



This issue I look back at 2011 and pick the ten best (in my opinion) whiskies that I tasted and wrote about last year. **Starting at #10 and working down to #1;**

**(10) Penderyn**, yes a Welsh Single Malt whisky in my top 10.

**Approximate Cost per bottle - \$55.00**

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Peachy sweetness

**Palate** - Custard and toffee

**Finish** - Tropical fruits, raisins and vanilla



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**(9) Highland Park 18 year old**, from the Orkney Islands at the far north of Scotland.

**Approximate Cost per bottle - \$85.00**

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Fragrant, floral, hint of heather

**Palate** - Lightly salty, nuts, honey, lightly peaty, slight pepper

**Finish** - Very dry, spicy, oaky, smoky, warm





**(8) Dalwhinnie 15 year old**, from the highest distillery in Scotland.

**Approximate Cost per bottle - \$45.00**

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Hints of heather and peat

**Palate** - Smooth with heather, honey, sweetness and vanilla followed by deeper citrus-fruit flavors and hints of malt

**Finish** - Long intense finish that starts sweetly, then gives way to smoke, peat and malt.



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**(7) Old Pulteney 12 year old**, from the most northerly distillery On the Scottish Mainland. in the town of Wick.

**Approximate Cost per bottle - \$38.00**

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Quite intense with a hint of salt (sea air)

**Palate** - Medium bodied, faintly salty with an orange note.

**Finish** - Long and predominantly orange flavored, hint of malt.





**(6) Bowmore “Legend,”** from the island of Islay (pronounced Isla).

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$28.00

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Some smoke and citrus

**Palate** - Lightly smokey with honey

**Finish** - Smoke and saltiness



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**(5) Jura “Superstition,”** from the Isle of Jura (close to Islay, off the west coast of Scotland).

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$40.00

**Tasting Notes:**

**Nose** - Oranges and smoke

**Palate** - Orange peel, cookies, smoke, spice

**Finish** - Sweet and smoky, hints of orange





**(4) Oban 14 year old**, (pronounced Obin), from the town of Oban on the west coast.

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$55.00

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Sweet, fruity, with sea salt, small amounts of peat and smoke

**Palate** - Rich fruit, honey, malt, spice and light smoke

**Finish** - Sweet oak with a pinch of salt



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**(3) Balvenie 21 year old**, from the Spey valley (speyside).

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$175.00

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Fruity, faint smoke

**Palate** - Creamy, smooth, rich, honey, wine

**Finish** - Smooth, cedary with a warming Spice.





**(2) Lagavulin Distillers Edition**, from the Island of Isla off the west coast of Scotland.

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$95.00

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Cereal, hay, peat & smoke

**Palate** - Peat, smoke & a hint of salt

**Finish** - Warm with a hint of malt & chocolate



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**(1) Glenfiddich Snow Phoenix**, from the Spey valley (speyside).

**Approximate Cost per bottle** - \$120.00 (if you can find any)

**Tasting Notes;**

**Nose** - Apples, pears, butter

**Palate** - Oak, malt, spice and honey

**Finish** - Malty, nutty, apples



*Medicinal, dry smoke, Pepper*

**SMOKY**

*Pungent Smoky, peaty richness*

*Ripe Fruit, Leafy*

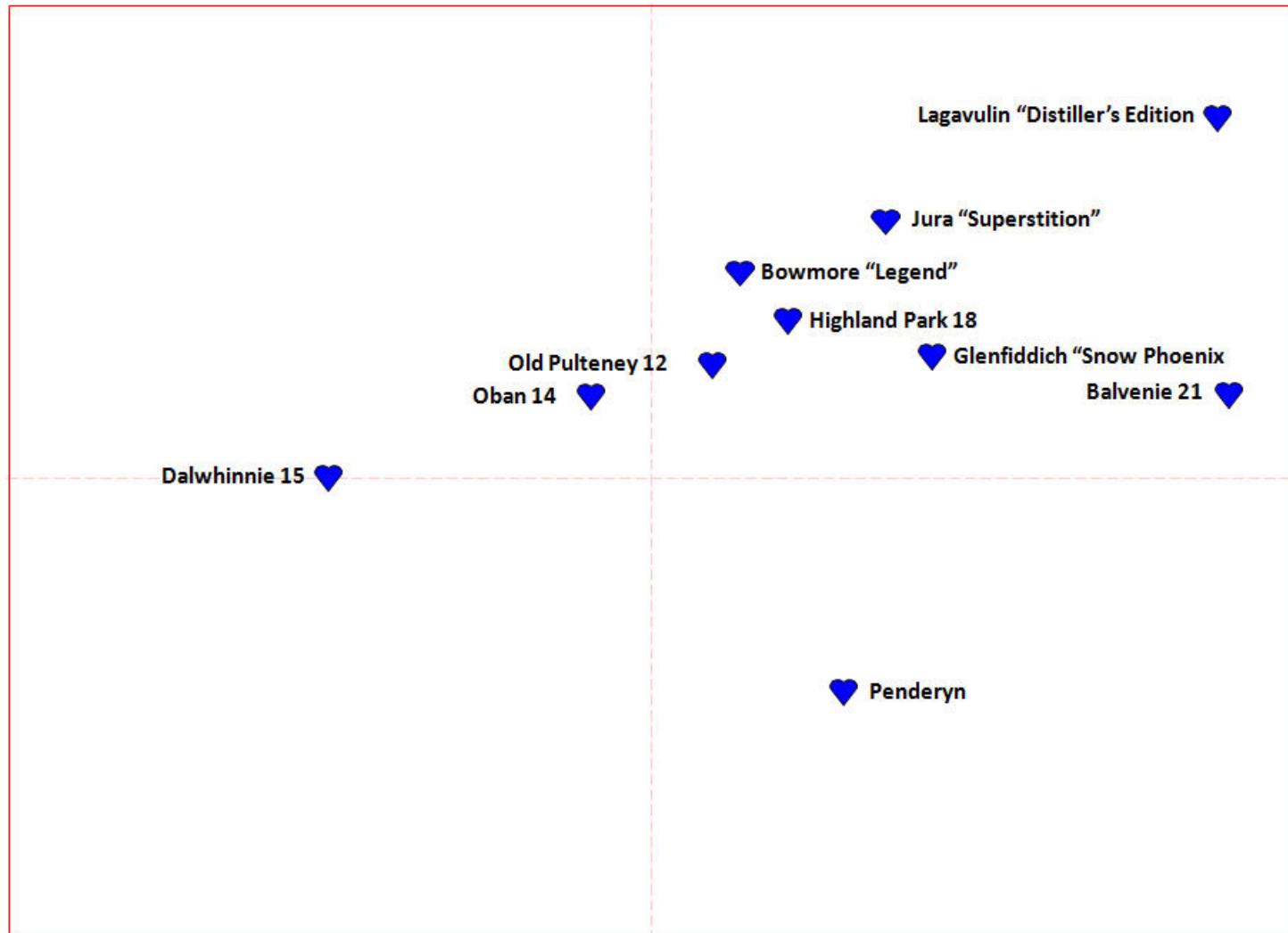
**LIGHT**

*Fresh Fruit, Citrus, Crisp*

*Sherry, rich, Dried Fruit*

**RICH**

*Woody, Spices, complex*



*Floral, Herbal, fresh*

**DELICATE**

*Nutty, biscuit (cookie), Subtle*