



## 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. I do not expect this to be "an easy row to hoe" as my friends have very definite ideas as to what constitutes a good Scotch. Hopefully, I will gain more friends than I lose while getting my message out there. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on whiskies I am tasting. "Slange"*

OK; let's start with something that is not only a personal favorite, but something that I don't believe will be too contentious among my friends. "The MACALLAN 12-year-old" from the Speyside region of Scotland. Described by Paul Pacult, the renowned international whisky writer, in his book Kindred Spirits as: "simply the best 12-year-old single malt around."

For those who are looking for a mild-mannered smooth whisky, this is it. If you are just discovering single malt Scotch, and you like rich sherry flavors and cooked/stewed fruits this is a perfect place to start.

If full bodied flavors are too much for you, this might be a bit much of a starter whisky for you, it is wonderful, but not for the faint of heart.

This is my every occasion Scotch and I highly recommend it.

The "Flavor map" on page 3 will fill up with a new whisky each week, and shows where I believe each whiskies flavor profile puts it, in relation to the other whiskies.

You can buy MACALLAN 12-year-old for around \$60.00 a bottle.

### Tasting notes;

**NOSE**—Sherry, orange, honey

**PALATE**—Sherry, raisins & sultanas

**FINISH**—Slightly warm medium finish

I can be contacted at my website <http://www.scot-talks.com>

*"Slainte Mhath"*  
Paul Bissett





## How do you take your Whisky?

### To add Water or not:

This is a personal preference. Adding water is said to release the fine flavors and smells of the whisky, but something to consider; Tap water may have chlorine in it, and we certainly don't want that in our whisky, so if you add water, use bottled (at room temperature).

### Do you like ice in your Whisky?

Reducing the temperature of the whisky "freezes" the aroma and the smell, and makes your drink taste dull, and flat. That should get a reaction from some of my American friends.

### Whisky cocktails?

That's a Kilt you're wearing, not a skirt.....Seriously though, Whisky cocktails are becoming more popular these days and if mixed with the right ingredients, whisky is an excellent component for new and exciting cocktails . My personal recommendation is, use a cheaper blended Whisky and not an expensive single malt.

### Which Glass?

Suggestions range from the classic, straight whisky tumbler to the specifically designed whisky glass, the shape not unlike a sherry glass with a bellied body and narrowing towards the top. The choice is yours.



**"Always carry a large flagon of whisky in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake." (W.C. Fields, 1880-1946)**



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. With each issue of the newsletter I will add in another Whisky to the flavor map. This Issue; **MACALLAN 12-year-old**. For more information on MACALLAN go to [www.themacallan.com](http://www.themacallan.com)

