

TASTING METHOD

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).

GORDON MACPHAIL 54.5% LEADAIG (TOBERMORY)

AROMA WITHOUT WATER Vanilla, smoked cured meats, and green apple aromas. Raspberry notes are complemented by a lemon edge.

TASTE WITHOUT WATER Black cracked pepper with grapefruit, banana, and toasted oat flavours. Charred oak and cocoa powder combines on the finish.

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

THE BIG SMOKE!



Almost all Scotch
whiskies have some
level of Smoke....

HOWEVER
Island of Islay
Is Where The
King Of Smokies
Hails From!

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!*

DUNCAN TAYLOR 40%
SMOKIN' GENTLEMAN'S DRAM

The Master Blender has perfectly balanced the robust peat smoke flavours now being produced by mainland Scottish Distillers and complimented them with the smooth notes of toffee and vanilla produced by pairing grain whisky and fresh bourbon casks.

Brand's notes

BRUICHLADDICH 50.0%
PORT CHARLOTTE ISLAY BARLEY

It opens with bracken and bluebells, then the warm crisp peat-dried barley with the smokiness drifting sensuously from the glass shadowed by a salt sea breeze. The brilliant aroma of toasted oak sugars combines with the succulent soft fruits from slow distillation. You will find guava, papaya and kiwi with a squeeze of lemon. It's feisty, it's fresh, it's smoky, sweet, minty and marine

Distiller's Website

BALVENIE 14 YEAR 48.3%
PEATED WEEK

Nose: Floral, tropical fruit notes with almonds and honey – and then the peat smoke comes through.

Palate: Citrus-led vanilla, peach and honey, and a gentle, almost floral peat smoke – very different to the Islay stuff.

Finish: Long and soft, with a lingering creaminess.

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DUNCAN TAYLOR 60%
THE BIG SMOKE - CASK

Blended Islay malt whisky. Bright nose is traditional Islay malt – full of peat smoke & coastal sweetness. The Big Smoke delivers a bold and powerful sensory experience to the seasoned Islay fanatics, with a multi-dimensional sweetness that allows it to be enjoyed by connoisseurs of smoother Speyside and Campbeltown malts.

Brand's notes

LAPHROAIG 51.8%
CAIRDEAS 2016 MADEIRA CASK

NOSE

Smoke, bacon, pepper, red grapes, saline, crisp rosé-like wine notes, ash, orange zest, spice and a some malty sweetness. Complex and dynamic, it's a wonderful new take on Laphroaig.

PALATE

Peat, cocoa, smoked paprika, more of those crisp rosé-like wine notes, ash, spice, oak, citrus peels, light bit of waxy

SIGNATORY 46.0%
CAOL ISLA SINGLE CASK

COLOR: white wine

NOSE: cured meats, saltines and tropical fruits

TASTE: red apples, peat, and chocolate palate.

FINISH: touches of peanut butter, toasted bread, and nuts.

Distiller's website