



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 it's history. By the way, I am merely expressing my opinion on the whiskies I am tasting, as you know, everybody has one.

I now look at the North British Distillery 10-year-old from Wemyss Malts, which I tried Last night at home, courtesy of my buddy Mark Jones and his Whisky advent calendar gift (you dodged a bullet with this one Mark).

This is a single grain scotch whisky and they have called it "Watermelon Wedge," while I did indeed get a hint of watermelon when I first tasted it, I think a more appropriate name would have been "Napalm."

I can't Remember ever having tasted a hotter whisky, while it comes in at 46% It tastes more like 46,000%.

It burned so badly that I added water to it, tasted it, then added more Water, tasted it again and added more water, with the result that while it was now drinkable, it didn't taste of watermelon or anything else.

Definitely not for the faint of heart.

So, would I buy it? No, I wouldn't.

[You can buy North British Distillery 10-year-old for around \\$65.00 a bottle.](#)

Tasting Notes

Nose - Brown sugar, cedar & nutmeg

Palate - Hint of Watermellon & dragon fire

Finish - Death of taste buds & volcanoes

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





Wemyss Malts

Wemyss Malts is a family-owned business based in Edinburgh and markets three blended malts, namely Spice King, Peat Chimney and The Hive. From the outset, the company has used character descriptors as names for its bottlings.

Alongside the blended malts is a regularly-changing range of vintage single cask expressions, each bearing the name of the distillery from which the whisky was sourced, along with a descriptor such as Fresh Fruit Sorbet or Wild Berry Spice. Wemyss Malts also produces the premium blended Scotch Lord Elcho; while a sister company is responsible for Darnley's View London Dry Gin and another for Domaine Rimauresq Provencal wines.

The Wemyss family also owns Kingsbarns distillery in Fife through Wemyss Distillery Ltd.

Wemyss Malts was established in 2005 by William Wemyss, whose family home is Wemyss Castle in Fife, though the family's connections with Scotch whisky can be traced back to the early 19th century, when John Haig's first distillery was built on Wemyss land. Today, barley grown on the Wemyss Estate is used by many distillers.

William Wemyss originally worked in the wine business, producing Fonty's Pool, based in Western Australia, and Rimauresq Cru Classe, in Provence, before deciding to become involved in the Scotch whisky business.

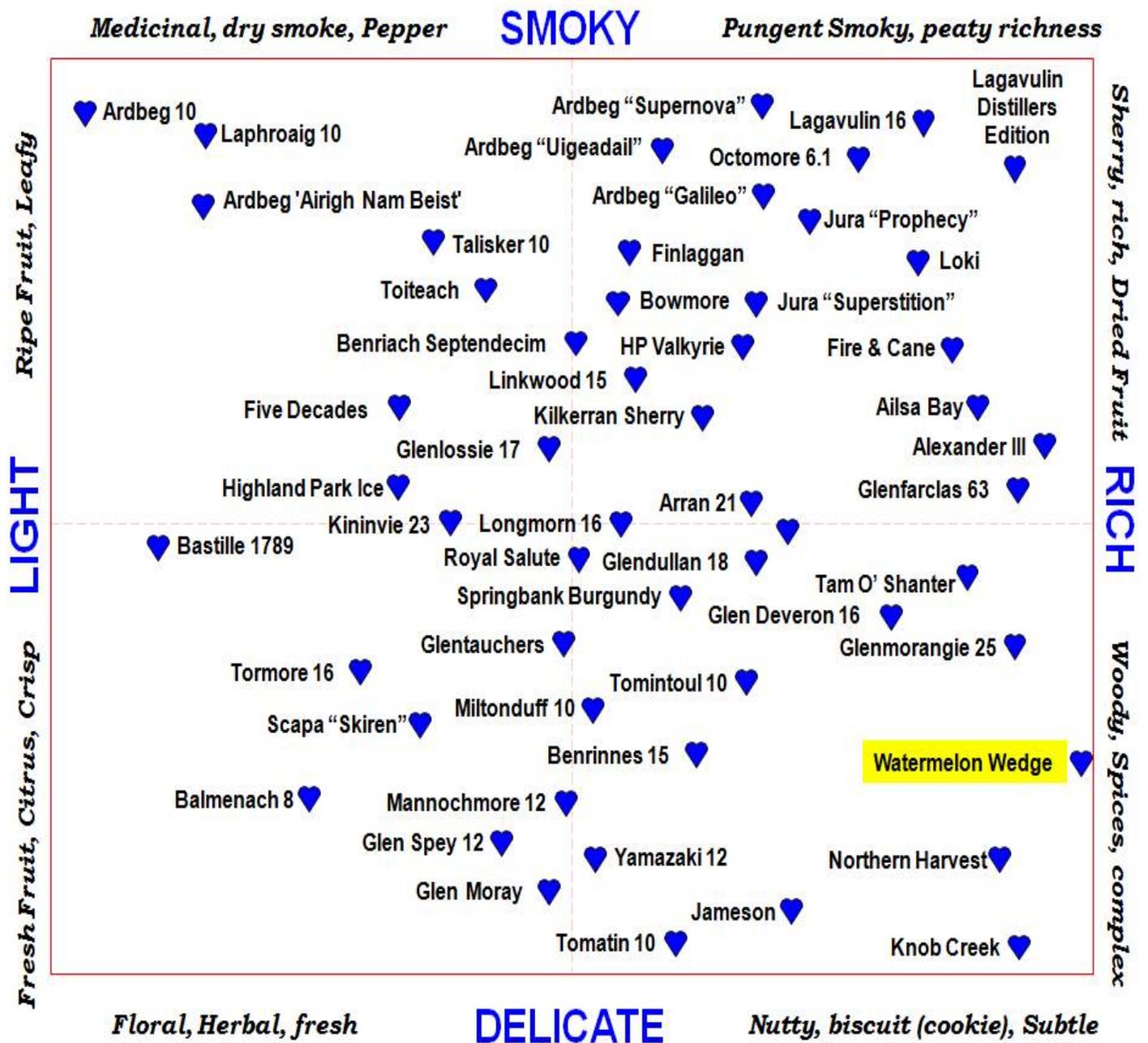
When the first Wemyss blended malts were introduced in 2005 they were aged five, with eight and 12-year-old variants following, though in 2015 all age statements were dropped. Darnley's View Gin was released in 2010, and Lord Elcho blended Scotch was introduced two years later.

