



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky (and the drinking of it) amongst my friends and to spread the word on the joys of single malt. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on whiskies I am tasting. “Slange”

I am currently drinking a bottle of Appleton Estate 12 Year Old and thought to myself, I can do a special issue on Rum for those former Navy guys that will appreciate it. I hope this issue brings back memories and brings a smile to your face.

Tasting Notes;

Color - The rum has a deep, rich, mahogany color to it.

Nose - The first note to reach your nose is the fruity scent of orange peel, followed by the warm aroma of toasted walnuts. There's a very pleasant bit of vanilla at the top, just above the earthy and fruity notes.

Palate - The entry is slightly sweet, with notes of vanilla, oak, and fruit. The orange peel flavor appears and gives way to an almost cherry sensation followed by almonds.

Finish - The finish is warm and clean, with touches of pepper and spice, but leaving you with almost no burn in the throat.

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**“Slainte Mhath”
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10 Remarkable Rums

Cruzan Single Barrel — St Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

This rum is big and creamy in the front of the mouth, but surprises with a very long finish accented with hints of earth and spice.



El Dorado 15 year old — Guyana

This rum is dark and amber-colored, with an intriguing smoky sweetness on the nose.

The flavor is all fruitcake and treacle in the front of the mouth, but shows an unusual dry finish.

English Harbor 5 years old — Antigua

It's pale color—almost like dry sherry—is mirrored in the flavor; this is the most delicate and refined of rums, with an almost feminine character. The longer it sat in the glass, the more elegant and polished it became.



Mount Gay extra old — Barbados

All dusky, dark mystery on the nose. The flavor has just the right balance of rich sugar sweetness at the front of the mouth, with a long, lingering and dry finish. Better than most rums that cost twice the price.



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Neisson Rhum Reserve Special — Martinique

One of the few rums made from the juice of sugar cane, as opposed to molasses, which gives it a more polished, refined character. It's full and rich in the mouth, with subtle hints of vanilla, dried fruits and exotic spices, and a long, lingering and sweet finish.



Pusser's Navy Rum, Trafalgar Bicentenary Decanter — Blended

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Britain's naval victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, Pusser's have released a limited edition bottling of 15-year-old Navy Rum. It comes in a spectacular porcelain decanter engraved with scenes from Nelson's famous victories. But as handsome as the bottle is, the rum it contains is even more special. Pusser's Navy Rum is unique in that it uses the traditional Royal Navy formula and is still made the same way it was at the time of Trafalgar—in wooden-pot stills, as opposed to modern industrial-column stills. This results in the most full-flavored, intense rum available anywhere.

Pyrat XO Reserve— Blended

A rich blend of 15-year-old rums from various parts of the Caribbean, it is packed with ripe fruit flavors—apricots, banana and fresh oranges—all held together by pronounced vanilla and honey.





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Rhum Barbancourt Estate Reserve 15 years old— Haiti

Round, rich and creamy, like old-fashioned plum pudding with lots of heavy cream. Voluptuous and sensual, but with a spicy kick in the long finish.



Santa Teresa 1796 Solera— Venezuela

Pronounced earthy *rancio* (although *rancio* is the Spanish word for "rancid," it describes a desirable oxidization process in fortified wines and spirits that adds a complex-yet-desirable nutty taste) with a real depth of woody and nutty flavors followed by a long, rich finish.

Zacapo Centenario 23 years old— Guatemala

Round and sensual. All that time in oak barrels gives it not only a soft creaminess, but also strong hints of *rancio*—the indescribable-but-unmistakable character you get in fine old cognac.

