



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I am merely expressing my opinion on the whiskies I am tasting, as you know, everybody has one.

I now look at the Arran 21-year-old, which I tasted thanks to my friend Mark who had a Whisky Advent Calendar, but needed help with drinking a whisky everyday. So a big thank you, to you Mark, glad I could assist. This is the first release (2018) of a 21-year-old from Arran as part of it's core range of whiskies and a fine first attempt it is.

A good amount of fruit on the nose and palate, not as in your face with fruit as say a Balvenie, or a Macallan, but a nice amount all the same.

The age gives it a nice oily mouthfeel that coats the inside of your mouth, and there is not a lot of heat to it.

For those of you not familiar with the Isle of Arran, it sits between the Scottish mainland and the Kintyre peninsula . The Isle of Arran distillery also produce a whisky called Ledaig (it's smoky whiskies), that you may have come across.

So, would I buy it? Yes I would, it's not cheap, but it is nice.

[You can buy Arran 21-year-old for around \\$160.00 a bottle.](#)

Tasting Notes

Nose - Apricot, Pineapple & Prune

Palate - Chocolate orange, plum & a hint of cedar

Finish - Candied fruit, herbs & oak

"Slainte Mhath"

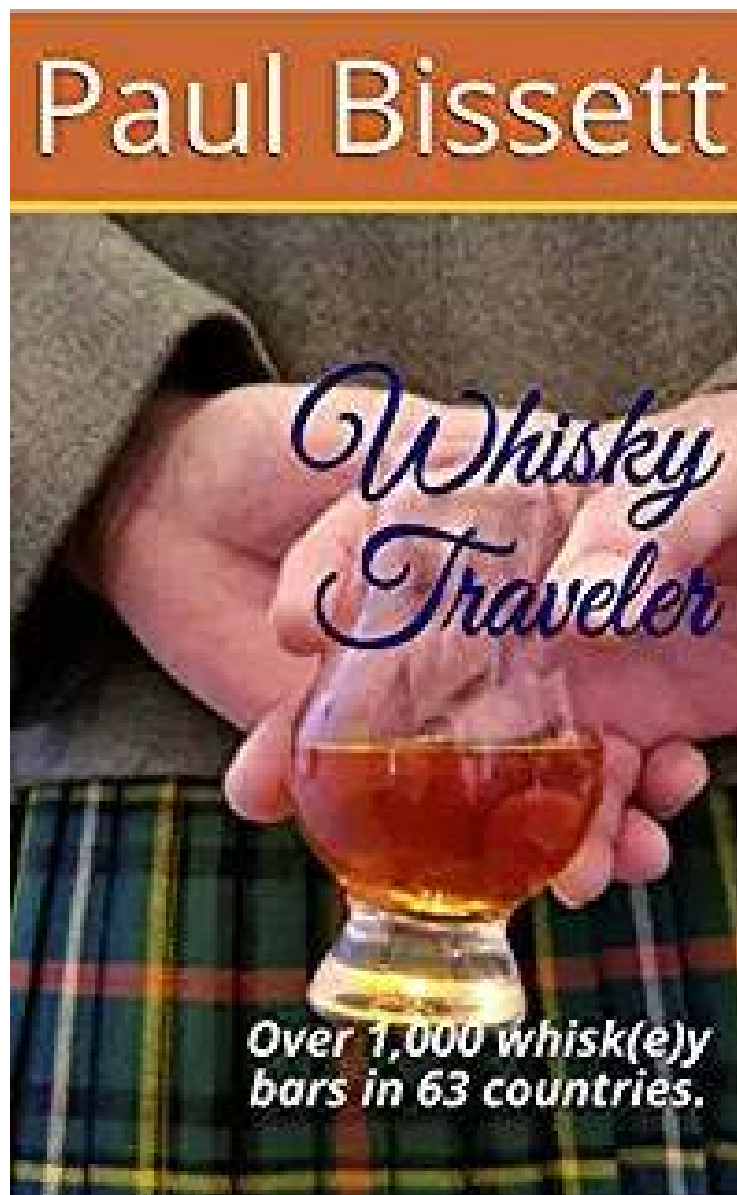
Paul Bissett





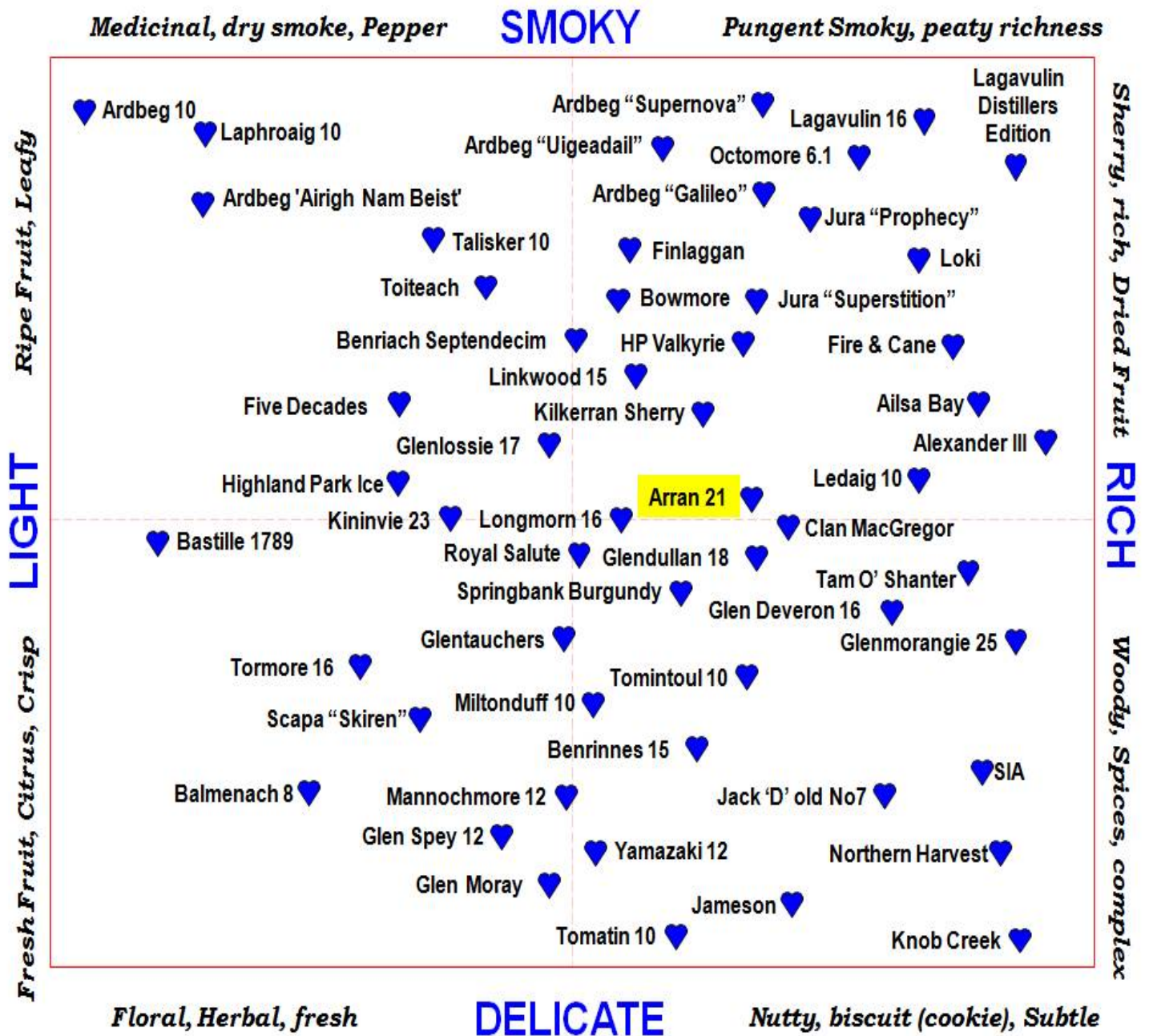
Whisky Traveler

2020 Edition





Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. This Issue; [Arran 21-year-old](#). For more information on Arran whiskies go to <https://www.arranwhisky.com>





Why this book

www.amazon.com

I like to travel and I like to drink whisk(e)y, so I have been compiling a list of whisky bars for the last eight years. Initially, just Scotch whisky, but it has expanded to cover all whiskies from bourbon, rye, Australian, Irish, Japanese, Canadian, scotch, Taiwanese, or any other type of whisk(e)y.

After years of research and recommendations, I have noticed that the internet may be an obvious resource, but it does not easily give up its information.

