



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.

It's hard to believe that Highland Park have only been bottling their own whiskies since 1979, starting with this, the 12-year-old. Highland Park is Scotland's most northerly distillery and is situated in the Orkney islands.

I like this Whisky a lot and would put it in a similar tasting bracket to Isle of Jura's Superstition, it has smoke, but not "in your face smoke" like some of the Islay whiskies. In fact, I would say that it has more peat flavor than smoke.

I highly recommend that you buy this, it has such great flavors for a relatively inexpensive single malt.

To know more about the Highland Park distillery, refer to issue 5 Posted on my website.

You can buy Highland Park 12-year-old for around \$45.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Floral, citrus & honey

Palate - Smokey sweetness, hint of orange

Finish - Smoke with a little heat

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





Highland Park continues travel retail exclusive range roll-out (Moody report)

Highland Park is to release the final three expressions from its travel retail exclusive The Warrior Series range globally, with the roll-out set to be completed next month.

The range was originally [unveiled in February](#), with the first three bottles - Svein, Einar and Harald - going on sale soon after that. The entire range draws on the Norse heritage and historical figures associated with the distillery's Orkney Islands home.

The final three expressions were previously exclusive to European travel retail, and are being released through global travel retail from early September. Sigurd, the fourth in this range of single malt whiskies, will be released first, closely followed by Ragnvald. Thorfinn will hit shelves around the world in October.



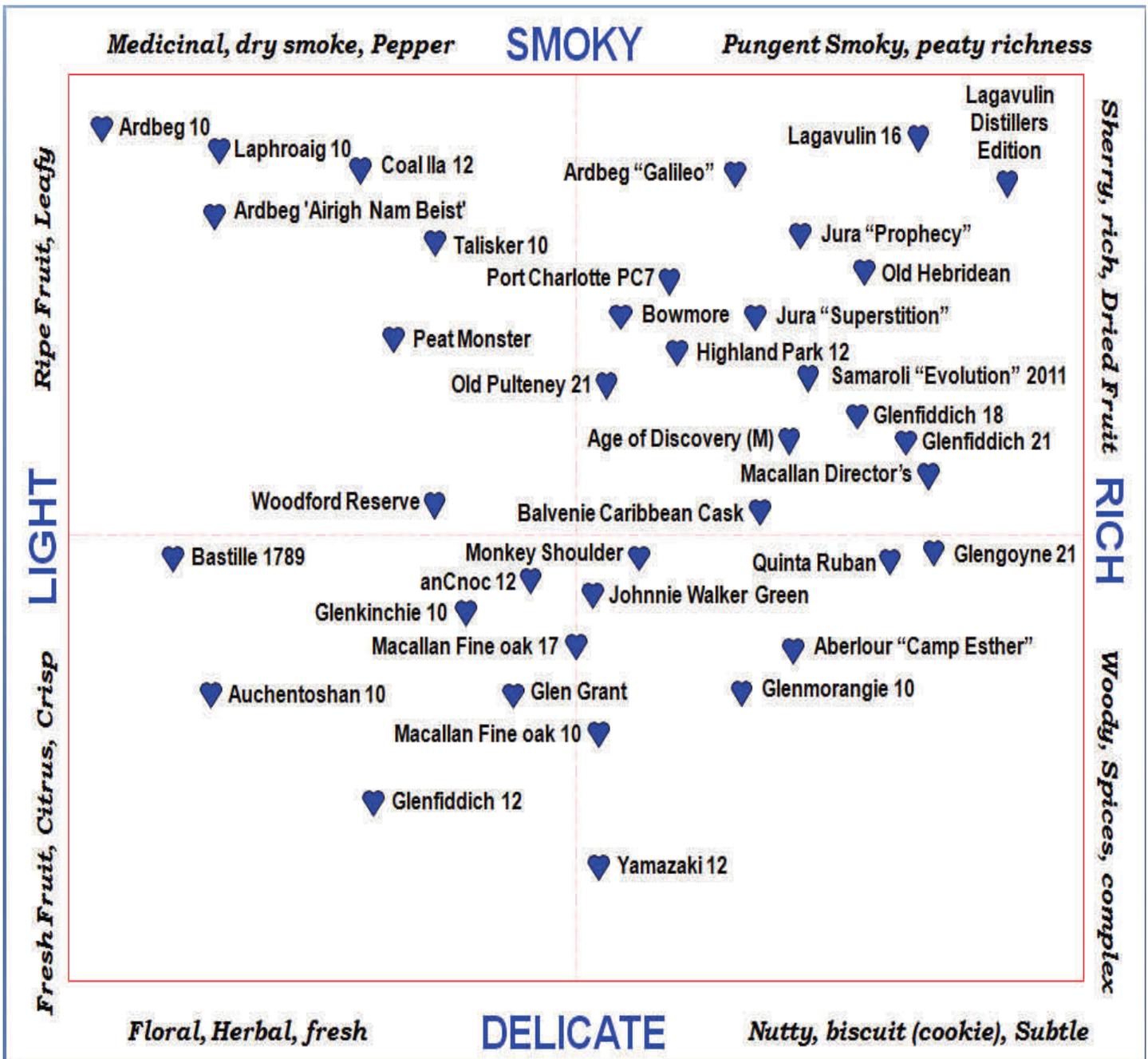
All six single malts from The Warrior Series range

