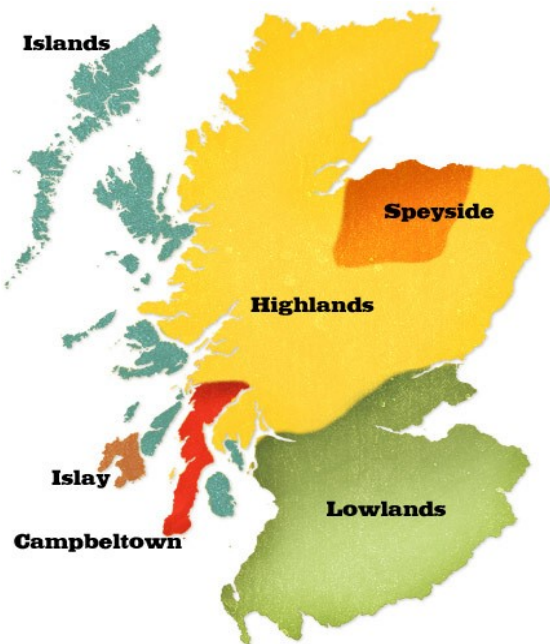


## REGIONS OF WHISKY

### 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 19+ 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.

## WHISKEY U.

Revisiting The Styles  
JANUARY 2019  
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 TEMPLE BAR 12 Year**  
**IRISH SINGLE MALT**

**Nose:** Delightful nose of honeycomb and wisps of orange oil

**Palate:** Spices up front and then sweet vanilla drying to oakiness

**Finish:** Bright finish leaving fruits behind

Distillers Notes

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**DALWHINNIE 15 Year**  
**HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT**

**Nose:** Aromatic, toffee, fruit salad, lush nectarine, custard. Floral, apple blossom, honeysuckle. Apple peels, pear, touch of smoke.

**Palate:** Malty. Walnuts steeped in manuka honey with vanilla sponge. Gentle smoke weaves its way through the cereal with a touch of spice.

**Finish:** Long, malty, walnut, almond.

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**ABERLOUR 16 YEAR**  
**HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT**

Matured in two types of casks, the traditional oak and sherry oak casks and bottled at a slightly lower abv of 40% than previous editions, this 16 year old Aberlour is bursting with lush plum, raisin and even floral notes. A cracking Speyside malt.

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**JAMESON GOLD**  
**IRISH BLEND**

TASTING NOTES

"The nose is full of rich honey and toasted barley. The virgin oak really influences this dram more than the sherry with notes of butterscotch, vanilla, and buttered Southern biscuits. The finish has a small dose of wood spices and tae.

Stephanie Moreno

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**THE BALVENIE 12 Year Old**  
**HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT**  
SINGLE CASK #236 1st Fill Bourbon

**Nose:** Toasted, sweet nose with all kinds of charred oak and spice. Hints of maple syrup and allspice, a little vanilla and sweet coffee.

**Palate:** Allspice & toffee apples, cooked fruit, baking spices, sponge cake, caramel.

**Finish:** Long finish with lingering sweetness and spice.

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**COMPASS BOX**  
**THE SPANIARD**

Created from malt whisky aged in Spanish wine & sherry casks

**Nose:** Ripe blood orange and toasted vanilla pod. A few hints of fresh malt in the background.

**Palate:** Sponge cake, chocolate chip and raisin cookies, almond.

**Finish:** Dried cherry, cinnamon and menthol.

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