



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine 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 Kilbeggan Traditional Irish Whiskey. From the oldest whiskey distillery in Ireland established in 1757 (Northern Ireland has an older one in the Bushmills distillery established in 1608 making it the oldest in the world).

This is a 4-year-old whiskey double distilled (triple being more the norm in Ireland) then aged in ex-Bourbon barrels.

It is generally believed that the extra distillation (the third) removes around 24% of the whiskey's flavor, but makes for a smoother lighter whiskey.

That is why, in my opinion that people who are new to whisk(e)y tend to prefer to drink Irish over Scotch, and makes triple distilled whiskies more amenable to mixers, of course I could be delusional?

Would I buy it? Maybe around St. Patrick's day.

[You can buy Kilbeggan whiskey for around \\$30.00 a bottle.](#)

Tasting Notes

Nose - Caramel, cereal & vanilla

Palate - Almonds, toffee, peach & vanilla

Finish - dry & oaky



"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett



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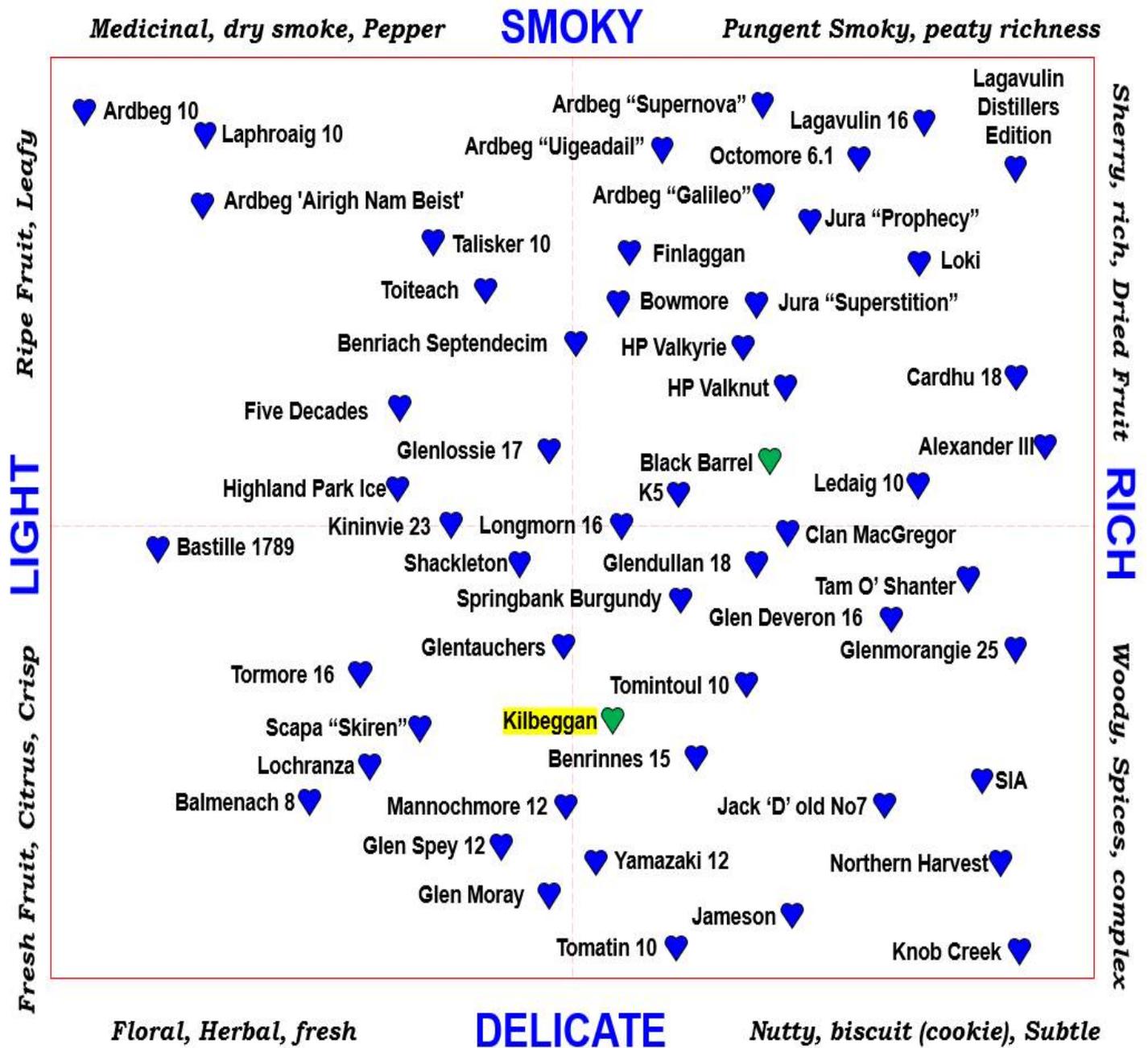
Given that whisky has been around for a very long time and that people around the world enjoy a dram, it's hardly surprising that the beverage is steeped in stories and odd facts that you've likely never come across.

