



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 Auchentoshan 3 wood, which gets it's name (as you can probably guess) by being matured in three different types of casks, namely American Bourbon, then Spanish Oloroso Sherry – and, finally, Pedro Ximenez Sherry casks .

Auchentoshan is a lowland distillery and triple distills its whiskies, which is unusual for a Scottish single malt distillery as most distilleries only use two distillations.

I haven't come across an Auchentoshan that I haven't liked so far on my whisky journey and this one is no exception. This is a lovely whisky, with lots of flavor, which are reminiscent of the flavors of a Black Forest Gateaux.

Would I buy it? Yes I would and can highly recommend that you give it a try as well.

[You can buy Auchentoshan 3 wood for around \\$70.00 a bottle.](#)

Tasting Notes

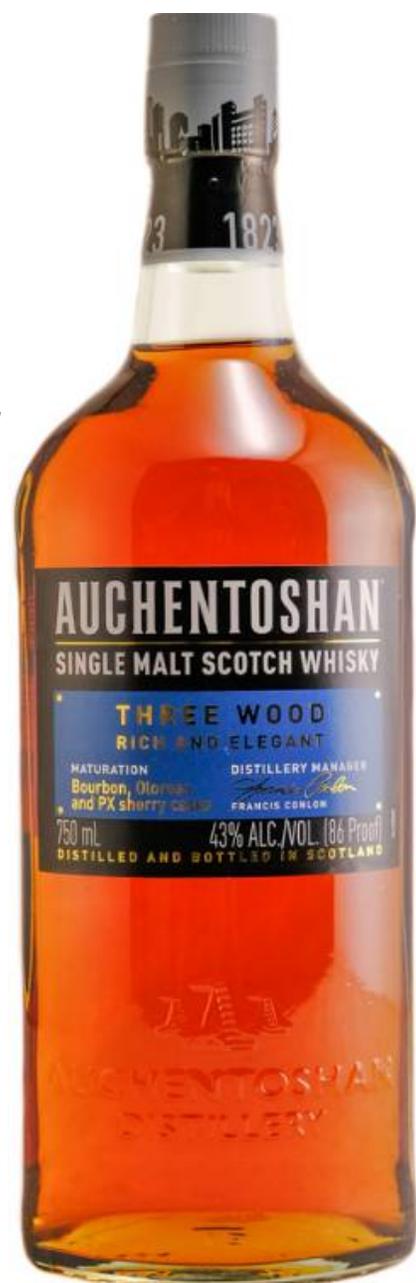
Nose - Cooked fruits & toffee.

Palate - Dark Chocolate, cherries & raisins.

Finish - Dark treacle toffee & fruit.

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





Lowland Whiskies: The Gentler Side of Scotch

by [Charles MacLean](#)

Big, bold, brash whiskies get all the attention right now. While nothing tastes better than a dram of Ardbeg on a cold and wet winter's day, sometimes you just don't want a glass full of smoke and wood. So what do you drink? Lowland malts.

These whiskies, which hail from southern Scotland, typically have a floral freshness, a light body and a short finish—in other words, they're the perfect aperitif. They also drink well with ice and soda or even straight and heavily chilled.

Despite their milder personalities, these whiskies are by no means the poor relations to assertive Highland malts or smoky Islay spirits.

These gentle malts were best sellers back in the mid-1800s; however, recent history hasn't been as kind. Eight Lowland distilleries closed between 1975 and 1995, including Rosebank and St. Magdalene, whose prized light and fresh whisky can still be found in very limited quantities.

For a decade there were only two operating Lowland distilleries:

Auchentoshan, just outside Glasgow, and Glenkinchie, near Edinburgh. Both malts are still widely available. The distinctly floral and smooth Auchentoshan (try the \$30 Classic or the \$104 18-Year-Old) is the only Scotch to triple-distil its whisky, while Glenkinchie (try the \$50 12-Year-Old) has the largest stills in the industry that produce a grassy spirit with traces of lemon zest.

