



This issue I look back at 2020 and pick the ten best (in my opinion) whiskies that I tasted in the last year.

(10) Royal Brackla 10-year-old

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$55.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Chocolate & apple.

Palate - Chocolate cream cake, with a hint of ginger.

Finish - Chocolate & apple.



(9) Cardhu 18-year-old

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$90.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Lots of fruit, plum, pear & with a hint of pineapple.

Palate - Stewed fruits, Plums, Cherries & Chocolate.

Finish - Fruit with a touch of Cocoa.





(8) Highland Park Valknut

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$70.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Honey, peat & vanilla.

Palate - Gingerbread with a hint of licorice & peat.

Finish - Gingerbread, orange & peat.



(7) Tamnavulin "Double cask"

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$40.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Stewed apples & creamy chocolate.

Palate - Christmas pudding, caramels & chocolate.

Finish - Sweet stewed fruits.





(6) Lagavulin 16-year-old

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$75.00.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Smoke, chocolate, flowery.

Palate - Dry, sweet, smoky, peaty.

Finish - long, elegant peat-filled finish with lots of salt and seaweed.



(5) Springbank 12-year-old "Burgundy"

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$120.00.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Raisins & red currants.

Palate - Think pancakes spread with Nutella & drizzled in cream.

Finish - An initial herb/spice note, fading to vanilla & mint ice cream.





(4) Arran 21-year-old

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$160.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Apricot, pineapple & prune.

Palate - Chocolate orange, plum & a hint of cedar.

Finish - Candied fruit, herbs & oak.



(3) Dalmore 15-year-old

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$70.00.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Sweet toffee, vanilla, orange.

Palate - Sherry, marmalade, Christmas spices, nuts.

Finish - Fruit, nuts & vanilla.





(2) Glenfiddich 30-year-old.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$800.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Cocoa, coffee & sherry.

Palate - Citrus, dates & nuts.

Finish - Honey, pear & toffee.



(1) Shackleton Whisky

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$160.00.

Tasting Notes

Nose - Apple, floral, gooseberry, pear, pineapple and a hint of smoke.

Palate - Fruits, nuts, toffee and a hint of peat.

Finish - Cookies (Biscuits) crème brûlée & orange.





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