



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 whiskies I am tasting. "Slange"

To honor St. Patrick's Day and the Irish, our Celtic cousins, in this issue I am featuring Bushmills 10 year old. Considered the benchmark Irish single malt, this has a far greater depth of flavor than standard Irish blends. Winner of the 'Best Irish Single Malt Whiskey in the World' at last year's World Whiskies Awards. I did my sampling in McMullen's Irish Pub located adjacent to the Orleans Hotel and Casino here in Las Vegas. I found this whiskey to be mellow and pleasant to drink, so if you decide to be Irish for a day and celebrate this March 17th, I can recommend this whiskey.

Tasting Notes;

Color - Light Gold

Nose - Honey, Ripe Fruit, Sherry, Almonds

Palate - Cocoa, Raisins, Almonds, Spice

Finish - Toffee, Fudge, Cocoa, Sherry

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For more information on this event go to <http://www.snsoc.com>

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 <http://www.scot-talks.com>

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





A wee bit of History

St. Patrick's Day

The Irish Society of Boston organized what was not only the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies, but is believed to be the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the world on 18 March 1737. (The first parade in Ireland did not occur until 1931 in Dublin.) This parade in Boston involved Irish immigrant workers marching to make a political statement about how they were not happy with their low social status and their inability to obtain jobs in America.

The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was held in 1766, and in 1780, General George Washington, who commanded soldiers of Irish descent in the Continental Army, allowed his troops a holiday on 17 March "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence."

Irish patriotism in New York City continued to soar and the parade in New York City continued to grow. Irish aid societies were created like Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Hibernian Society and they marched in the parades too. Finally when many of these aid societies joined forces in 1848 the parade became not only the largest parade in the United States but one of the largest in the world.

In every year since 1991, March has been proclaimed Irish-American Heritage Month by the US Congress or President due to the date of St. Patrick's Day. Today, Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike. It is one of the leading days for consumption of alcohol in the United States, and is typically one of the busiest days of the year for bars and restaurants. Many people, regardless of ethnic background, wear green clothing and items.

Traditionally, those who are caught not wearing green are pinched affectionately.

Seattle and other cities paint the traffic stripe of their parade routes green. Chicago dyes its river green and has done so since 1962 when sewer workers used green dye to check for sewer discharges and had the idea to turn the river green for Saint Patrick's Day. Originally 100 pounds of vegetable dye was used to turn the river green for a whole week but now only forty pounds of dye is used and the color only lasts for several hours. Indianapolis also dyes its main canal green. Savannah dyes its downtown city fountains green.



