



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 do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.

I now look at the Talisker Port Ruighe, (pronounced 'Por Tree'). Port Ruighe is the Gaelic spelling of the once-bustling trading port on the isle of Skye. I happened to taste this whisky in the Merchant bar in the town of Portree on the Isle of Skye, Scotland a couple of months ago.

If you have tasted the relatively new (it came out a couple of years ago), Talisker Storm, this is along similar lines, except better. Or should I say to my taste buds, it's better, to me it has more depth of flavor, and has a nicer mouthfeel, it is oilier and coats the mouth nicely.

The Port Ruighe is double matured in port casks, which amps up the fruit aspect of this dram, as you would expect when port casks are employed.

If you have experienced any of Talisker's other whiskies you will be expecting that "by the sea" briny aspect along with a whiff of smoke that is a hallmark of Talisker whiskies, well it does not disappoint they are there along with the fruit and some chocolate!

The fact that I tasted it in the town for which it was named, may have influenced my romantic side somewhat, but I don't care.

I like this whisky and have no hesitation in recommending it, go out, get a bottle and enjoy it.....Slange!

You can buy Talisker Port Ruighe for around \$55.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Brine, smoke, & demerara sugar

Palate - Brine, smoke, plum & chocolate orange

Finish - Smoke & chocolate orange

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





Isle of Sky June 2016

After completing the whisky school in Campbeltown and driving up the west coast of Scotland, stopping in Oban and Fort William. David MacDonald, myself and my lovely wife Tracey drove (I did the driving, the roads in the highlands are something to behold, think 6 flags amusement parks) over to Mallaig (Via the Glenfinnan Monument) to catch the ferry over to Armadale on the isle of Skye.



After a visit to the McDonald ruined castle at Armadale, we headed North and a stop for lunch at the Duisdale House Hotel. The staff were friendly and courteous when we arrive and seated us inside (our choice, the weather was lovely), we had a beer and a light lunch that was really good. The little of what we saw of the hotel and the conduct of it's staff would make me research it further, if we were to return to the Isle of Skye.



Lunch at the Duisdale House Hotel



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; [Talisker Port Ruighe](#). For more information go to www.malts.com/en-ca/our-whisky-collection/talisker





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After lunch we set our GPS for our hotel in Portree (the Rosedale). If you go to Google images and type in Portree Isle of Skye, the picture of the multi-colored houses on the harbor front, is what you see from your room at the Rosedale hotel. Formally 3 fishermen's cottages now joined together to make the hotel, which can make it seem a little maze like, but gives it a nice charm. I would gladly stay here again. A nice hotel, with a great breakfast.



Old people doing a selfie

As I mentioned on page one, I happened to taste the Talisker "Port Ruighe" whisky in the Merchant bar in the town of Portree, and here I am with said whisky in hand, in that bar, in the picture below. This bar has a good selection of both whisky and beer and the bartender (behind me) is knowledgeable about whisky.





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After spending the night in Portree and sampling whisky, beer and steak pie, we set off to drive around the rest of the Isle of Skye. Heading up to the top to see Kilt Rock & Mealt falls, Flora MacDonald's grave (the heroine that saved Bonnie Prince Charlie).



David McDonald standing in front of her grave.

After a tour around the crofter's museum (same location), we headed around the island towards our lunch time reservation at the Three Chimneys restaurant, and what a lunch it was. This was the best food we have ever tasted, the restaurant was in the boondocks, but thankfully we had a GPS.....trip details to be continued in the next newsletter.



Our lunch menu, Highly recommended!!!