



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 its history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.

In this issue I look at Balvenie Tun 1509 batch 1. Following in the successful footsteps of its older sisters and keeping the fruit forward flavors alive, this new Balvenie is quite simply a superb dram.

This release is a no age statement, 47.1% abv, non-chill-filtered whisky comprised of seven European oak Sherry butts and 35 American oak barrels. After maturation in their respective barrels/butts the whiskies are married together for several months within Warehouse 24. Balvenie rarely puts a foot wrong with their whiskies, at least in my opinion, and David Stewart has produced another stunner. I believe I like this better than the 1401 batches 3 & 9, at least that's my first impression, it has the fruit, but to me is lighter and a little more elegant.

You can buy **Balvenie Tun 1509 batch 1** for around \$350.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Vanilla, orange with floral notes

Palate - Honey, citrus & cinnamon

Finish - Medium with raisins, pear and a little spice.



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"

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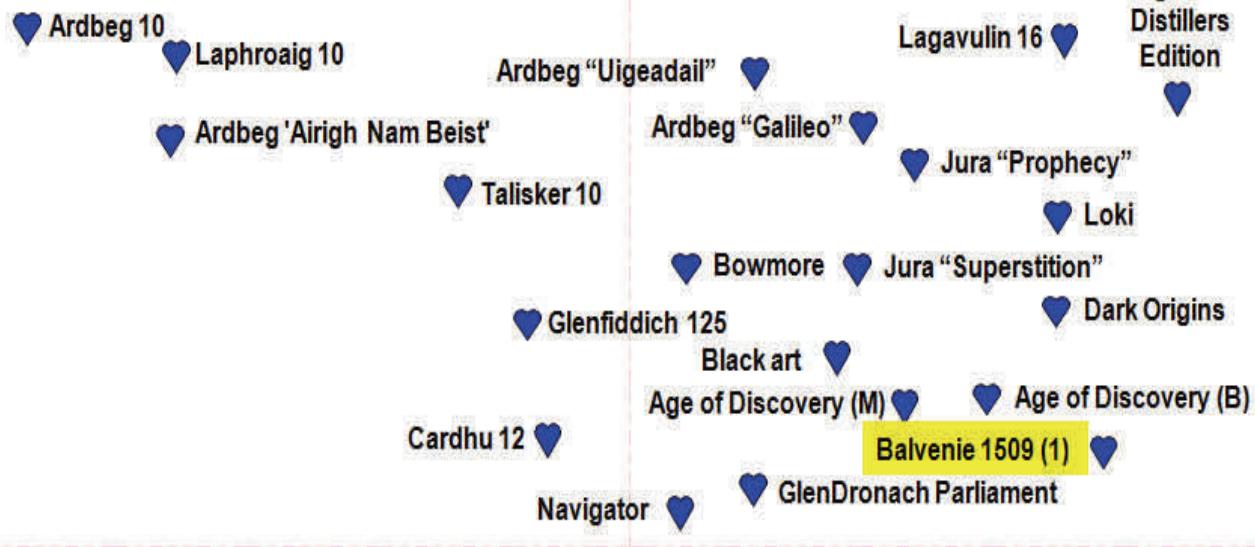
"Slange!"

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; Balvenie Tun 1509 batch 1. For more information go to <https://uk.thebalvenie.com>

Medicinal, dry smoke, Pepper

SMOKY

Pungent Smoky, peaty richness



Fresh Fruit, Citrus, Crisp

LIGHT

Fresh Fruit, Citrus, Crisp

Sherry, rich, Dried Fruit

RICH

Woody, Spices, complex

Floral, Herbal, fresh

DELICATE

Nutty, biscuit (cookie), Subtle



Saint Andrew's Day

Some facts about St Andrew

- St Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland
 - St Andrew is celebrated on 30 November
 - St Andrew's Day is a day to celebrate Scottish culture, food and dance
 - St Andrew's flag is the flag of Scotland (shown below)
 - The flag is in the form of a white X on a blue background and is commonly known as The Saltire
 - St Andrew's Societies celebrate Scottish culture around the world
 - St Andrew's Day is a bank holiday in Scotland but entitlement to leave depends on the employer
 - St Andrew is also the patron saint of Romania, Greece and Russia
 - Scotland is one of the few countries to have one of Christ's disciples as their patron saint
 - St Andrew was one of the Twelve Apostles (disciples of Jesus) and brother of St Peter
 - St Andrew is believed to have died on a diagonally transversed cross which the Romans sometimes used for executions and which, therefore, came to be called St Andrews Cross
 - St Andrew's Day is connected with Advent, which begins on the first Sunday after November 26
- St Andrew's Day marks the beginning of Scotland's winter festivals.





Happy 600th anniversary to St. Andrews University

<http://www.scotland.org/features/happy-600th-st-andrews>

Over six centuries it has established itself as one of Europe's leading centers for education and research - and most recently, of course, it was the place where Prince William met his future wife. Universities past

The history of university education in Scotland goes back to the earliest days of the European Renaissance. Independently minded artists and thinkers were re-examining the Greek and Roman Classics which had begun to flow back into the West from the Muslim world, preserved in Arabic translations throughout Europe's Dark Ages.

In 1413 Pope Benedict XIII issued a Papal Bull awarding university status to the existing school at St Andrews Cathedral, making it the first university in Scotland and one of only 24 in the world at the time.

St Andrews is consistently judged as world-class for teaching and research and is consistently placed as the top university in Scotland. It is currently ranked as the third best university in the UK, according to annual league tables produced by The Times, Sunday Times and The Guardian. The Times Higher Education World Universities Ranking named St Andrews among the world's Top 20 Arts and Humanities universities in 2010. It has maintained strong links with leading academic institutions in the United States and Canada, including members of the Ivy League. St Andrews has a diverse student body and cosmopolitan character due to more than 30 per cent of its students being from well over 100 countries - 15 per cent of the current student body coming from North America.

Anniversary Celebrations

As part of a weekend of celebrations 600th anniversary, Historic Scotland have planned a series of events giving insight into the experience of medieval pilgrims and other historical figures over the centuries.

"St Andrews is now known around the world as the place where Prince William met his future bride, but it was also the central focus of Scotland's religious power for centuries and as such was the chosen location for Scotland's first university founded in 1413. This is a great opportunity to discover what led up to the founding of the University and the turbulent events that followed."