In early 2013 William Wemyss purchased the ongoing project to build Kingsbarns distillery at East Newhall Farm in Fife. In the same year he established Wemyss Distillery Ltd. to manage the project – a company entirely separate from Wemyss Malts. Kingsbarns began to produce spirit in February 2015.

Information Courtesy of <https://scotchwhisky.com>



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. This Issue; [North British Distillery 10-year-old](#). For more information on [North British Distillery](#) whiskies go to [www.thenorthbritish.co.uk](#)





The North British Distillery

The North British (the archaic and somewhat disparaging term applied to post-Jacobite Scotland) distillery was founded in Edinburgh in 1885. Up until that point, Scotland's blenders and spirit merchants could only buy their grain from DCL. In an attempt to break the monopoly, Andrew Usher, William Sanderson, John Crabbie and James Watson joined forces to build a new – and substantial – grain distillery in Gorgie, close to the Union Canal, the railway line, and the Caledonian distillery which had been absorbed into DCL the year before. A case of the last straw perhaps?

Production started in 1887 from a single Coffey. Within three years capacity had doubled to three million gallons a year. Whisky-making ceased during the First World War, but production restarted in 1920. It was nursed cautiously through the tricky period of the 1930s, but blossomed once more post-WWII. By the 1960s it was making six million gallons a year (a figure which would double by the start of the following decade), and for a period, North British was the largest grain plant in Scotland.

By the 1960s it was still being run as a kind of co-operative with its shareholders including Robertson & Baxter, IDV, William Lawson, Macdonald Martin, Seagram and William Teacher. In 1993 its management was taken over by Lothian Distillers, an equal partnership between R&B [now Edrington Group] and IDV. The result of the merger between the latter and DCL (by that time called UD) in 1997, meant that North British was being jointly run by the firm which it had set up in opposition to.

Ahh, the irony.

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**The following joke is taken from my book on
whisky related humor**

“A whisky might not fix things, but it’s worth a shot.

A Scotsman is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day a gorgeous woman wearing a wet suit and scuba gear swims up to the island. She approaches the Scotsman and says, "How long has it been since you had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he answers.

She reaches over, unzips the waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes.

He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"
Then she asks, "How long has it been since you had a whisky?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on the right sleeve, pulls out a bottle of single malt scotch and gives it to him.

He takes a long swallow and says,
"Wow, that's fantastic!"

She then starts pulling down the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him,

"And how long has it been since you played around?"

The Scotsman replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've a set of golf clubs in there!"

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