



Time to look at some of my current favorite whiskies, my top 10 from 2015.

(10) Glenfiddich 14-year-old

From Dufftown in the heart of Speyside. Not quite on a par with the wonderful 15-year-old, but a great addition to the range.

Featured in issue 123, December 2015.

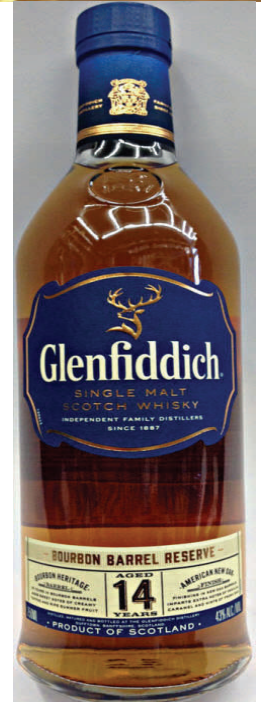
Approximate Cost per bottle - \$50.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Vanilla, citrus, caramel

Palate - Toffee, pear, baked apple

Finish - Long, sweet, oak & fruit



(9) Highland Park “Dark Origin”

This whisky has no age statement (NAS), is bottled at 46.8% and is non-chill Filtered. I’m a big fan of Highland Park whiskies and this new one is a Standout, highly recommended.

Featured in issue 97, November 2014.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$90.00

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Cocoa, cinnamon, vanilla & liquorice

Palate - Light peat & chocolate orange

Finish - Long with heathery smoke & a little chocolate





(8) Lagavulin 16 year old

From the Island of Islay (Isla) off the west coast of Scotland. Another constant in my whisky cabinet and a favorite of many decades.

Featured in issue 3, December 2010.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$75.00

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Smoke, Chocolate, flowery

Palate - Dry, Sweet, Smokey, Peaty

Finish - long, elegant peat-filled finish with lots of salt and seaweed



(7) Bruichladdich Octomore 6.1

From the island of Islay (Islay) the best tasting 5-year-old you'll ever taste . I still can't believe it's that young, Superb whisky.

Featured in issue 109, May 2015.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$140.00

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Peat smoke with cracked black peppercorn & heather

Palate - Peat smoke, malt, stewed apple

Finish - Long, long finish with smoke & peat





(6) Ardbeg "Supernova"

The third release under the Supernova name, this whisky (Supernova 2014) celebrates the return to earth of The Ardbeg/Nasa Space experiment of maturing whisky in space.

Featured in issue 114, July 2015.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$195.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Peat, smoke & dark chocolate

Palate - Peat, smoke, dark chocolate, coffee & spice

Finish - Sweet smoke, peat & dark chocolate



(5) Glenfiddich 15-year-old

From Dufftown in the heart of Speyside. In my opinion, the best tasting whisky (against price), on the market today a constant in my whisky cabinet.

Featured in issue 11, April 2011.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$55.00

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Rich, spicy with oak & a small amount of peat

Palate - Honey, Pears, coffee, Spice with oak & chocolate.

Finish - Dry and spicy with some pepper





(4) Bruichladdich “Black Art”

This is a spectacularly good whisky, which is annoying, as they are not going to make it anymore, or at least that’s the last I heard. So if you see it, And can afford it, buy it. If you don’t like it, after you buy it, invite me round to your house and I’ll drink it for you.

Featured in issue 88, June 2014.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$200.00

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Dried fruits, cherries, oak

Palate - Dried fruits, cherries, smoke, baked apple

Finish - Cherries, smoke, some brine



(3) Springbank 15-year-old from the Campbeltown

Region (once proclaimed the ‘whisky capital of the world’) of Scotland. This is an outstanding whisky, I like this a great deal, highly recommended.

Featured in issue 110, May 2015.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$100.00.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Dark chocolate, Christmas cake, almonds, toffee

Palate - Raisins, dark chocolate, marzipan & vanilla

Finish - Long with vanilla, Oak, sherry & cocoa





(2) Kininvie 23-year-old from the Speyside region of Scotland. This is a stunning whisky, light and delicate. Unfortunately, it is not cheap and is also hard to come by, with only 1200 half bottles released to the US market.

Featured in issue 88, June 2014.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$330.00 (a half Bottle).

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Ripe peaches and kiwi

Palate - Sweet peaches & cream with light oak

Finish - Long with sweet peach



(1) Macallan 'M' from the Speyside region of Scotland. The worlds most expensive whisky ever sold (not this size bottle, but a magnum), which sold for \$631,850. The only whisky to ever give me goosebumps and make the hair on my neck and arms stand up when I tasted it.

Featured in issue 124, December 2015.

Approximate Cost per bottle - \$5000.00.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Dark chocolate, Christmas cake, almonds, toffee

Palate - Raisins, dark chocolate, marzipan & vanilla

Finish - Long with vanilla, Oak, sherry & cocoa





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. In this issue of the newsletter, I only have my top ten whiskies of 2015 listed.

