



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. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting. “Slange”

This issue I look at Clynelish 14 year old (pronounced Klyn-leesh) , as recommended by my old shipmate from HMS Yarmouth “Teuchter.” I sampled this single malt in Scarpetta Restaurant in the Cosmopolitan hotel, Las Vegas over dinner at Christmas. As you will see on the flavor map (page 3) this whisky is almost in the center, so there are no pronounced flavors jumping out at you. The result is a gentle (perhaps restrained) whisky that has nice flavors with none of them overpowering. If you are doing a whisky tasting this should be one of the first as, it’s flavors would be blown away with some of the stronger tasting scotches. I liked this one and would definitely drink it again.

Tasting Notes;

Color - Light Brownish Yellow

Nose - Perfumed with citrus fruit and spice, slight sea salt with a hint of smoke

Palate - Full, creamy malt with fruit, spice and a faint hint of the sea

Finish - Long, warm with a hint of smoke and some caramel

Paired with food

Seafood; Pan Seared Scallops, Tandoori Prawns

Cheese; Brie de Meaux, Piave Vecchio

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.

“Slainte Mhath”

Paul Bissett

With thanks to Google images.





A wee bit of History

The Clynelish distillery was founded in 1819 by the Marquis of Stafford, later he was one of the architects behind the 'highland clearances' during which tens of thousands of tenants were evicted from their highland farms. The land was wanted for sheep farming to supply the booming wool industry. Many of the evicted tenants moved out to the coastal areas and these families had a hard time making their living and turned to illegally distilling whisky to boost their income. In an attempt to stem this spreading illegal activity, the marquis built the Clynelish distillery and licensed it so that the coastal farmers would have a legal market for their grain.

In 1967 a new distillery was built alongside the original distillery. The new distillery was named Clynelish B and the original distillery was called Clynelish A. Clynelish A was closed in 1968 but was reopened shortly afterwards because of an increased demand for whisky by the blending industry. The 'new' whisky was produced much smokier than its predecessor. Because of the dissimilarities of the whiskies from Clynelish A and B Customs and Excise demanded that the distilleries should be run as separate entities. As a result the old distillery, Clynelish A, was closed and reopened in 1975 under the name of Brora Distillery. Brora Distillery was closed in 1983 due to the recession and today its buildings are used as warehouses and as a visitor centre for its still active sister – the Clynelish Distillery.

It is entirely possible that you may never have seen or even heard of Clynelish single malt, and there's a quite simple reason for that; only 1% of the whisky distilled is sold as single malt, with the rest going in to the Johnnie Walker Gold Blend 18 year old.



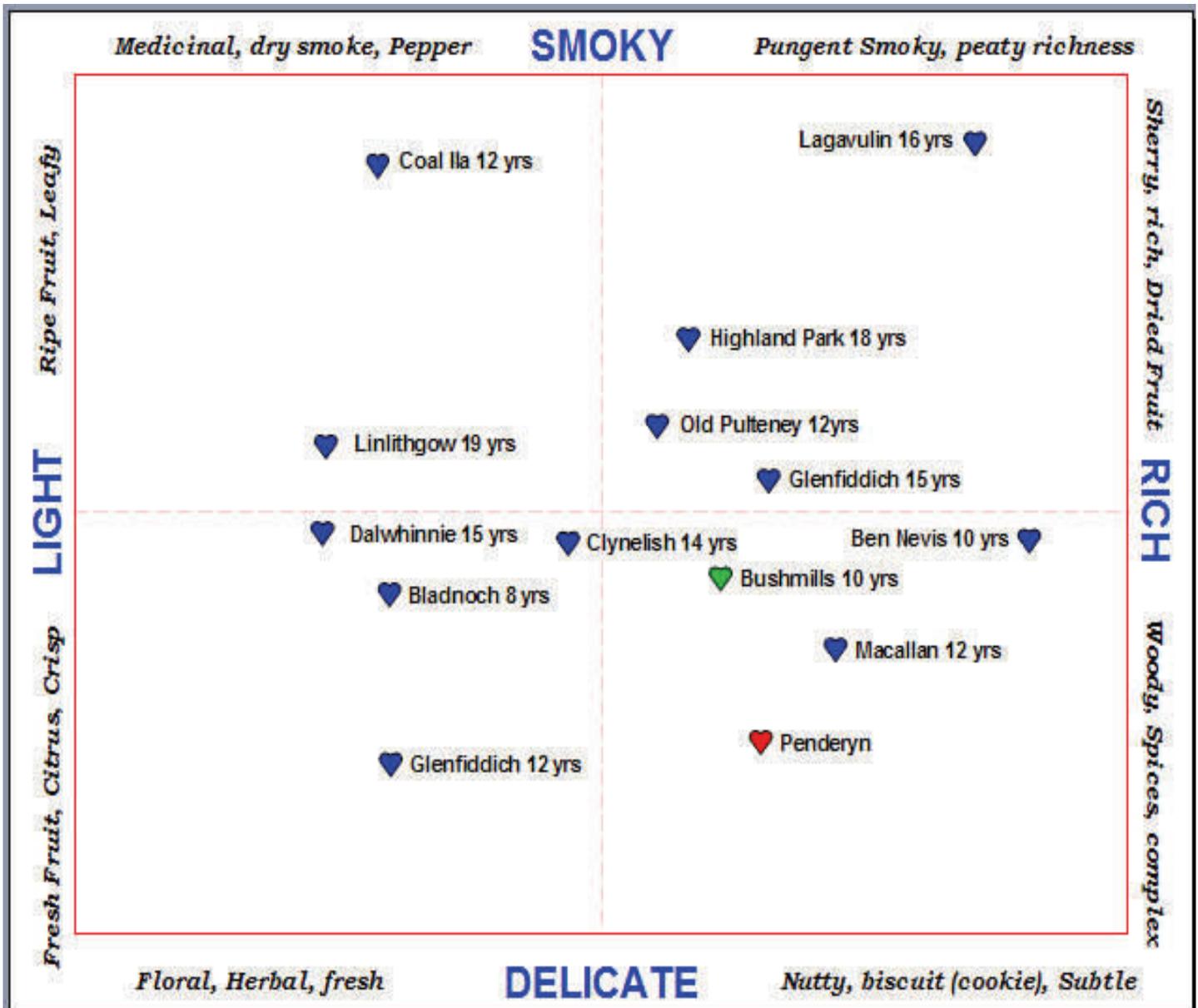
WARNING:

The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes I get from it, hopefully you will get something similar. 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; **Clynelish 14 year old**. For more information go to <http://www.scotchwhisky.net/distilleries/clynelish.htm>

If you like Clynelish 14 year old you may like Glen Ord, Balvenie and Benriach.





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