Here are a few of our favourites.

1. Whisky does not freeze solid even when temperatures dip down to -30 degrees.
2. Angel's Tax is the term used to describe the amount of whisky lost each year to evaporation during the ageing process.
3. Scotch Whisky really does come from Scotland. Not only that, to earn the name, it must be processed, distilled, aged, and bottled in Scotland.
4. Every month, employees at Jack Daniels get a free bottle of whiskey.
5. True Scotch Whisky must be aged for a minimum of three years.
6. Your turn: Name the five established whisky regions. When you've done that, name two more main contenders. (Answer at the bottom).
7. The main grain in Canadian whisky is rye.
8. The modern word whisk(e)y is derived from the ancient Gaelic word, uisce (water) and with a nod back to the Latin term for distilled spirits, aqua vitae, and the old Irish term, uisce beatha (water of life).
9. India consumes the most whisky in the world.
10. Whiskey is the official state beverage of Alabama. Virginia has two; rye whiskey and milk, presumably not to be consumed at the same time.
11. Malted barley means the barley later used in the fermentation process has been sprouted. The best whiskey makers know exactly when to stop the sprouting process to optimize the sugars used in the fermentation process.



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your 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; [Kilbeggan Traditional Irish Whiskey](#). For more information on this whisky go to www.kilbegganwhiskey.com





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12. The southernmost whisky distillery is located in New Zealand.
13. The Jack Daniels distillery in Tennessee only sells commemorative bottles because the county doesn't permit the sale of alcohol. Fortunately, some whiskey has 'accidentally fallen' into the bottles, but you'll never see that mentioned on your sales receipt.
14. Don Draper (from the Mad Men TV show) only ever drinks Canadian Club Whisky.
15. Americans love Canadian whiskies. It's the number one spirit imported from Canada to the United States.
16. Whisky and whiskey are both correct spellings of the word. Whiskey tends to be seen more in the United States and Ireland.
17. A Mash Tun is a massive kettle that extracts fermentable sugars from malt by steeping the malt in hot water.
18. When first distilled, whisky is clear. It's only after ageing in wooden barrels and the addition of a little caramel that it takes on its distinctive amber glow.
19. August 29th is National Whisky Sour Day in the United States. Why not indulge in one yourself? You'll need whisky (of course), lemon juice and sugar.
20. Whisky never goes bad. As long as it's in a sealed bottle, theoretically, it will outlast all of us!
21. Moonshine whiskey gets its name from the fact that when whisky-making has been illegal, its production occurred at night when it was harder for enforcement officials to see smoke from the fires used in the production process.

The answer to #6: Scotland, Ireland, Kentucky, Canada, and Tennessee are the five established whisky regions. New Zealand and Japan are well on their way to joining this list, but watch out for Taiwan, India, Australia, Sweden and France, all countries that are producing some truly excellent whiskies.

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