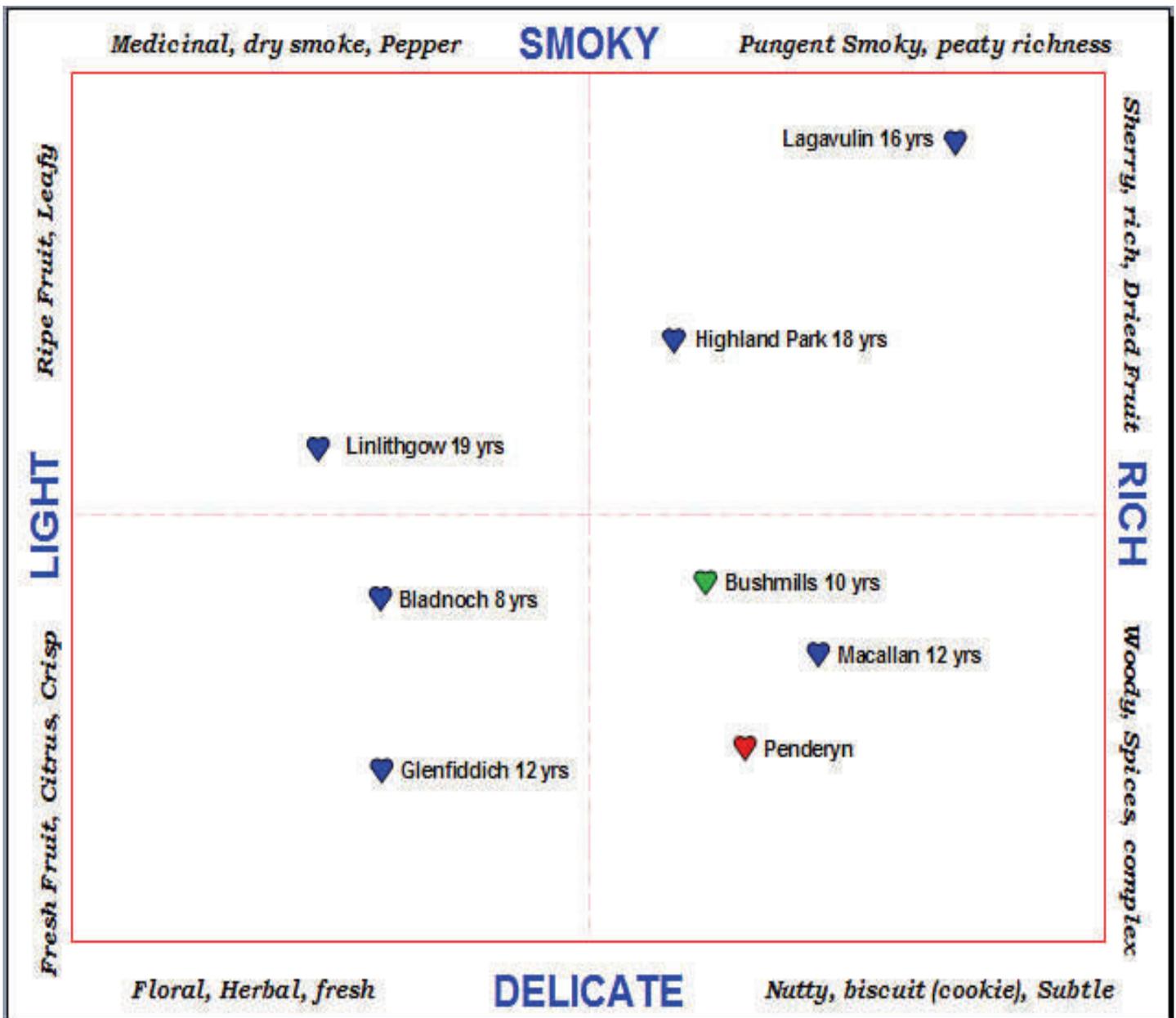
Irish proverb

Chicago

“What butter and whiskey will not cure, there's no cure for.”



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; **Bushmills 10 year old**. For more information on Bushmills whiskies go to <http://www.bushmills.com>





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ENTERTAINMENT

Finnegan's Wake, **Killian's Angels** and **Darby O'Gill and the little People** are scheduled to perform during the festival. We're also planning performances by the **Martin Percival Irish Dancers**, a whiskey tasting contest, Irish food demonstrations and "Crazy Knees" contests. **Jimmy Ray**, a Johnny Cash tribute artist, will also feature.

PARADE— MARCH 19

The parade is from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 19, along Water Street in downtown Henderson. This year's parade theme is "**Shamrocks and Sheleighlies.**" Trophies will be awarded for Best of Theme, Prettiest, Greenest and Most Original. Trophy presentation will be held at 1 p.m. March 19 at the Henderson Events Plaza Amphitheater.

CAR SHOW—MARCH 19

The Hustlers' Car club of Las Vegas is planning a car show from noon to 5 p.m. on Water Street after the parade.

Southern Nevada Sons of Erin is on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Southern-Nevada-Sons-of-Erin/393327472237>

This year, proceeds from the parade and festival will benefit the **St. Baldrick's Foundation**. St. Baldrick's funds childhood cancer research. Every year, hundreds of people from across the Las Vegas Valley shave their heads to raise money and show support for the young cancer patients. The event is slated for March 5 at McMullan's Irish Pub.

