



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

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"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

