



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

I now give you my thoughts on the Scotch Malt Whisky Societies' "Slightly Wicked Sweet Treats" a 12-year-old whiskey, bottled at 61.3% ABV, which you would think would make it akin to 'rocket fuel', but actually that is most definitely not the case, the fiery burn you are expecting does not materialize.

This whisky has spent it's life in a 'refill ex-bourbon hogshead' and is a very exclusive bottling for the Scotch Malt Whisky Society with only 252 Bottles available.

I have to thank my friend Arthur, who was meant to come and visit with his lovely wife Pat, when they were down from Canada. Arthur was bringing this whisky with him, so we could try it together, unfortunately, as it does, fate stepped in and changed their plans.

So Arthur, ever the gentleman, sent the whisky to me so I could try it, this is my first taste of any of the Scotch Malt Whisky Societies whiskies and it was a treat. You weren't aware Arthur, that I have been debating (with myself) for a couple of years about joining the Malt Whisky Society, but my geographical location has held me back. Not that I couldn't join, but if I did, I'd really like to take advantage of some of their private clubs, none of which are close to where I live.

Final thought; if you see it, buy it!

You can buy 'Slightly Wicked Sweet Treats' for around \$70.00 a bottle.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Cinnamon, ginger & toffee

Palate - Toffee apple, plum & walnuts

Finish - Citrus, ginger, toffee & a little spice

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





The Scotch Malt Whisky Society

WHO WE ARE

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society is a club unlike any other. As well as being a place to connect with other like-minded whisky lovers, we are also internationally renowned for our mission: to provide our members with an adventurous and fun journey of discovery of the world's widest collection of single cask whiskies.

OUR BEGINNINGS

Our Society grew out of a few individuals' irrepressible spirit of discovery and adventure, which still drives us today.

Inspired by the unique character of a single malt whisky cask, purchased over 30 years ago from a Speyside distillery, this pioneering group of friends founded the Society in 1983 to buy more casks and share their discovery with like-minded adventurers.

WHAT WE DO

Each of our single cask whiskies must pass the uncompromising noses of our expert Tasting Panel – a secretive group of independent whisky connoisseurs from all walks of life – before being deemed worthy of an iconic Society green bottle.

The selection criteria are simple: quality and interest. All the Tasting Panel's work is performed with no information on age, origin or cask type, to ensure Society whiskies are always bottled when they are ready, whether young or old, Highland or Lowland, sherry casked or ex-bourbon.

OUR WHISKIES

All our whiskies are bottled at cask strength and are not subjected to chill filtration or any other interference, so members can enjoy their dram as if it were straight from the cask.

The net result is bottlings that often surprise, as well as delight, and which accurately reflect the remarkable variety in the craft of distillation, as well as the infinite complexities of wood, spirit and time, which can only be uncovered in a single cask bottling.

OUR UNIQUE BOTTLINGS

Our commitment to taking members on a journey of flavour sensations means our quest extends to coveted casks from "silent" distilleries that are no longer in operation, giving our adventurous members the opportunity to taste whiskies which may be gone forever.

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society <https://www.smws.com>



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; [Bushmills Sherry Cask](#). For more information on the Scotch Whisky Society go to <https://www.smws.com>





A man's tippie? Why women should drink whisky

By: Ella Buchan



Alwynne Gwilt, AKA Miss Whisky

DOES sexism still exist when it comes to alcohol? Blogger Alwynne Gwilt, AKA Miss Whisky, thinks so - especially when it comes to the brown stuff...

Johnny Lee Hooker lamented that "whisky and wimmen" were his downfall, while Don Draper and Co are constantly gulping the wheat grain based spirit from crystal glasses on Mad Men. But is whisky still considered a man's drink?

There's a lot of stigma attached to the notion that women don't like whisky and that it is a predominantly male drink

Former journalist Alwynne Gwilt, who set up the website misswhisky.com with the aim of making whisky more accessible to women, believes stereotypes do still exist when it comes to alcoholic drinks.

"There's a lot of stigma attached to the notion that women don't like whisky and that it is a predominantly male drink popularized by suave bachelors in trendy bars," says the 28-year-old.

"This is of course not the case as I was keen to open up the world of whisky to as many people as possible and celebrate this fantastic spirit."

She gives 10 reasons why women should scrap the notion of "a small glass of wine for the lady" and try whisky instead...



A man's tippie? Why women should drink whisky cont.

1. Far too many people still think whisky is a "manly" drink. Show them it's for everyone and that you're a trend leader.
2. It's great to 'be unexpected' – and it's a really good conversation starter!
3. Women are better at picking up the flavor and scent nuances that a complex whisky offers – show off your talented organoleptic side, girls!
4. Whisky is carb-free, unlike sugar loaded cream liqueurs and sweet wines.
5. It's a fabulous feeling to go up to a bar and confidently order your favourite whisky, knowing you are aware of just what you want.
6. Too many advertisements show women drinking sickly sweet drinks, as if this is the only thing our taste buds can handle. Help change attitudes that this isn't always the case.
7. Peggy Olsen would want you to.
8. There are umpteen choices when it comes to whisky meaning you can have a favourite for each season, just like your wardrobe, and family and friends will never run out of gift-giving ideas.
9. You're helping to turn the (still existent) "boys' club" on its head.
10. What better way to share a father-daughter moment this Father's Day than over a glass of whisky?

