

FEATURED WHISKY CO's

NIKKA founded by the 1st Japanese ever to have studied Whisky making in Scotland, attending University of Glasgow and apprenticing with Glen Scotia & the original Hazelburn too! The boom in whisky sales to China & India has impacted the Japanese distillers too with massive unexpected demand wiping out much of their aged stock, and forcing a move to Non Age Statements.

THE ARDMORE is actually one of Scotland's largest capacity distillers, up until 2007 almost all of their production was used by it parent companies in their TEACHERS Blend which is among the favorite bar brands

OLD BALLANTRUAN is an expression from the Tomintoul distillery which is not known for peated whiskies, so this is an unusual expression coming from Speyside and the heart of non-smoky, sherry cask styles

SPENCERFIELD SPIRIT distillers of **The Featherly** Set up by former marketing director of Glenmorangie, and whisky aficionado, Alex Nicol, Spencerfield Spirits prides itself on being a close-knit, family run business. A business where Alex and his wife Jane are whole-heartedly dedicated to providing a quality niche alternative to the more conventional mainstream brands.

Tasting Spirits

Using this method you should 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 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.

Pub Tasting Kick Off

Second Series - Decade Two

June 2nd, 2015

TRINITY HALL

IRISH PUB

CROWN ROYAL's
Northern Harvest Rye Whisky



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NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN
Japanese Grain Whiskey
45 % No Age Statement

Nose: Bourbon-like vanilla with a herbal hint of Chamomile.

Palate: Sweet, fruity flavors of melon, grapefruit balanced by crunchy biscuits + fresh vanilla.

Finish: The corn notes, sweet and vibrant, last on the finish.



THE FEATHERLY
Scottish Blended Malts

Blended Malts all of which were matured in Sherry Casks.

Described as having a rich sweetness, and without any heavy smoke or peat.

(The Original Featherly was a precursor to the current Golf Ball - a feather stuffed hide!)



THE ARDMORE LEGACY
Scottish Peated Malt

Nose: It leans more on the savory than the sweet side of things, with light barbecue char and earthy notes up-front.

Palate: More charred, smoky notes, joined by drying oak, pear drops and subtle grassy touches.

Finish: A lasting peat smoke finish, with a little bit of honey'd barley for good measure.



MORRIGAN
Irish Blend

Not much in background information on this new to the market brand, states it is triple distilled which would lend itself to coming from the Middleton Distillery rather than Beam's Cooley Distillery

(Morrigan is Celtic Goddess of War & Battles)



NIKKA PURE MALT
Taketsura Pure Malt

Pure Malt is not the same as Single Malt, indicating that there is some whiskies distilled elsewhere in this blend, however like the previous expression they are all malted barley whiskies.

It is said that there is Sherry cask matured whiskies which most likely were bought in.



OLD BALLANTRUAN
Scottish Peated Malt
50% ABV

There are notes of vanilla fudge and chewy toffee with shades of dried herbs and crème de cacao, along with smoke & peat. The palate is full and punchy. There are notes of barley sugar and toasted cereals, hints of vanilla fudge and notes of chewy dark peat. Long finish of soft wood smoke
