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Highland Island

121.39 Easy-drinking dream

£45.70 inc. P&P

The nose had rich **treacle** toffee, banana Toffees, spun sugar, **Maltesers** and banoffee pie; also interesting hints of cough mixture, **gingerbread**, coffee, leather and oaky **vanillas**, "you can smell the warehouse" someone said. The palate had a similar profile, though perhaps slightly more **medicinal**, with honey, **lemon** and eucalyptus and **blackcurrant** Tunes; almost fizzy, "like Cremola Foam" said the Whisky-bard, remembering long-ago childhood. The reduced nose had apple, blackcurrant and **pear-drops**, icing sugar, **honey** and deep woody resonances. The reduced palate, with **mint**, menthol, toffee, **coffee** and oak was an easy-drinking dream. This recent distillery was built by Harold Currie.

Colour: Translucent chestnut

Date distilled: November 1995

Cask: Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

Alcohol: 54.9%

Drinking tip: "When you're weary, feeling small"

Age: 14 years

Outturn: 350



Highland Eastern

19.48 Big, friendly, toffee nose

£64.40 inc. P&P

We were greeted by a big, friendly, **toffee** nose (toffee crunch **ice-cream**, millionaire shortbread); in its wake, wafted **vanilla**, marmalade, sweet **tobacco**, lemon, cherry and rich **honey-glazed** ham. The unreduced palate had **smoked** ham with a touch of clove, while **brown sugar** sweetness balanced slightly astringent **woody** tannins, turning out a most **sophisticated** result. The reduced nose was a **complex** mix of **caramel** and chocolate sweetness with salty ham and **pease** pudding. The reduced palate struck us as "pleasantly unusual", with **clove-flavoured** boiled sweets, Edinburgh rock and **sandalwood** perfume. From a very old distillery in 'the granary of Aberdeenshire'.

Colour: Bright khaki gold

Date distilled: October 1988

Cask: Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

Alcohol: 53.3 %

Drinking tip: With a ploughman's lunch

Age: 21 years

Outturn: 243

Speyside Spey

44.47 Strawberries dangling over straw

£41.20 inc. P&P

The nose seemed to promise sweetness; toffee, fudge, **butterscotch**, milk chocolate, **Demerara** and banana fritters in **syrop**. It also had buttered toast and an **earthy** fruitiness, like summer **strawberries** dangling over straw. The palate, not quite so ultra-sweet; offered cinder **toffee**, green bananas, **liquorice** allsorts, polished wood and a chilli **pepper** heat that **numbed** and tingled. The reduced nose took a spin towards **woody** spice (Victory V's, clove, **nutmeg**) before returning to **caramel** sauce and **chocolate**. The reduced palate was now sweet and spicy, with **clove** rock and sherry flavours. The distillery was built by Alexander Edward and Peter Mackie.

Colour: Toffee gold

Date distilled: Aug 1999

Cask: Refill ex-sherry butt

Alcohol: 60.0%

Drinking tip: To titillate the taste buds before a meal

Age: 10 years

Outturn: 553

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76.78 Foamy bananas dipped in cayenne pepper

£49.70 inc. P&P

The Panel enthused about the nose – **rum fudge**, vanilla, French toast, brown sugar, **toffee apples** and polished red **leather** Chesterfields were identified. Water seemed to emphasise the sherry character; dried **banana** chips, egg **custard** tarts, Murray Mints and hints of lemongrass. The unreduced palate had sweetness and spice combinations; **cinnamon** and raisin bagels, **chilli** and Demerara, apple and wasabi, or "foamy bananas dipped in cayenne **pepper!**" The reduced palate seemed fresher and sweeter, with brown **buttered** toast, suggestions of **mint** and a long tail of tingling pleasure at the end. The distillery is near a church associated with Saint Moluag.

Colour: Varnished oak

Date distilled: July 1995

Cask: Refill ex-sherry butt

Alcohol: 55.8%

Drinking tip: After an indulgent Sunday lunch

Age: 15 years

Outturn: 625

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Speyside Lossie

7.60

Life is a Cabaret, old chum...

£69.40 inc. P&P

The nose, according to the Tour-guide, was a 1930's Berlin cabaret – **fag packets**, cheap perfume, **lipstick**, seamed stockings, grease paint, **serge** uniforms, **leather** jackboots and bacon crisps (did they have those in the '30's?). The palate was at least as entertaining as a cabaret – **Oddfellows** sweet spice, **peppery** heat, toffee, leather, light **perfume** and pomegranates – extremely balanced and **satisfying**. The reduced nose found dark **chocolate** gingers, ripe **melon** and pencil boxes. The reduced palate was juicily mouth-watering but drying also, like sipping **cherry** liqueur from a chipped **enamel** mug. This 1894 distillery has vague connections with some Saint or other.

