



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 the Caol Ila 12 year old, which was recommended by my friend Mike (a Scotsman) in Florida. To try this one, Tracey and I took her sister and husband into the "Whisky Attic" of the "Freakin Frog" bar in Las Vegas again, which boasts the largest selection of whiskies in America. If you haven't been here yet, you have to make the effort, you will be blown away by the selection of whiskies on offer. If you like smoky whiskies then you need to give this a try; if you don't.....then leave it alone!!

Tasting Notes;

Color - Golden Amber

Nose - Toffee, Caramel, Fruit

Palate - Sherry, Cooked Apple, Hint of Liquorice.

Finish - Long with a touch of Pepper

Fancy a bite to eat with your whisky;

Try some Chorizo sausage. This smoked pork sausage flavored with garlic and chili works well with the sweet start of the Caol Ila, followed by the fragrant smokiness and sweet-smoky lingering finish. Caol Ila also pairs well with oysters. For more whisky food pairings go to <http://www.malts.com>

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.

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett

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A wee bit of History

Caol Ila is derived from Gaelic *Caol Ìle* for "Sound of Islay" in reference to the distillery's location overlooking the strait between Islay and Jura. It was founded in 1846 by Hector Henderson. The distillery did not fare well, and changed hands in 1854 when Norman Buchanan, owner of the Isle of Jura Distillery, took over.

In 1863 the business was acquired by Bulloch Lade & Co, of Glasgow, traders in whisky stocks. By the 1880s over 147,000 gallons of whisky were produced there each year.

The distillery closed during World War II, from 1942 to 1945, because of wartime restrictions on the supply of barley to distillers. From then, production continued until 1972, when the entire structure of the distillery was demolished. A larger distillery was built in the same original architectural style, and production resumed in 1974.

Different expressions of Caol Ila have generally rated highly at spirit ratings competitions. The 12-year, for example, received two double gold, three gold, and one silver medal from the San Francisco World Spirits Competition between 2005 and 2010. It also received an above-average score of 90-95 from Wine Enthusiast in 2005. The 18- and 25-year expressions, though not as frequently rated by outside agencies, have also tended to score well

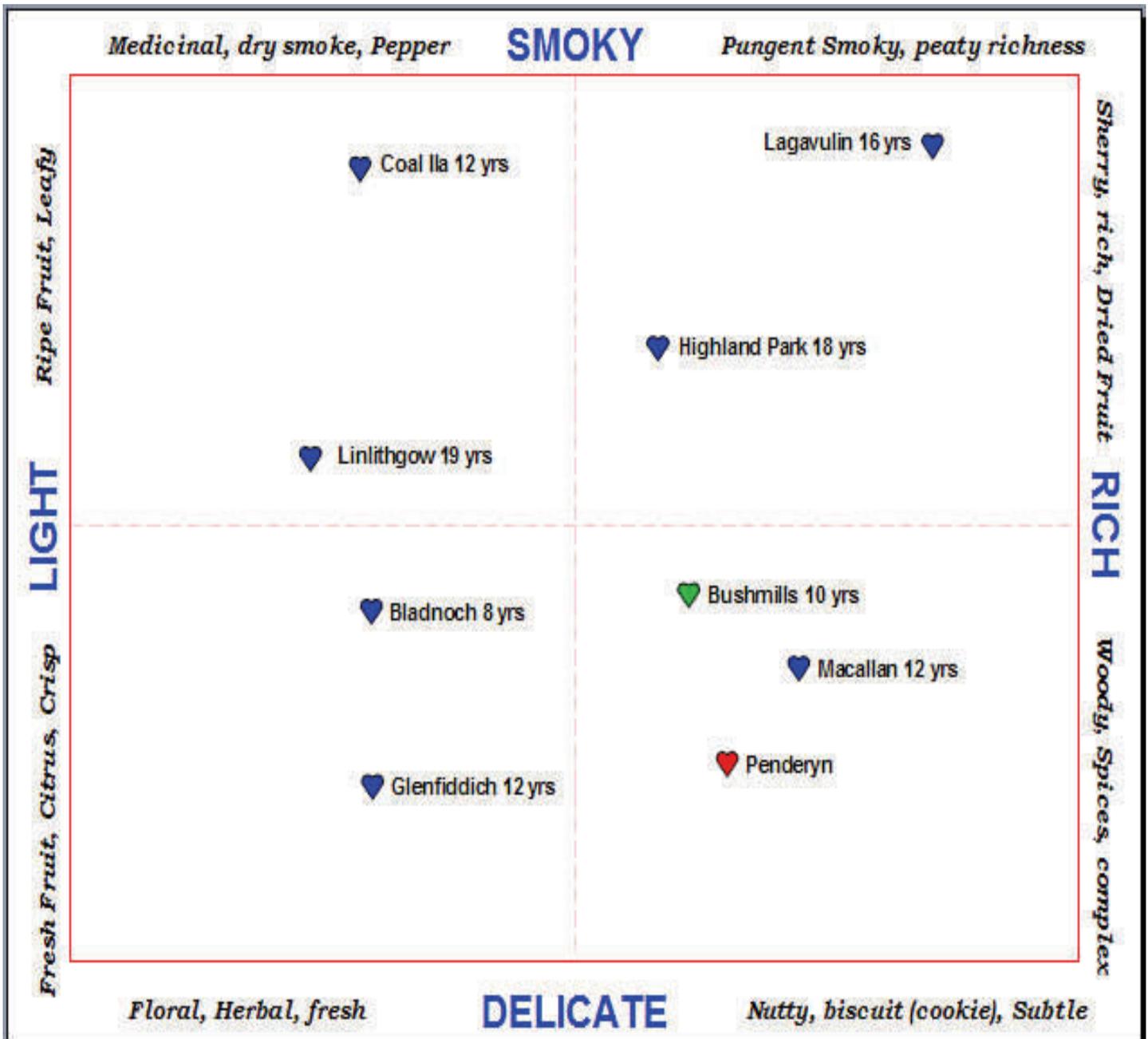


Lachlan's Laws:

"He who laughs last, thinks slowest."



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. With each issue of the newsletter I will add in another Whisky to the flavor map. This issue; **Coal Ila 12 year old**. For more information on Caol Ila whiskies go to <http://www.discovering-distilleries.com/caolila>





Islay “Queen of the Hebrides”

Islay is famous for its malt whiskys and has eight working distilleries on the island making the malt whisky industry one of the most important sources of income for the island. Famous names like Bruichladdich, Bowmore, Laphroaig, Lagavulin, Caol Ila, Bunnahabhain and Ardbeg are the established brands and well known all over the world. Other main industries are farming, fishing and tourism. A lot of people visit Islay because of the distilleries, the wildlife and the spectacular scenery.

Islay’s climate benefits from the warm Gulf Stream, bringing mild winters with little frost or snow and summers that are not too hot. The driest, most pleasant weather is often from May to July, when the long daylight hours are most enjoyable. Several annual festivals on the island attract many visitors, especially the Islay Festival of Malt and Music, which is held annually in May and brings many people to the island. Then, all available beds are often booked a long time in advance.

For more information on Islay, go to <http://www.islayinfo.com>