Carrying no age statements, the single malts are driven collectively by their flavour, with increasing quantity of European oak sherry seasoned casks as the range progresses. This allows Sigurd, Ragnvald and Thorfinn to deliver more complex, richer and sweeter flavour, adding to the distinctive smoky character of Highland Park whiskies.

As the range progresses, the style of the packaging also reflects the specific casks used in each expression and the scarcity and rarity of the whisky. Both Sigurd and Ragnvald are presented in decorative wooded boxes, while Thorfinn comes housed in a striking piano black box with distinctive gold detailing. **(Cont. on page 4)**



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; Highland Park 12-year-old. For more information go to <http://www.highlandpark.co.uk>





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Einar, Svein and Harald all won Gold at the Scotch Whisky Masters Awards 2013, while at the 6th International Wine & Spirits Competition Svein took a Gold medal, with Harald and Einar both receiving Silver Outstanding awards.

Highland Park Global Marketing Manager Gerry Tosh said: “The initial introduction of The Warrior Series has been extremely positive and the recent accolades highlight just how strong the individual whiskies are.



Thorfinn and Ragnvald are the final two expressions in the range

“We’re confident that the final three expressions in the series will further bolster Highland Park’s position in the travel retail arena, this eye catching collection not only looks spectacular but we are confident that the whisky will continue to grow our award-winning reputation.”

Maxxium Travel Retail Managing Director Glen Williams added: “The Warrior Series has been one of Maxxium’s most successful travel retail launches and has already exceeded our own expectations. Completing the range is very exciting as we now have the opportunity to replicate this success with the new expressions.”



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THE STORIES BEHIND THE NAMES

Sigurd - considered amongst the strongest and most courageous warriors, and ultimately one of the most feared Viking earls featured in the Orkneyinga Saga.

Ragnvald - arguably the most famous and pioneering of all Vikings to enter uncharted waters. Nephew of Earl Magnus, Ragnvald was most at home aboard his longship undertaking his many great expeditions throughout the Middle East and even Asia.

Thorfinn was a man of much power and influence, who at one stage controlled the whole of the Orkney Islands. The Orkneyinga Saga described him as a great chief, the tallest and strongest of men whose remains are buried in St Magnus Cathedral on Orkney.

TASTING NOTES AND PRICING

Sigurd - €150

ABV: 43%

Appearance: Autumnal gold, clear and bright

Bouquet: Fresh hay bales, mango, golden syrup sponge, caramelised pineapple and a fragrant smokiness

Palate: Sweet lemon peel, spicy cinnamon bark, oaky woodiness and hint of lavender

Finish: Spicy smokiness with lingering dusty wood notes

Ragnvald - €400

ABV: 44.6%

Appearance: Medium russet, clear and bright

Bouquet: Ripe damsons, oriental spices, candied peel and night scented stock

Palate: Well-balanced smoke and sweet, grated nutmeg, vanilla pods and high cocoa chocolate

Finish: Complex lingering gingery spiciness and smoke.

Thorfinn - €1,000

ABV: 45.1%

Appearance: Dark russet, clear and bright

Bouquet: Cedarwood, camphor, mango, coriander, spicy smokiness and vanilla pods

Palate: Very complex, ginger root to the fore followed by smoked oak.

Finish: Complex lingering spiciness and smoke.