



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 give you my thoughts on the absolutely superb Highland Park 15-year-old, which was unfortunately discontinued, this may soon be a memory, but what a memory it will be.

It never really hit me just how good this was, until I had a Oban 14-year-old, which is a long time favorite and I followed it with a Highland Park 15-year-old and it blew the Oban 14 out of the water, absolutely stunning.

I have yet to taste a Highland Park that wasn't worth buying and putting on my bar, and it's a damn shame that they decided to stop producing this whisky.

They did however replace it with their "Dark Origins" which is also stunning!

I have heard a disturbing rumor, that they are going to discontinue The "Dark Origins" I hope to hell, that's all it is, just a rumor.

Bottom line, if you can find a bottle of this whisky, I highly recommend you buy it.

You can buy Highland Park 15-year-old for around \$75.00 a bottle, depending on where you find it. Retailers know it has been discontinued and the price is going up.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Citrus and smoke

Palate - Peaty smoke, with sherried sultanas

Finish - Smokey and long

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





Here are the Best Bottles of Whiskey You Can Buy For \$20 or Less by Drew Prindle

Finding a quality bottle of whiskey—be it bourbon, rye, Scotch or some other style—isn't always the easiest thing.

Sure, if you grew up in a place where whiskey in plastic handles was as prominent at community events as sweet tea, then you probably already know what your go-to value whiskey is. If not, you're in the right spot.

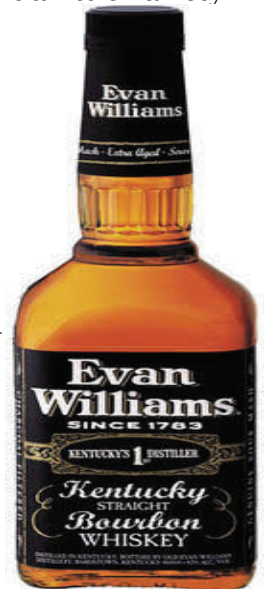
We'll be the first to admit, many whiskeys under twenty bucks are absolutely terrible. It feels like you're drinking actual fire and the taste profiles hover somewhere between the stuff they use to clean hospital floors and that glass of iced tea you set down and forgot about. For six weeks.

There are, though, a number of great tasting and affordable whiskeys out there. While the majority of the list is composed of bourbon (being affordable and delicious seems to be as American as, well, bourbon), we have worked to find other types of whiskeys as well, for those that want a little variety on their liquor shelf.

Bourbon

Evan Williams (\$14)

Evan shows up on lists like this all of the time, and deservedly so. At fourteen bucks for a bottle, you really can't go wrong. Drop an ice cube or two in and you're set. The flavor profile is what you expect in a bourbon—vanilla, caramel, oak—and you don't need to add much (if anything) to make it drinkable.

