



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine 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. "Slainte."

In this issue I look at Samaroli 'Evolution' 2011, which I tasted at "Botega" restaurant in Yountville, California. This is a superb tasting whisky, and at the moment I have it at No.1 on my best whiskies of 2013 list, which comes out in January 2014. Very possibly my No.1 of all time!!!

A relative newcomer to America, this is a vatted malt (not a blend); a marriage of many fine single malt whiskies ranging in age from 10 to over 40-years-old, with whiskies from as far back as 1957.

The "Evolution" is married in special sherry and American oak casks and the whiskies come from distilleries such as Bowmore, Glenlivet, and Bunnahabhain (for a full list of the whiskies and their ages see page 2). The result is a luxurious whisky that melts in your mouth (or at least that's how I'd describe it), it is just one of the best whiskies I've tasted.

You can buy Samaroli 'Evolution' 2011 for around \$300.00 a bottle. If money was no object, this is what I would buy.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Sherry, apples & figs

Palate - Spicy baked apple, fig and very slightly smoky

Finish - Long, elegant, Fruit compote

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





The following review is taken from K&L wines <http://www.klwines.com/detail.asp?sku=1089341>

Samaroli Evolution 2011 Multi Vintage Pure Malt Scotch Whisky 750ml—price \$319.00

“Well, this is an outrageous one from the preeminent Italian bottler, Samaroli. The Evolution 2011 is a vatting of incredibly old single malt from Scotland's artisan distilleries chosen exclusively for their traditional production methods. The blend of single malts is allowed to mellow harmoniously over the years, and with each bottling new malts are added.

The oldest whisky in the vatting clocks in well over 40 years old, and it includes many of Scotland's hardest to find malts. This is truly a special whisky representing a style no longer being produced by most blenders. While each is only represented in small portions, the single malts within this vatting are unprecedented in their rarity.

The blend includes: '57 Mortlach, '59, '62, '65 Springbank, '64 Bruichladdich, '67 Laphroaig Sherry, '68, '71 Glenlivet Sherry, '70 Laphroaig, '71 Glen Garioch Sherry, '73 Longrow, '74 Longrow Sherry, '74 Ardbeg, '75 Glen Garioch, '76 Ardbeg, '77 Ardmore, '77 Caol Ila, '78 Talisker Sherry, '79 Springbank Sherry, '79 Glen Grant Sherry, '80 Highland Park Sherry, '81 Port Ellen, '84 Highland Park, '85 Springbank Sherry, '87 Longrow, '88 Lagavulin and '89 Bowmore.”

