



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 am merely expressing my opinion on the whiskies I am tasting, as you know, everybody has one.

I now look at the Wolfburn "Northland" single malt, which I tasted in the bar of the Ardshiel hotel in Campbeltown, Scotland.

This is a no age statement (NAS) non-chill filtered single malt, which comes in at 46%.

This is obviously a young whisky, I say obviously because they only started building the distillery in August of 2012.

Having said that, there is nothing about this whisky, that would indicate that it is only 3-years-old, there is nothing harsh or hot in this whisky, this is a whisky that if I were to taste it blind, I would have said was much older. Very smooth with a hint of peat, that it gets from having part of the distillate being matured in quarter casks from Islay.

Would I buy it? Probably not. Why not? I'm having a problem with the price, there are a great many whiskies that you can buy for this price.

I am keen to see how Woldburn's whiskies develop, this is a great start and with a few more years of maturation, we could be in for some stunning whiskies.

[You can buy Wolfburn "Northland" for around \\$60.00 a bottle.](#)

Tasting Notes

Nose - Apple with a hint of smoke

Palate - Honey, melon, cereal & peat

Finish - Long & honey'd

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





Wolfburn Distillery

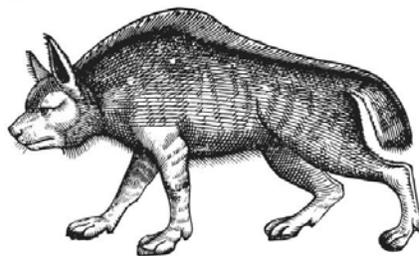
In 1821 William Smith founded a distillery on the outskirts of Thurso and named it Wolfburn after the watercourse it drew from, “burn” being the Scots word for stream or small river.

The distillery was constructed from hardy local Caithness flagstone and the remains of its foundations can still be seen today. Smith invested heavily in Wolfburn and it quickly became a significant producer of malt whisky – tax records from the early 19th Century show it being the largest distillery in Caithness. In 1826 its annual production was 28,056 “Total Gallons of Proof Spirt” – roughly 125,000 litres.

The new Wolfburn distillery building is just a short walk along the burn from the old site towards the sea.

In May 2011 one of our team went to locate the site of the old Wolfburn Distillery in Thurso, Caithness. After 150 years of neglect what we found was a barely discernible pile of stones, but one thing remained from the yesteryears of Wolfburn distillery; the water. The cold clear waters that fed the mash tun and stills all those years ago were still flowing just as they always had, and if the Wolf Burn was still there then we reckoned the whisky could be too.

