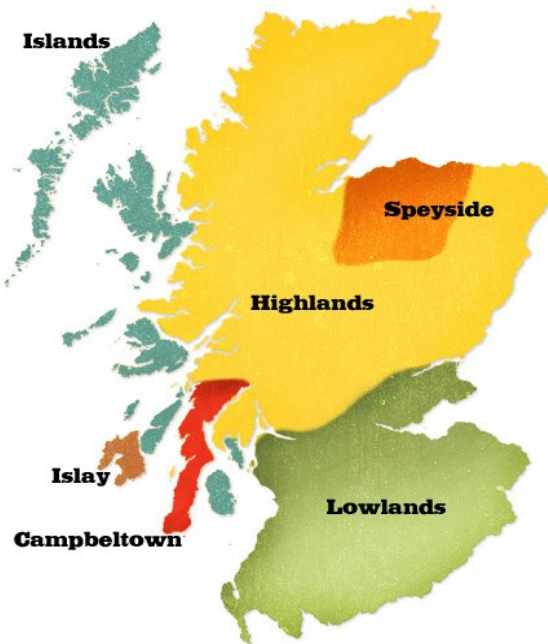


## REGIONS OF WHISKY

### TASTE BEGINS AT HOME or close to.....

In the case of Whisky production perhaps not home but at the source! When whisky was first produced the ingredients and methods were all mostly local, due to the lack of transport option



The Scotch Whisky Assoc began with only 4 regions, then added Speyside due to the density of distilleries, the Island (Non-Islay) is considered a sub-region associated with the Highlands. Ireland does not have regional style as 90% of surviving labels were produced at 2 distilleries Midleton & Bushmills. Currently there are 14+ operating!

## TASTING METHOD

Using this method, look for three distinct sets of flavors or tastes in your whisky

### 1st AROMA / NOSE

\* Breathe over your glass with mouth & nose open to allow as much air as possible to reach your olfactory nerves!

Swallow the air, and then slowly exhale, let your mind wander while deciding on the flavors you taste.

### 2nd PALETTE / TASTE

\* Take a sip to your mouth, swirl & “chew” as you coat the inside surfaces of your mouth, again breathe through, swallow and exhale, again decide on tastes, flavors & textures.

### 3rd DILUTE & RE-TASTE

\* Take the straw in your water glass and put your finger over the top, transport the water to your whiskey glass and drop in. The addition of a drop of water is known as “cracking” the spirit. This allows molecular bonds to break, freeing up a new range of aromas + flavors to be tasted & noted!

Remember that it is different whether Tasting, or Drinking with friends.

## REGIONAL STYLES

SEPTEMBER 6th, 2016  
Trinity Hall Irish Pub  
Dallas ~ Texas



### REGIONAL TASTES (Ireland/Scotland)

- IRISH: Fruits, no smoke or peat, has not been developed as much
- PEAT? Readily available heat source at the seashores & islands, noticeable in Scotch whiskies
- WATER Speyside water brings out sweetness, while Islay water brings out Islay-specific flavor notes like peat, smoke, iodine, brine
- GRAIN: Drying by the sea involved peat smoking, whereas up on the mountains, not so smoky!
- BARRELS: Breathing while resting absorbs local environment!

**THE IRISHMAN**  
**IRISH SINGLE MALT**

**Nose:** Light and fruity on the nose. A little hint of liquorice pops up, as does crumbly vanilla fudge.

**Palate:** A classic pudding of peaches and cream with a sprinkling of crushed up biscuits and almonds.

**Finish:** Fairly long, with oak cropping up near the end.

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**SPRINGBANK 10 Year Old**  
**CAMPBELTOWN SCOTCH**

**Nose:** big-bodied with oaked aridity. There's peat with earthen rootiness, exotic fruits and a hint of salinity.

**Palate:** full-bodied with a good helping of cereal sweetness. Richness to the peat, with a dark nuttiness and whirling smoke.

**Finish:** Long and crisp with a coastal tang and a trailing peat with oaked dryness.

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**GLENKINCHIE 12 Year Old**  
**LOWLAND SCOTCH**

The nose is quite light, yet fragrant. Notes of fresh cereal and grist, some barley sweetness and a nutty note. Acacia honey creeps in with gentle warmth. The palate is very fruity with notes of Madeira and sweet stewed fruits. A hint of calvados and tannic oak lining the mouth. There is a freshness and roundness to this dram. The finish is of medium length with notes of cereal and a fresh greenness  
**WINNER** - Best Lowland Single Malt '16

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**DALMORE 15 Year Old**  
**HIGHLAND SCOTCH**

Matured in matusalem, apostoles and amoroso sherry casks, many key notes of Dalmore's Distillery style

**Nose:** A chocolate orange. Potpourri, perfumed. Fruitcake, Sherry.

**Palate:** Medium, lovely delivery. Zesty orange, Curaçao, chocolate. Winter spice, stem ginger in syrup. Hints of anise and a little hickory.

**Finish:** Malty barley and smoky espresso.

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**ISLE OF JURA 16 Year Old**  
**ISLAND (Non-Islay) SCOTCH**

**Nose:** Fragrant, floral cereal, some minerality, creamy with a hint of orange. Mixed nuts, red currant, green apple, dark cocoa

**Palate:** Oily and resinous with sweet tobacco, mixed nuts, clove, milk chocolate and violet. Rich and round.

**Finish:** Drying, fragrant oak. After a few sips some chocolate lingers too.

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**A.D. RATTRAY CASK COLLECTION**  
**25 YEAR BOWMORE (1987)**

The Morrison family owned Bowmore, Glen Garioch & Auchentoshan, and sold the lot to Suntory, however they also own A.D.Ratray, an independent bottler!

**Nose:** Pleasant smokiness, ripe fruits & slightly earthy

**Palate:** Peaty, Smoky, soft earthy tones

**Finish:** The seaside returns in the finish with a touch of salt

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