



## Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and its history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting. "Slainte."

In this issue I look at Port Charlotte - PC7 'Sin An Doigh Ileach' ('It's the Islay way'), which I came across in Jack & Tony's Restaurant and Bar in Santa Rosa, California. This whisky is matured in a combination of sherry and bourbon casks and is Bottled at cask strength, which comes in at a huge 61% abv, so taster beware, 43% abv is more the norm. PC7 is a heavily peated release from the Bruichladdich distillery from their limited Release Port Charlotte range.

What do I think of this? I like it, but then again I'm a big fan of the whiskies that the Bruichladdich distillery puts out, I do However think that 61% is a bit too strong and would recommend some water with it.

I do think it's a tad expensive though.

You can buy Port Charlotte - PC7 for around \$110.00 a bottle.

### Tasting Notes:

**Nose** - Peat, smoke, caramel & citrus

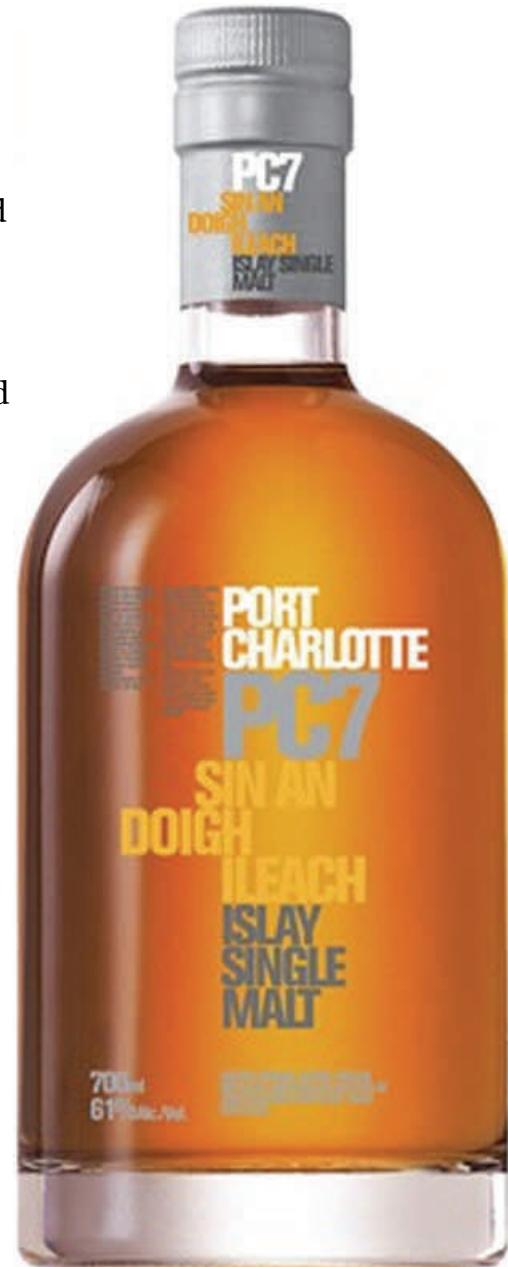
**Palate** - Oily mouthfeel, heavy smoke, caramel apple

**Finish** - Long, smoky, spicy, Briney

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](http://www.scot-talks.com)

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





## OUTLANDER to be filmed in Scotland



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ABOUT 200 jobs will be created with the filming of a new American television series in Scotland. The US cable network Starz and Sony Pictures Television have chosen the country as the location for their new series Outlander.

Outlander is based on a series of novels by Diana Gabaldon which tell the story of Claire and James Fraser, a couple who time travel between 18th and 20th century Scotland.

The series will be set in Scotland, with the production company planning to build a new television studio and production base near Glasgow.

It is estimated the series will employ a local crew of about 200, while an estimated 2,400 supporting roles are expected to be cast from within Scotland and the rest of the UK.

Scottish actor Sam Heughan, who studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and who has starred in the TV show Doctors, has already been cast in the lead role.

**Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:**

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

# Slange

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; Port Charlotte - PC7 'Sin An Doigh Ileach' For more information go to [www.bruichladdich.com](http://www.bruichladdich.com)

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

Ardbeg 10

Laphroaig 10

Coal Ila 12

Ardbeg 'Airigh Nam Beist'

Talisker 10

Port Charlotte PC7

Peat Monster

Woodford Reserve

Bastille 1789

Monkey Shoulder

Lagavulin 16

Lagavulin  
Distillers Edition

anCnoc 12

Talisker 30

Jura "Superstition"

Samaroli "Evolution" 2011

Glenkinchie 10

Macallan Fine oak 17

Balvenie Caribbean Cask

Glenfiddich 18

Glenfiddich 21

Macallan Director's

Auchentoshan 10

Glen Grant

Quinta Ruban

Glengoyne 21

Aberlour "Camp Esther"

Glenmorangie 10

Glenfiddich 12

Floral, Herbal, fresh

**DELICATE**

Nutty, biscuit (cookie), Subtle



## 48 hours in the Scottish Highlands

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/uk-europe/8665337/48-hours-in-the-Scottish-Highlands>

Often voted the world's greatest train journey, the voyage from Glasgow to Fort William and Mallaig in the Scottish highlands defies superlatives thanks to its stunning views and wild landscapes. Several of the stations have no villages to accompany them, they are just stopping off points for hikers or skiers. But it is not all wilderness, with Fort William a decent-sized town packed with food and drink options.

### **FRIDAY**

**12:21 pm** - Don't even think about driving, the train is the only way to go on the near four-hour trip from Glasgow Queen Street to Fort William. Just sit back, relax and take in the breathtaking scenery. Glasgow - the perfect arrival point by air - is a large industrial city but still has its charms, especially George Square adjacent to the train station. Pick up some snacks for your journey nearby. The modest train heads out of the city and along the Clyde river before turning and heading into the mountains, passing the famously idyllic Loch Lomond.

**2:30 pm** - Grab a drink from the frequent trolley which makes its way through the carriages as the train rattles past evocative sounding stations like Bridge of Orchy and Corrour, the highest railway station in Britain. At 408 meters above sea level, there is nothing at Corrour except one station building, swamps, towering hills and wild deer. There is not even a proper road.

**4:09 pm** - The train trundles into Fort William with Britain's highest peak, Ben Nevis, 1,344 meters high in the background. The town on a lake is full of small guest houses, but also has bigger chain hotels.

**7 pm** - A walk down Fort William's High Street, with the mountain breeze coming in off the lake, will freshen you up ready for dinner. There are numerous options including decent Indian and Chinese restaurants but to sample some of the local cuisine, head to a pub like the Grog & Gruel (a personal favorite), which serves Scottish classics like smoked salmon but with a twist. The selection of local beers is also huge.

### **SATURDAY**

**10 am** - Breakfast at your hotel and if you do not fancy the long climb up Ben Nevis, then it is back to the train station - this time for a shorter two-and-a-half-hour round trip to the small coastal port of Mallaig.

Harry Potter fans will recognize the viaduct at Glenfinnan from its use in the blockbuster films when the "Hogwarts Express" passes over, and such is the beauty of the place that the train crew will hand out free postcards detailing the view.



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**1:34 pm** - Mallaig is a sleepy seaside town where you can catch a ferry to the Isle of Skye, but ignore the actual harbor at your peril. For in the shallow waters live a family of seals who often pop up to say hello. A small handful of eateries are available for lunch in Mallaig including the An Cala cafe, which offers wifi and delightful scones plus a late Scottish breakfast cooked to order.

**12:12 pm** - The train sets off around the loch for a picture perfect view of Ben Nevis with Fort William beneath. The best is yet to come through with the train heading to Glenfinnan, site of the mainland invasion by British monarch pretender "Bonnie Prince Charlie" in 1745. A monument visible from the train marks the spot on the banks of Loch Shiel, with stunning mountains rising up out of the water on both sides.

**4:05 pm** - After a wander round the small windswept harbor trying to catch a glimpse of that elusive seal, it is time to get back on board the train and retrace the route back to Fort William, crucial if you missed any photographs on the way there.

**8 pm** - Back in Fort William there is plenty of choice for a second dinner, with two large supermarkets belying the remote setting for those who are self-catering.

## SUNDAY

**11:40 am** - After a Scottish breakfast which differs from the English variety with the addition of black or white pudding (cooked blood with a meat and oatmeal filler), it is back to Fort William station one last time for the trip back to Glasgow. Make sure to sit on the opposite side of the train from your trip up in case you missed something like a sheer rock face, plunging stream or a group of wild deer led by the most elegant of stags, antlers and all.

**1 pm** - Grab a sandwich and a surprisingly decent bottle of wine from the drinks trolley as the marvelous mountain countryside rolls on by. The trip is nearly over so savor every last look.

**3:31 pm** - You arrive back in Glasgow with plenty of time to catch a flight home and take a quick flick through your photos as you remember a journey of a lifetime.

