



TASTING METHOD

Using this method you could look for three distinct sets of flavors or tastes in whiskey

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 and let your mind wander while deciding on the flavors you taste.

2nd PALETTE / TASTE

* Take a sip to your mouth, swirl & “chew” the spirit 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 and noted!

Remember that there can be a difference between Tasting & Drinking with friends. When you have an opportunity to try a new spirit, brand or label, try these steps. When drinking a “jack & coke” at happy hour its not as needed...

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN SINGLE MALT?

It must be made solely in the US.

The mash bill (recipe) must consist of at least 51 percent malted barley, though most distillers use 100 percent barley.

It must be produced and aged entirely by one distillery,

It must be aged in *new* charred oak barrels, just like bourbon, rye and the like, but unlike Scotch, which largely relies on pre-used bourbon barrels in a strange symbiosis with American whiskey. * no time limit though means it could visit new oak and immediately go on to older / flavoring casks & maybe unenforceable

Scotch has a minimum age of three years. Bourbon tends to be at least two. American Single Malt can be as young as distillers like.

It follows other American guidelines for maximum strength entering the barrel (62.5 percent alcohol) and minimum strength entering the bottle (40 percent alcohol).

AMERICAN Single Malts



Less about copying Irish or Scotch, more about distilling an American Whiskey with Malted Barley!

TRINITY HALL IRISH PUB

*Dallas' Whiskey Pub
Over 300+ Whiskies available
on the good days, sometimes
fewer after the weekend, with
best selection on delivery days!*

SWIFT TEXAS MALT 43%
Dripping Springs, TX

“Introducing a smooth, buttery single malt with notes of toasted vanilla, chocolate, rose, and ripe peach”

Scottish Malted Barley

“Hand Milled” & “Hand Cooked over an open flame”

Distiller’s Website

WESTLAND American Oak 46.0%
Seattle, WA

The initial nose provides lemon and orange custard backed by freshly produced waffle cone. Shortly after, a rich creaminess emerges with creme brûlée and chocolate custard while a hint of jasmine hides just beneath the surface. The first sip confirms the creamy and rich fruit custard notes of the nose, adding an element of rainier cherries. After five minutes, melting swiss chocolate is revealed with a hint of almond. Extended tastings brings out bananas and cream with Turkish coffee.

Distiller’s Website

HERMAN MARSHALL 48.5%
Dallas County, TX

The single malt started with the familiar, pleasing malty sweetness, but unique among single malts I've had, the finish was very spicy, with strong flavors of cinnamon and oak. (I believe they use new oak barrels for all their whiskeys, which probably explains why their single malt has more oak flavor than most I've tried.) If you're looking for a single malt with a little heat but no peat, this is a good one to try.

HOUSTONPRESS.COM Website

ST. GEORGES 43.0 %
Alameda, CA

Craft Whiskey of the Year (2014) —
Whisky Advocate

On the nose, lavender honey, tangerines, watermelon, and an undercurrent of sandalwood evolve into jackfruit, pineapple, and the brightness of apple cider. On first sips, pale and crystal malts broadly show across the palate and are soon deepened by dusty cocoa and bittersweet chocolate notes that go towards molé

Distiller’s Website

REBECCA CREEK 40.0%
San Antonio, TX

4 Year 100% American malted barley, Texas Single Malt Whiskey combines aroma, mouth feel, and flavor to create an overall wonderful experience. On the nose, you’ll notice the sweet scents of light caramel, vanilla, oak, and cocoa. On the tongue, you’ll immediately taste the caramel and cocoa before finishing out with mature oak. Overall, this is a medium and smooth whiskey ready to hit shelves and become a favorite.

DRINKMEMAG Website

STRANAHAN’S DIAMOND PEAK %

Stranahan’s Diamond Peak is aged in New White American Oak barrels charred to the darkest level available in the US, number 3.

Notes include dried stone fruits, caramel, freshly sawed wood, espresso, spicy chocolate, and seasoned oak.

Distiller’s Website