For instance, many really good bars don't have websites, or they have a website with limited information or the great whisky bar, that you want to find is in a hotel, and the hotel doesn't mention it on their website.

The bar you are hoping to find only has a Facebook page that doesn't really give any information as to their whisky selections. So the internet can and will let you down.

This book is the result of all the research that I put into ensuring that wherever I was headed to or hoped to go, I knew where I could find a "whisky bar" or a bar that sold whisky. What's the difference?

I believe that most people would recognize a "whisky bar," as a bar with hundreds of whiskies, whereas a bar that sells whiskies, in my mind would be a bar, that at least sells a decent selection of whiskies, so not a "whisky bar" per se, but a darn sight better than a lot of bars, that seem hard pressed to offer two or three low end whiskies.

Another advantage to this book is that most of the bars listed also do good food, and many are good hotels. I have in the past booked a hotel for a trip because I knew it had a very good whisky bar.

I have not been disappointed in either the food or the accommodations associated with a good whisky bar on my travels.

That's the inspiration for this book; an on-hand guide for reading in advance of your trip, reading on the plane, or when you get to your hotel. You'll always find the closest whisky bar, or at least a bar with a good selection of whisky. Or just keep a copy on your bar as a conversation piece for you and your friends to compare notes on the whisky bars that you have been to.

[The following pages are some examples of the bars in the book.](#)



Alaska

Anchorage

Captain Cook Hotel. As you would expect from the name, this is a nautical themed bar with deep rich woods and a nice upscale bar feel. Good single malt Scotch collection, in fact a great overall liquor, wine and beer selection.

www.captaincook.com

939 W. 5th Avenue.

Hair 5 Restaurant. Nice selection of whiskies.

<http://chairfive.com>

171 Linblad Avenue, Girdwood

Haute Quarter Grill. Nice selection of whiskies.

<http://hautequartergrill.com>

525 W 4th Avenue.

Fiori D'Italia. Probably the best whisky selection in the state and yes, it is in an Italian restaurant.

www.foriak.com

2502 McRae Road.

McGinley's Irish Pub. Large selection of Scotch and Irish whiskies.

www.mcginleypub.com

645 G. Street, Suite 101.

The Speakeasy Williwaw Social. Small but good selection of whiskies.

<http://williwawsocial.com>

609 F Street.



Queensland (Australia)

Brisbane

Buffalo Bar. Buffalo wings and whiskey. They have 40 American whiskeys.

<https://buffalobar.com.au>

Corner of Edward and Mary Streets.

Cobbler. The emphasis is on Scotch whisky, but they offer an experience that is more than just whisky nirvana for geeks — it's also one of the best party bars in the country.

<https://cobblerbar.com>

7 Browning Street, West End.

Jack Rabbits. With a whisky selection guaranteed to put hare on your chest.

www.electricavenuejr.com.au

Electric Avenue.

Lefty's Old Time Music Hall. Plenty of liquid gold.

www.leftysoldtimemusichall.com

15 Caxton Street.

Malt. Multiple pages of whisky.

www.maltdining.com.au

28 Market Street.

Saville Row. If it's whisky you're after, you're going to be well looked after at this spot.

www.facebook.com

667 Ann St, Fortitude Valley.

The Gresham. A local pub that happens to have a killer whiskey selection.

<http://thegresham.com.au>

308-322 Queen Street (Gresham Lane).



Scotland

Aberdeen

Macleod House & Lodge. A luxurious bar, which offers 'an extensive selection of Scottish and international malt whiskies'. With a range of 'rare and highly sought after releases... alongside well-known favorites and traditional Scottish brands.

<https://www.trumphotels.com>

Menie Crescent, Balmedie.

The Grill Bar. The oldest bar in Aberdeen with its interior noted for special historical interest. They have a collection of almost 600 single malt scotch whiskies which won them the accolade of 'Whisky Bar of the Year 2008', with all the staff trained to the highest degree of knowledge.

www.thegrillaberdeen.co.uk

213 Union Street.

*As recommended by Gordon Craig from Paisley, Scotland.

Aberlady

Ducks Inn. A Scotch Malt Whisky Society partner bar, with an nice whisky list.

www.ducks.co.uk

38 High Street.

If you have a bar you wish to recommend, email me the details and I will add it to the book and give you credit for it as shown above.