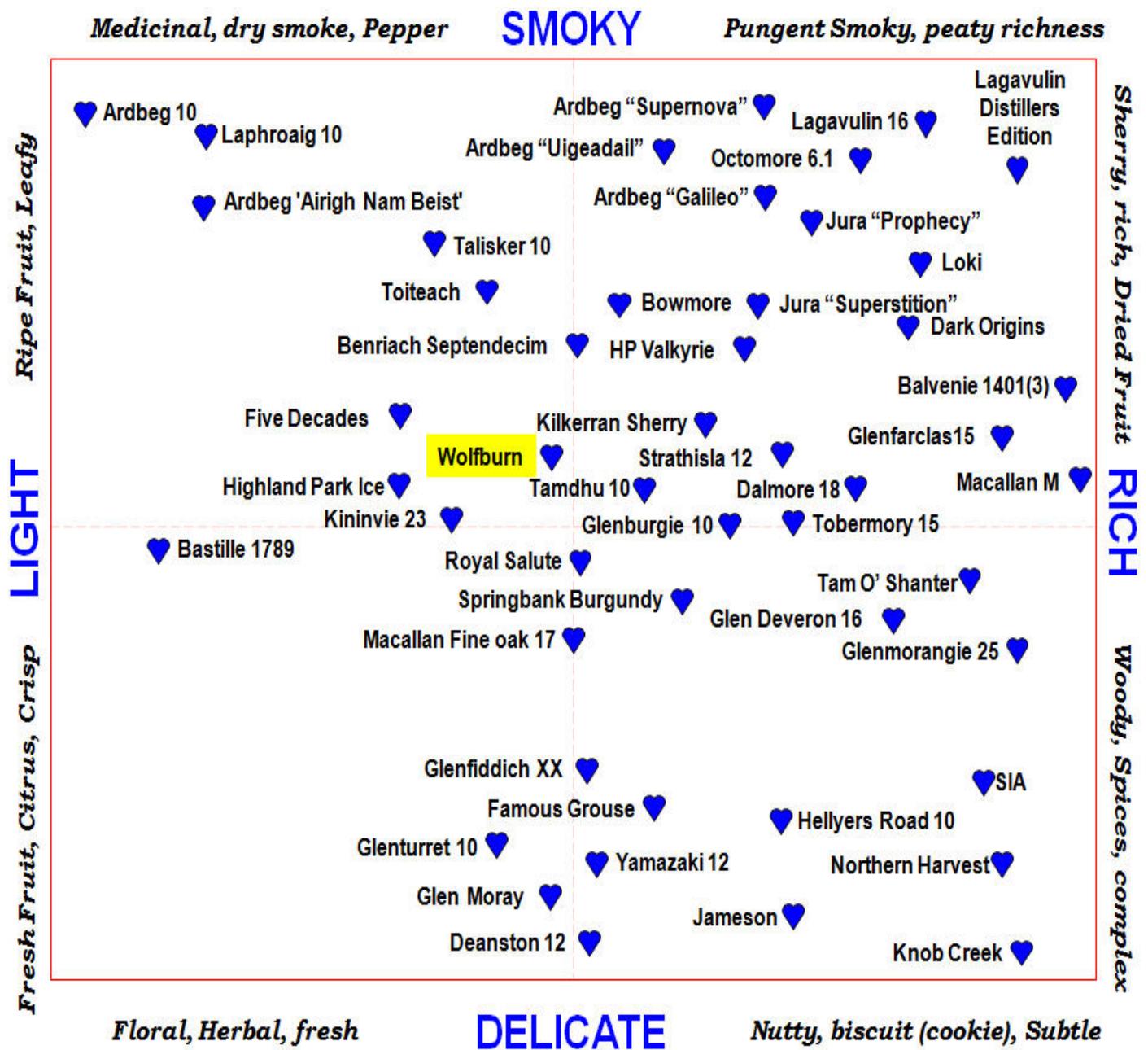
A short walk downstream from the old site we found a small flat piece of land carpeted with thistles. We could take just a little of the water each day and once again turn it into whisky. The purchase of the land was finalized in May 2012 and the first ground was broken a few months later in early August. Things were on the move, plans were being drawn up, equipment was being sourced from far and wide and by the end of September the structures of the new buildings were beginning to take shape. Wolfburn released its first single malt in March 2016.



The Wolfburn logo was designed in 2011 and is taken from a drawing by Konrad Gesner, the 16th Century linguist and zoologist, and appears in his work *The History of Four-footed Beasts and Serpents*. In Gesner’s day the wolf was a common sight in the far north of Scotland and on the coast it was said to have a supernatural relative: the sea-wolf. The sea-wolf is also said to bring good luck to all those fortunate enough to see it.



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; [Wolfburn "Northland."](#) For more information go to; <https://wolfburn.com>





New Scotch distilleries share their plans for single malt

By Jonny McCormick

By our calculations, thirteen 21st century Scotch whisky distilleries could have whiskies ready to graduate to the bottle* in 2018 (or shortly before), but will they pass the test? At the top of our list are the resurgent distillers in the Scottish Lowlands, with others scattered across the Highlands, Islands, and Speyside. We asked every distiller to tell Whisky Advocate their plans for their inaugural releases, including their expected U.S. debut. We assess the future of Scottish whisky, and those that might be held back.

*New spirit filled into oak can legally be called Scotch whisky after 3 years.

ANNANDALE DISTILLERY—LOWLAND

Under the guidance of the late Dr. Jim Swan, peated and unpeated spirit was laid down at this restored historic distillery in Dumfries & Galloway.

