



## 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 the whiskies I am tasting. "Slange"*

This issue I look at Auchentoshan (**pronounced Och-un-tosh-un**) 10 years old, which I sampled in Smith & Wollenskys Steakhouse when Tracey and I had dinner with my two nephews from Australia. The Auchentoshan 10 is a classic Lowland whisky, and is more akin to Irish whiskies, due to being triple-distilled for extra smoothness. The 10 year old has now been discontinued, but is still quite widely available and is a perfect intro to the delights of single malt whisky.

### Tasting Notes;

**Color** - Gold

**Nose** - Lemon grass and vanilla

**Palate** - Light, soft, with hints of lemon and cedar

**Finish** - Long and smooth

### Food with Auchentoshan;

**Auchantoshan 21 years** old with Candela chocolate (<http://www.chuaochocolatier.com/index.html>)

**Auchentoshan Three Wood** with Gruyere Cheese, Green Lentil, Carrot and Walnut Salad, Morocho chocolate (<http://www.chuaochocolatier.com/index.html>)

*If you have a personal favorite and you would like it to feature in future "Slange" newsletters, please let me know. I can be contacted at my website [www.scot-talks.com](http://www.scot-talks.com).*

*"Slainte Mhath"  
Paul Bissett*





## A wee bit of History

The Auchentoshan Distillery lies northwest of Glasgow (Clydebank), at the foot of the Old Kilpatrick Hills in Dunbartonshire. Auchentoshan is Gaelic for 'corner of the field'. Even though the current distillery was founded in 1823 whisky was probably distilled here much earlier; the distillery is built on the site of an old monastery with the same name, and since the art of distilling came to Scotland via the monasteries whisky had probably been produced here long before the Auchentoshan Distillery received their license. The earliest written record of the Auchentoshan Monastery is dated 1649.

Auchentoshan can certainly be described as a single malt whisky that likes to stand out from the crowd and do things differently. It's the only one of Scotland's distilleries that still carries on the more complex tradition of triple distillation to refine its whisky. This extra endeavor gives Auchentoshan its smooth purity and hallmark style of a soft and delicate single malt with fruity and floral notes.

The Clydebank area was a major target for the German air force during world war II. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1941, 200,000 bombs fell on the area badly damaging the distillery. Since then Auchentoshan has drawn it's cooling water from a giant pond created by a bomb crater.

With thanks to <http://www.thewhiskyguide.com/Lowlands/Auchentoshan.html>

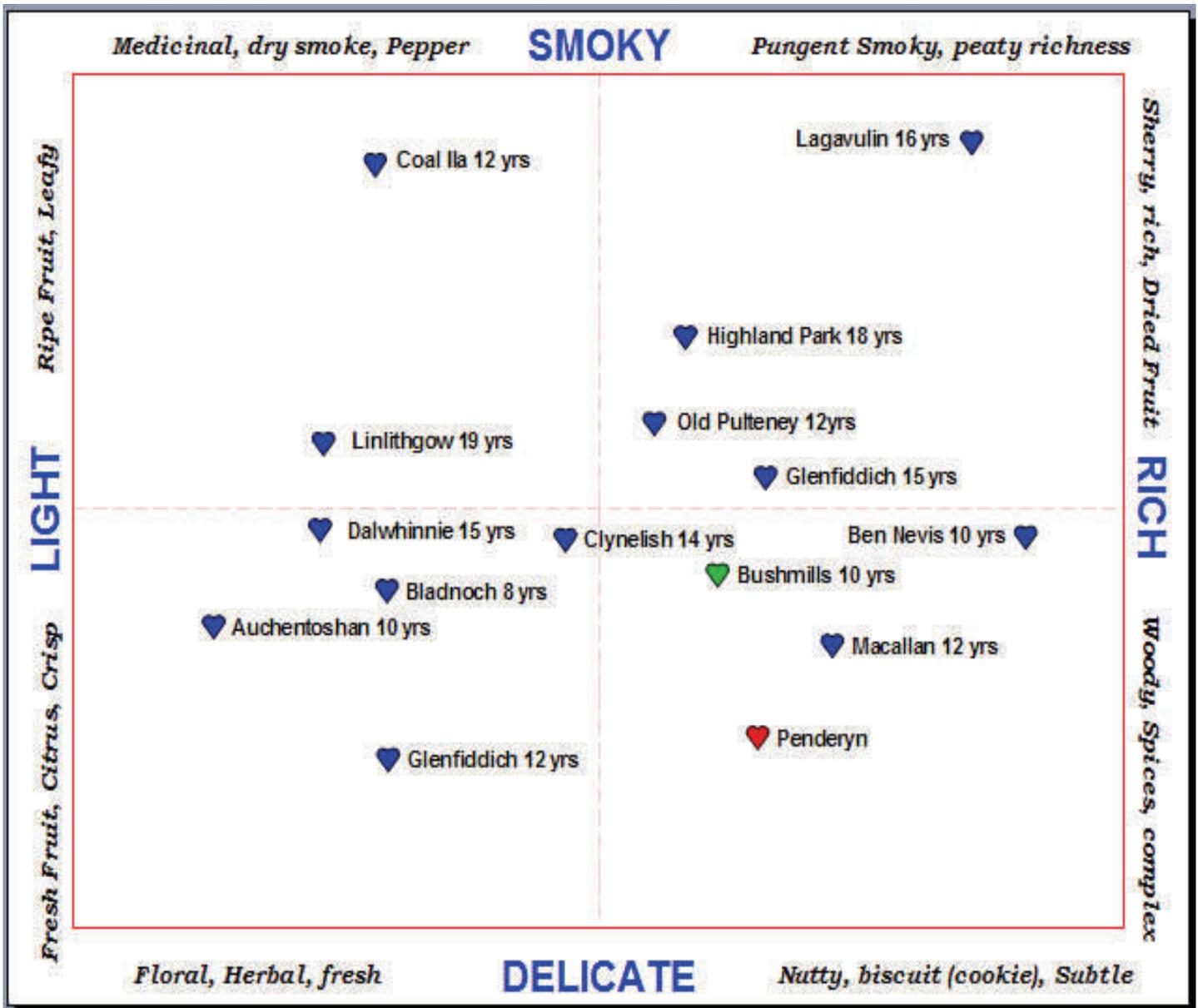


**"I should never have switched from Scotch to Martini's!"**

(Humphrey Bogart's last words)



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes I get from it, hopefully you will get something similar. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. With each issue of the newsletter I will add in another Whisky to the flavor map. This issue; **Auchentoshan 10 years old**. For more information go to <http://www.auchentoshan.com>





## US – Leading Single Malt Scotch Whisky Brands for 2010

I have to say that when I saw the list below, my first thought was McClelland's??? So I did a little research and found out that **McClelland's Single Malt** is a range of whiskies from four of Scotland's key whisky regions Highland, Islay, Speyside and Lowland.

*There is no McClelland's distillery per se; with the scotch being supplied by McClelland's parent company **Morrison Bowmore Distillers**. For their bottlings they use; Bowmore as their Islay, Glen Garioch as their Highland and Auchentoshan as their Lowland, I can't find out what is used as their Speyside or Speyside 12, but if it is of a similar quality to the rest, it will be well worth buying.*

Brand	Importer
The Glenlivet	Pernod Ricard USA
The Macallan	Rémy Cointreau USA
Glenfiddich	William Grant & Sons USA
The Balvenie	William Grant & Sons USA
McClelland's	White Rock Distilleries
Glenmorangie	Moët-Hennessy USA