SAMAROLI

Since 1968

No Age
DECLARED

Multi Vintage

Pure Malt Scotch Whisky

EVOLUTION 2011

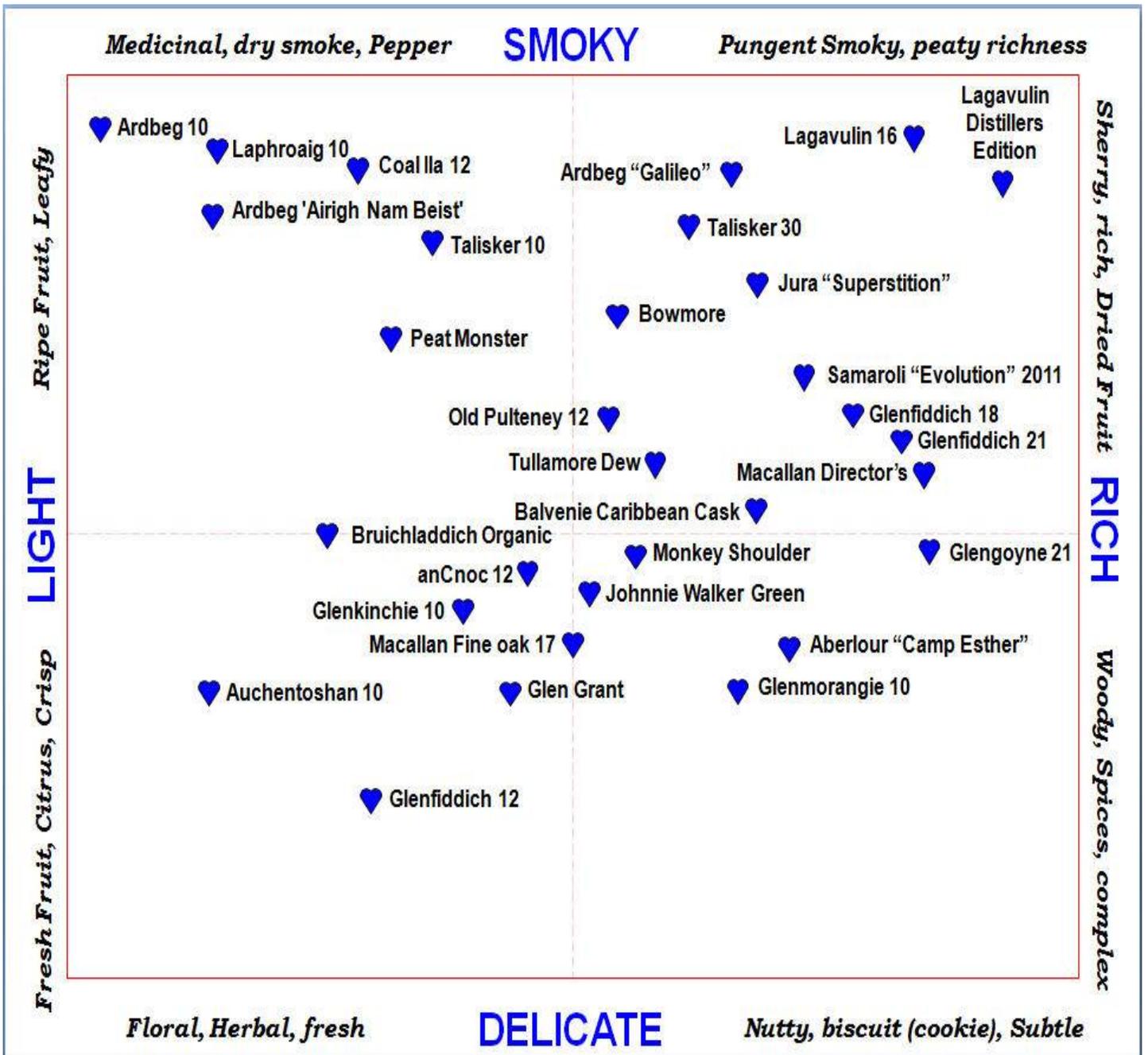
31/42 Years 2.5% Each - 1957 Mortlach - 1959 Springbank - 1962 Springbank -
1964 Bruichladdich Sherry - 1965 Springbank - 1967 Laphroaig Sherry - 1968 The
Glenlivet Sherry - 19/28 Years 5% Each - 1970 Laphroaig - 1971 The Glenlivet
Sherry - 1971 Glen Garioch Sherry - 1973 Longrow - 1974 Longrow Sherry - 1974
Ardbeg - 1975 Glen Garioch - 1976 Ardbeg - 1977 Ardmore - 1977 Caol Ila -
1978 Talisker Sherry - 1979 Springbank Sherry - 1979 Glen Grant Sherry - 1980
Highland Park - 1981 Port Ellen - 10/15 Years 3.5% Each - 1984 Highland Park
- 1985 Springbank Sherry - 1987 Longrow - 1988 Lagavulin - 1989 Bowmore

ALC. 45% BY VOL. (90PROOF) 750 ML
DISTILLED AND BOTTLED IN SCOTLAND

Silvano Samaroli, has been selecting and bottling the world's greatest whiskies since 1968.



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your 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; [Samaroli 'Evolution' 2011](#) For more information go to www.samaroli.it/selezioniUSA.asp





Bottega Restaurant <http://www.botteganapavalley.com/index.html>

On the way back through Napa Valley California on Valentines weekend, Tracey and I stopped at Bottega Restaurant for lunch. As we had a long way to travel, we decided to save time by eating at the bar. We had seen this restaurant and it's famous chef, *[Michael Chiarello](#), on television and wanted to try the food ourselves. The food did not disappoint; the octopus was great, the Brussel sprouts were better, and the raviolo was outstanding. The service was quick, professional and friendly. The bar has a small, but nice selection of single malt scotches as well, which pleased me. In particular was this issue's featured scotch; the Samaroli "Evolution" 2011.