Colour: Mid gold

Date distilled: November 1985

Cask: Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

Alcohol: 52.3%

Drinking tip: While watching Liza Minelli play

Age: 24 years

Outturn: 220

Sally Bowles on film

71.33 Chutney on hot wood

£56.20 inc. P&P

An intriguing mix of savoury and sweet. We found French onion soup, salad leaves and tomatoes, drizzled with **balsamic** dressing and sprinkled with **paprika**. Next came onion rings and chutney, followed by **Christmas cake** and cheese. **Dried fruits**, **nuts** and **ginger** dominated alongside banana bread, dates and hot wood. The neat palate continued savoury-sweet with **chutney**, **pickled walnuts** and red **onions**. The reduced nose opened to reveal **steak** with horseradish sauce; vine tomatoes and corn relish; **walnuts** in a wooden box. The reduced palate was now savoury with steak in a **cream** sauce,



shallots and spring onions. This distillery had Lomond stills for a brief period (1958 – 1981) when the spirit was known as Glen Craig.

Colour: Olive gold
Cask: Refill ex-sherry butt
Age: 20 years

Date distilled: September 1989
Alcohol: 57.4%
Outturn: 501

Drinking tip: With a lunch of soup, meat and cheese.

Islay

33.94 Marshmallows on a coal shovel

£60.30 inc. P&P

Instead of sniffing whisky, we were looking down the shaft of a **coalmine**; competing images involved **garden sheds** by the sea. We also found **vanilla**, pineapple, **tutti frutti**, bramble jam and **toffee** all laced with smoke. The palate had lots of **tarry**, earthy smokiness (**allotments**, nettles, euthymol tooth-powder, Germolene) to balance the sweet flavours of American **cream soda** and spiced **plums** in syrup. The reduced nose seemed less sweet – we were hosing down a new **tarmac** driveway; the palate stayed sweet, but balanced by more **worldly** impressions (**marshmallows** sizzling on a coal shovel). The iconic Jack Russell's name is Shortie.

Colour: Moonlight on eloping princess's crown
Cask: Second-fill ex-bourbon barrel
Age: 12 years

Date distilled: Oct 1997
Alcohol: 55.0%
Outturn: 228

Drinking tip: A winter dram for cabin or shed dwellers

127.5 Morning Dew on Islay

£43.70 inc. P&P

The first nose brought us straight to the beach with wet **sea breezes**, maram **grass** and burnt out **bonfires**. A platter of **seafood** awaited us; **shrimps**, **oysters** and crabs, with a boiling pot of crayfish and lobsters. The neat palate was both **peppery and sweet** with **tobacco smoke** and charcoal, **dark chocolate** and leather. Zingy **star fruit** burst on sides of the palate with **star anise**. The reduced nose became creamy with **vanilla**; **shellfish** and tiger prawns emerged in cream with a sweet **chilli dipping sauce**. The reduced palate was of classy seafood, served with **onions**, **cream sauce**, **sea salt** and **black pepper**. This heavily peated single malt aims to be the first zero carbon footprint distillery

Colour: Sparkling light gold
Cask: Refill ex-bourbon barrel
Age: 8 years

Date distilled: December 2001
Alcohol: 66.8%
Outturn: 243

Drinking tip: With fine seafood

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27.84 Clint Eastwood in the saddle (Campbeltown)

The nose is meaty and medicinal, with tar, treacle, tobacco, hints of vanilla and chocolate. Figs, honey and leather appear later. The palate is big, spicy, smoky and sweet, (chocolate, brown sugar) with enough weight (leather, tobacco) to command respect.

Colour: Deep honey gold **Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon barrel **Date distilled:** June 1997 **Age:** 12 **Alcohol:** 58% **Outturn:** 213

76.77 Hansel and Gretel (Speyside Spey)

The nose has deep oak and orange (marmalade and fudge), with candy, butterscotch and chocolate; more sherry-like with water (raisin and sultana, cinnamon toast). The palate is sweet and spicy (cloves and tea, gingerbread and Demerara); later, cherry blossom and chocolate. **Colour:** Amber jewel **Cask:** First-fill ex-sherry butt **Date distilled:** May 1994 **Age:** 16 **Alcohol:** 58.6% **Outturn:** 604

53.142 Sweet innocence sacrificed on bonfires (Islay)

The nose is definitely complex – seashores, bacon, Elastoplasts, lemon, pine-resin, toffee and barley sugar; salty, floral and waxy with water. The palate balances nutty toffee, honey and vanilla against smoke, tar, ashes and soot; sweet innocence sacrificed on bonfires. **Colour:** Sunset on corn fields **Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon barrel **Date distilled:** December 1989 **Age:** 20 **Alcohol:** 55.9% **Outturn:** 209

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