First spirit run: November 2014

First single malt available: Cask #2014/001 of Man o' Words unpeated whisky was bottled on November 15, 2017, the day it turned 3 years old, with peated whisky following later.

U.S. debut: 2018

ARBIEKIE DISTILLERY—HIGHLAND

Owned by the fourth generation of the Stirling family, Arbikie takes a traditional approach to farming and the distillation of homegrown artisanal spirits.

First spirit run: August 2015

First single malt available: 2029

U.S. debut: 2029

ARDNAMURCHAN DISTILLERY—HIGHLAND

The pride and joy of independent bottler Adelphi, this westerly distillery with strong environmental credentials has been releasing tasty expressions of its maturing spirit since 2016.

First spirit run: 2014

First single malt available: 2020-2021

U.S. debut: 2020-2021



BALLINDALLOCH DISTILLERY—SPEYSIDE

A new landmark in Speyside, Prince Charles opened this single-estate distillery built by the Macpherson-Grants on the grounds of Ballindalloch Castle.

First spirit run: 2014

First single malt available: 2023

U.S. debut: Undetermined

DAFTMILL DISTILLERY—LOWLAND

A farm distillery run seasonally by the Cuthbert brothers, using their own malted barley. Twelve years in, we're still waiting patiently on this enigmatic distiller—but not for much longer.

First spirit run: 2005

First single malt available: Daftmill signed a distribution agreement with Berry Bros. & Rudd in late 2017, but has not yet set a date for its first release.

U.S. debut: Undetermined

DALMUNACH DISTILLERY—SPEYSIDE

This spectacular Chivas Brothers distillery has eight Forsyths-built copper pot stills capable of producing ten million liters of alcohol per year.

First spirit run: 2014

First single malt available: None planned; output is currently used for Chivas Brothers' blends.

U.S. debut: None planned

EDEN MILL—LOWLAND

A pocket-sized distillery and brewery built by Paul Miller inside a former paper mill near St Andrews; Eden Mill hopes to be the first to return single malt whisky to the area in over 150 years.

First spirit run: 2014

First single malt available: December 2017 (1,600 sets of five 50ml expressions will be available); full bottles in June 2018

U.S. debut: September 2018

GLASGOW DISTILLERY CO.—LOWLAND

Scotland's most metropolitan distillery has been experimenting with maturing their spirit in bourbon, sherry, port, Sauternes, and Madeira casks.

First spirit run: 2014

First single malt available: September 2018

U.S. debut: 2019



INCHDAIRNIE DISTILLERY—LOWLAND

A thoroughly efficient modern distillery; a single malt release could be over a decade away as they carefully assess maturing stocks.

First spirit run: December 2015

First single malt available: Undetermined

U.S. debut: Undetermined

ISLE OF HARRIS DISTILLERY—ISLAND

While we wait for Hearach single malt, this sociable distillery on the Outer Hebrides has become the heart of the community in Tarbert.

First spirit run: 2015

First single malt available: 2020

U.S. debut: 2021

KINGSBARN DISTILLERY—LOWLAND

The brainchild of former golf caddie Doug Clements and owned by Wemyss Malts, Kingsbarns will give their Founders' Club members access to the single malt three months ahead of the general release.

First spirit run: November 2014

First single malt available: September 2018

U.S. debut: September 2018

ROSEISLE DISTILLERY—SPEYSIDE

When it opened in 2010, Diageo's ten-million liter, fourteen-still Roseisle was the largest new scotch distillery in decades. Although it hasn't been released as a single malt, Roseisle distillate features as a component whisky in the [Diageo Special Releases 2017](#) Collectivum XXVIII blended malt and [Johnnie Walker Blenders' Batch Wine Cask Blend](#).

First spirit run: 2010

First single malt available: None planned

U.S. debut: None planned

STRATHEARN DISTILLERY—HIGHLAND

Located near Perthshire, Strathearn claims that it is "probably" Scotland's smallest distillery. This fall, two extremely limited single cask bottlings were sold through its website, following a small auction of 3 year old in 2016.

First spirit run: 2013

First single malt available: December 2016

U.S. debut: Undetermined

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