

THE GLENROTHES

The Glenrothes distillery is quite substantial; its ten stills have a capacity of over 5.6 million litres annually. The distillery runs at 90% of this and stores the maturing single malt whisky in the sixteen onsite warehouses. Despite this, Glenrothes preserves a rather artisan identity and have shied away from producing a traditional range. Perhaps it is down to current licensees, Berry Brothers and Rudd, the famed London wine merchants. Glenrothes single malt whiskies are offered as a range of vintages.

The ties with Berry Bros run deep, for during the 1920s they released Cutty Sark, the number one top-selling blended Scotch in America, in which Glenrothes is a major component. The Glenrothes distillery was founded in 1878 by James Stuart and Co. The group had licensed Macallan a decade prior. James Stuart, a principle of the group, left to focus his efforts on the Macallan distillery and three remaining members of the syndicate; William Grant, Robert Dick and John Cruickshank, formed William Grant and Co. Production commenced in 1879.

Tasting Spirits

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

Whisky Tasting

April 5th, 2016

TRINITY HALL
IRISH PUB & WHISKEY HOUSE



**THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US
TONIGHT!**

*We are Dallas' Whiskey Pub
Over 250+ Whiskies available on the good
days, sometimes fewer after a busy
weekend and never “just before” a delivery!*

VINTAGE RESERVE

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 43.0%

Lots of zesty rich fruit on the nose. Seville marmalade, with notes of toasted cereals. The palate is silken smooth and utterly supple.

Gentle barley, honey, vanilla and malt with sumptuous oak.

The finish is long with mocchaccino and barley sweetness.

SHERRY RESERVE

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 40.0%

Plump raisins, candied ginger and crumbly shortbread dusted with sugar. Crushed walnuts and oak appear further on.

Flamed orange zest and cinnamon, with more ginger and spice from the cask up front. This swiftly turns to juicy sultanas and raisins, with perhaps a tiny wisp of earthy smoke.

Brown sugar, citrus peel and nutmeg last on the finish.

2001

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 43.0%

Cereal notes, warm and malty, with suggestions of orange, cherry and caramel underneath.

Orange comes to the foreground first, vanilla following shortly after. A tiny, spicy hint of apples dusted with cinnamon towards the end.

Fairly long and dry, the spice lingering.

ALBA and BOURBON

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 40.0%

ALBA is a surprising release - this is comprised entirely of ex-Bourbon whiskies (matured in Bourbon casks). The name Alba makes reference to Quercus Alba, the Latin name for American Oak.

BOURBON Reserve The new expression comprises 10 different vintages from the last three decades: 1989, 1992, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004,

1998 / 1995

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 43.0%

1995 brings Buttery toffee apples and hints of allspice then milk chocolate, manuka honey, dates and cinnamon. Pancakes with cinnamon, vanilla & maple syrup. Creamy malt, sherry and peanut butter.

1998 Very spicy and creamy with oodles of sweet vanilla, gingernut biscuits, golden syrup, hints of citrus and malt. A creamy, malt-driven palate with sweet winter spices, partic-

SIGNATORY 1997

Single Cask 54.9% ABV

Matured in a single sherry butt for 17 years, this independently bottled Gleroths single malt is chock-a-block with gorgeous sherried notes.

It was bottled by Signatory for their Cask Strength Collection with an outturn of 537 bottles.