I had never seen this whisky before, never mind tasted it. While I was busy reading the label, Tracey said "You should try it if you haven't tasted it before". I asked the price of a shot, and she replied "\$55.00, but you should get one, you may never see it again."

So I did try it and it was a delight to savor such a fine whisky with the superb lunch we were having. A tasty lunch, a superb scotch and lovely company!!



*[Chef Chiarello](#) is acclaimed chef, Emmy-winning host of Food Network's Easy Entertaining, tastemaker behind NapaStyle, and proprietor of Chiarello Family Vineyards, as well as a longtime Napa Valley resident.

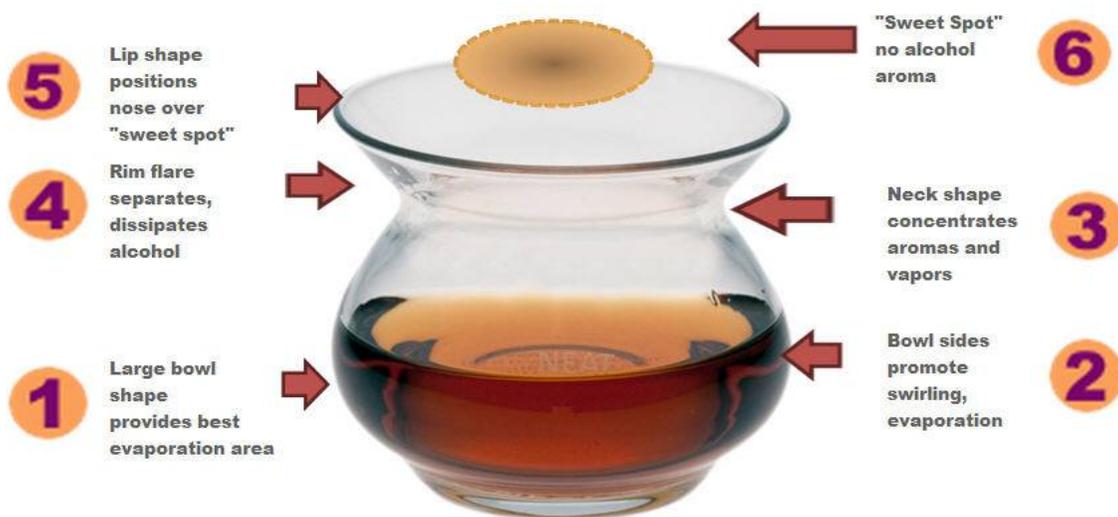
Bottega showcases Chiarello's signature bold Italian flavors with a refined twist. Bottega's menu highlights the bounty of artisanal and house made ingredients, as well as local produce. Bottega is part of the historic Vintage Estates, located in one of the oldest wineries in the Napa Valley, and is open for lunch, dinner, and after dinner.



The NEAT Glass enhances aroma and taste

<http://www.theneatglass.com/Home.html>

What is the Shape of Flavor?



Follow 1 thru 6 to understand the shape of flavor process

Definition of Flavor: ['flā-vər] noun. blend of taste and smell sensations evoked by a substance in the mouth <the flavor of whiskey> A thousand aromas, six tastes. Inseparable, they define flavor. The total impression includes mouthfeel, from sensors that detect oily, dry, hot, cold, and textural attributes.

Evaporation = The engine that powers aromas to the nose aided by large evaporation area and vigorous swirling. Without evaporation, there is nothing to smell.

The vapors concentrate in the narrowed neck as the evaporated molecules pass through to the open atmosphere or your nose. The lightest vapor, ethanol alcohol diffuses and dissipates when released in the rim flare area. No more nose burn, numbness, whiplash. The nose is free to detect,