolling out (very) limited edition releases – most recently an “exceptionally rare” [Domaine Henri Giraud Champagne-finished 50-year-old single malt](#) to mark master distiller Richard Paterson's 50th year in the industry. Now Whyte & Mackay's largest Scotch facility, the Alness-based distillery produces whisky in stills of varying sizes to create a “stronger, more complex character”.

2. MACALLAN - Up 4 places

The Macallan has had a “stellar” 12 months according to RW101, remaining the “most heavily traded” distillery with 22% of the total value share for all bottles sold at auction. The distillery's vintage 18-year-old bottlings (from 1965 vintage to 1990 inclusive) increased in value by 142.1% – at the end of 2015 a vintage vertical of these bottles would have been priced just under £19,000 – that price has now risen to almost £46,000. [The Macallan 40 year-old retailed for £5,000](#) and sold out in double quick time. The liquid is so in-demand that luxury wine and spirits retailer [Le Clos broke the world record for largest ever travel retail transaction in 2016](#) by selling an assortment of high-end Macallan single malt Scotch releases for US\$500,000.

1. BRORA - Non-mover

Retaining 1st place as the world's most investible Scotch whisky brand is Diageo's Brora. Outperforming silent still sister Port Ellen, Brora has become somewhat of a “cult” single malt. Built in 1819, the distillery was known as Clynesh, until the opening of the Clynesh Distillery, when it was changed to Brora. Between 1969 and 1973, the distillery produced a heavily peated whisky to cover the Islay drought, afterwards a lightly peated Highland-style whisky until it was mothballed in 1983. In 2014 Diageo [released 160 bottles of Brora 40 Year Old](#), pictured, for £6,995.

SCOTCH WATER BRAND PREDICTS SALES SURGE

23rd January, 2017 by Amy Hopkins Hayes - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

The "world's

first" water brand created to mix with different styles of Scotch whisky is expecting to sell more than half a million bottles this year.

Uisge

Source expects to sell more than 500,000 bottles this year. Graeme Lindsay – former marketing director for single malt Scotch whiskies Glenmorangie, The Dalmore, Isle of Jura and Ardbeg – launched Uisge Source in 2013.

He was inspired by the thought that "the best water to add to whisky is the water that made it".

Uisge Source consists of three bottlings: a hard mineral water from St Colman's Well in the Highlands; a soft mineral water from the Cairngorms Well in Speyside; and a spring water that is "high in natural acidity" from the Ardilistry Spring on Islay.

In 2016, the brand witnessed sales in more than 15 countries and recently confirmed an order to Russia for 150,000 bottles. It projects sales of more than 500,000 bottles in 2017.

"The increasing demand for Uisge Source is being driven by aficionados who are more discerning about the provenance and quality of their spirit mixer," said Lindsay. "Retailers and whisky companies also want to ensure they are offering the best quality accompaniments."



Whisky Recipe

Glazed Bacon Recipe – Maple Bourbon

Source: [Wonky Wonderful](#)

Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb bacon
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 2 tsp. bourbon whiskey

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350°
- Cut bacon strips in half (optional).
- Mix together the brown sugar, maple syrup, and whiskey.
- Transfer bacon strips to the glaze bowl and toss until evenly coated.
- Line a baking sheet with foil and place a rack on top.
- Lay bacon on the rack in a flat even layer.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes or until crispy. Watch closely the last 5 minutes because the bacon will burn quickly).
- Cool for 5 minutes before serving.



Membership and Dinner prices for 2017-2018

Membership Fee:	\$40 (singles) \$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member) \$70 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$50 (member) \$60 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)

June BBQ Dinner Fee:

\$80 (non-member)
\$70 (member)
\$80 (non-member)

Reservation policy

- The agreement with the Kitchen's requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. Each month an invitation will be sent out to all members of the Society in the first week of the respective month in which the dinner will be held. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. After that members will be placed on a waitlist.
 - For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 19th, 2016 dinner date as an example:
 - Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 16th, 2016. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me (613-532-5285).
 - Unless otherwise stated accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm.
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Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.
 - Anyone canceling between Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2016 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is found, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.
 - Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 19th, 2016 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).
 - If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 2nd, 2016 @ 6pm and Monday September 19th, 2016, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.
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Just a note because we care.

Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding, Roberto



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