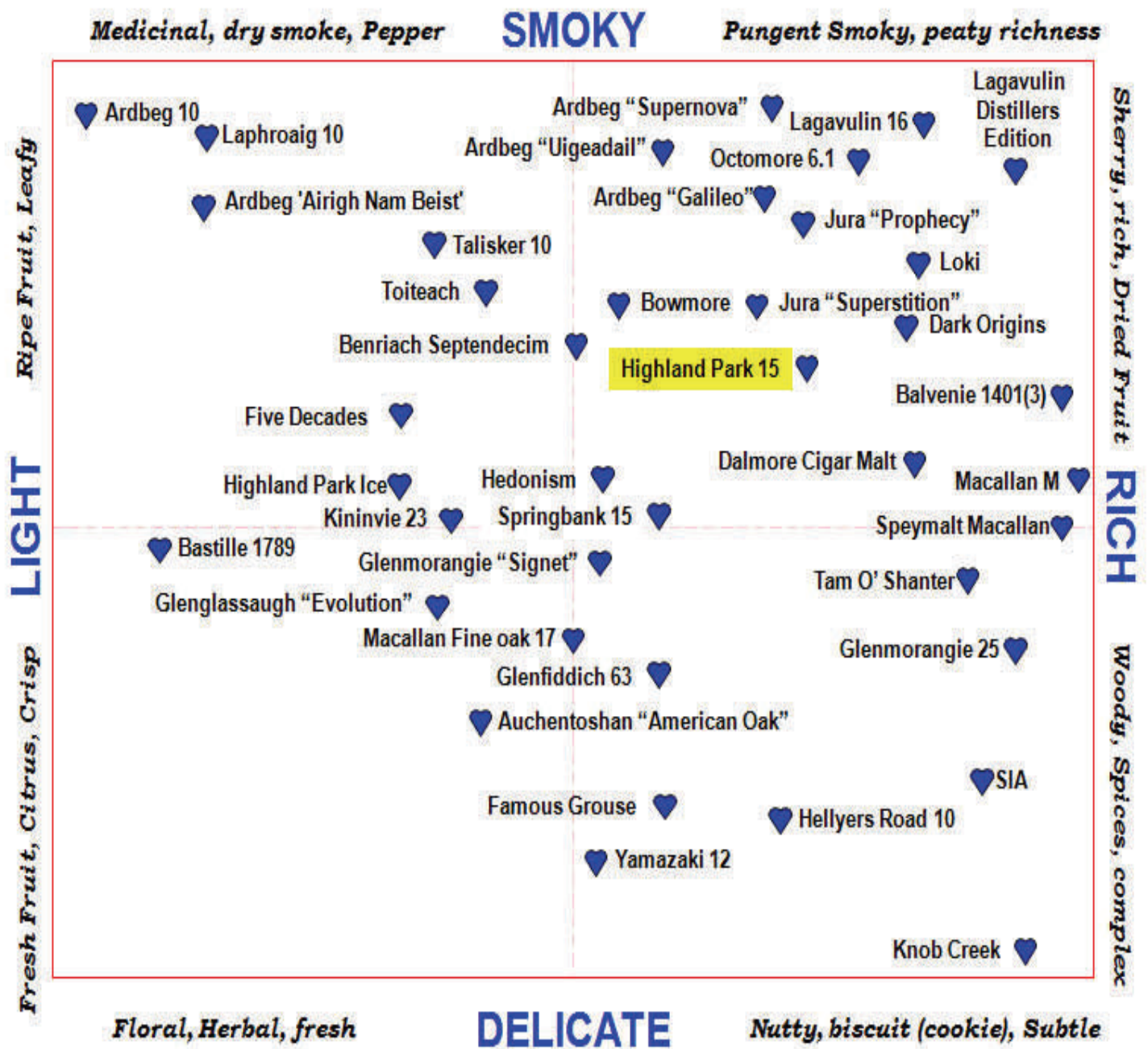


Rebel Yell Straight Bourbon Whiskey (\$15)

Not just for Billy Idol fans, this bourbon is made in the style of W.L. Weller's wheated bourbons. Full of honey and raisin flavors, Rebel Yell is a bargain, as it displays the flavor profile of something much more expensive. By buying Rebel Yell, though, you'll be left with cash money in your pocket to either a) buy ingredients for some cocktails or b) buy another bottle. If you're in this position, choose Option B.



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; [Highland Park 15-year-old](https://highlandpark.co.uk). For more information on Highland Park whiskies go to <https://highlandpark.co.uk>





Here are the Best Bottles of Whiskey You Can Buy For \$20 or Less *cont.*

Four Roses (\$19)

For a long time (over fifty years), Four Roses didn't make bourbon. Instead, they produced a blended whiskey that, if you ask someone who has had it (this writer included), they will tell you it's pretty bad. Thankfully in 2002, Four Roses got back to their roots and began making bourbon again.



Rye

Old Overholt (\$18)

This is, according to most, the bust budget rye you can find. Used in countless bars, Old Overholt is everything you want in a rye without having to shell out too much. Black pepper and other spice notes make for a flavorful, somewhat intense whiskey that goes perfectly in pretty much any rye cocktail you can think of.





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Wild Turkey 81 Rye (\$20)

A bit rarer than Old Overholt, but well worth it if you happen upon it on the shelf. Wild Turkey's 81 Rye is sweet on the front before displaying the characteristic rye spice notes. A little lower in alcohol than other spirits on this list (81 Rye clocks in at 40.5% ABV), it still packs a flavorful punch, bolstered by Alligator Char in the barrels, which imparts a little smokiness to the liquid.



Scotch Whisky

Speyburn Braden Orach Single Malt Scotch (\$20)

Scotch is by far the hardest category to find a bottle under twenty bucks. They are there, but more often than not it's like going to a buffet—just because the tray of chicken wings is there, doesn't mean you need to eat forty of them. Anyway, you get the point. Braden Orach mean "Golden Salmon" (you can see why they went with what they did) that is redolent of apples and honey with a palate that is vanilla and honey before a spicy finish.

Canadian Whisky

Canadian Club Reserve (\$20)

Because of Prohibition, it was only in the last few decades that bourbons overtook Canadian whiskeys as the top seller in the United States. I kid you not. While Americans were cleaning out their bathtubs to cook up some gin and finding spots in the mountains to set up their stills, Canadian whisky makers were chugging away, growing with every year. CC Reserve is full of sweet toffee and oak notes, a result of a longer aging process than the brand's other expressions. Better for cocktails than straight, it's a formidable Canadian whisky for the price.

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