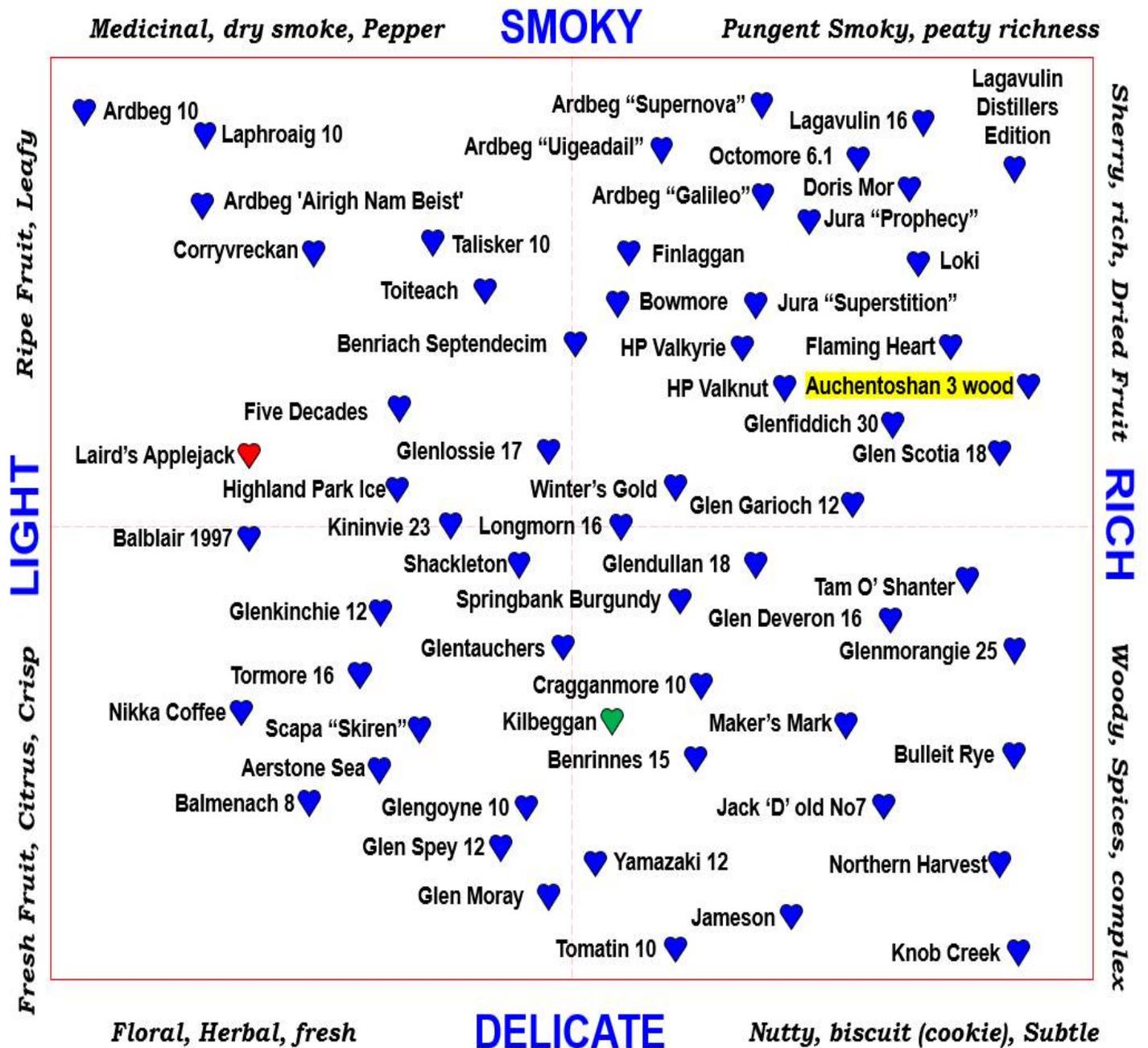
But there may be a Lowland renaissance just yet. Over the last 10 years, three lowland distilleries have started up, including Bladnoch and the tiny Daftmill Distillery.

Three more are currently being planned; it will be a while before they start selling whisky, but it will be well worth the wait.

Charles MacLean, Master of the Quaich, is the author of ten books on Scotch, including the recently published [Whiskypedia](#).



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; [Auchentoshan 3 wood](#). For more information on [Auchentoshan](#) whiskies go to www.auchentoshan.com





Taken from my book **"Whisky Timeline"** which shows all the world's whisk(e)y distilleries by date and country.

1690 - Ferintosh distillery is the first Scottish distillery mentioned in written records.
Closed in 1926.

1775 - Glenturret Distillery, established in Crieff.
<https://theglenturret.com>

1779 - Bowmore Distillery, established in Bowmore.
www.bowmore.com

1790 - Balblair distillery, established in Tain.
www.balblair.com

1794 - Oban distillery, established in Oban.
www.obanwhisky.com

1786 - Strathisla Distillery, established in Keith.
www.chivas.com/visit-strathisla

1797 - Glen Garioch distillery, established in Oldmeldrum.
www.glengarioch.com

1798 - Ardbeg distillery, established in Islay.
www.ardbeg.com

1798 - Blair Athol distillery, established in Pitlochry.
www.diageo.com

1798 - Highland Park distillery, established in Kirkwall.
www.highlandparkwhisky.com

1798 - Ledaig distillery, established in Tobermory.
<http://tobermorydistillery.com>

1810 - Glenburgie distillery, established in Forres.
www.pernod-ricard.com/en



1810 - Jura distillery, established in Craighouse.

<https://jurawhisky.com>

1812 -Brackla distillery, established in Nairn.

www.bacardilimited.com

1815 -Laphroaig distillery, established in Port Ellen.

www.laphroaig.com

1816 -Lagavulin distillery, established in Lagavulin.

www.diageo.com

1817 -Bladnoch distillery, established in Newton Stewart. **Closed** and re-opened in 2017.

<https://bladnoch.com>

1817 -Teaninich distillery, established in Alness.

www.diageo.com

1820 -John Walker (Johnny Walker) a grocer in Kilmarnock, Scotland began blending his own whisky, which would become one of the best selling scotches in the world.

www.johnniewalker.com

1821 -Linkwood distillery, established in Elgin.

www.diageo.com

1823 -Auchentoshan distillery, established in Clydebank.

www.auchentoshan.com

1823 -Mortlachdistillery, established in Keith.

www.diageo.com

1824 -Balmenach distillery, established in Grantown-on-Spey.

<http://www.interbevgroup.com>

1824 -Cameron Bridge distillery, established in Leven.

www.diageo.com