



## 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. "Slainte."*

In this issue I look at Macallan Fine Oak 17 year old single malt scotch. No beating around the bush, if you can afford it, buy it, it's that good, this is a superlative whisky. I tasted this in the Sutter club in Sacramento recently. I had a bottle of the Macallan Fine Oak 10 year old a while back, and it was a drinkable scotch, but it didn't set my world on fire. This does just that, the extra 7 years of maturation on this whisky makes a world of difference. In part it reminds me of a lowland whisky, light and floral with citrus notes to me though most lowland whiskies come across as lightweight. This has the finer points of a lowlander, without any of the drawbacks, it's flavors really pop like a quality Speysider should.

If I have offended anyone with my talk of lightweight lowlanders, I apologize, this is just my opinion and I'm sure there are robust lowland Whiskies out there, I just haven't found them yet.

You can buy Macallan Fine Oak 17 year old for around \$140.00 a bottle.

### Tasting Notes;

**Nose** - Caramel, vanilla, flora, nuts,

**Palate** - Vanilla, citrus & toffee

**Finish** - Medium with a hint of orange

*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](http://www.scot-talks.com)*

*"Slainte Mhath"*

*Paul Bissett*





## McCallan cocktails (not something I'm inclined to do, but there may be someone out there)

### Mac N' Mary by Jason Navasartian

#### Ingredients

- 1 3/4 oz The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 Years Old
- 1/4 oz Green Chartreuse
- 1/2 oz Lemon juice
- 1/2 oz Rosemary and ginger-infused honey

Tea

#### Preparation

- Shake and strain into a highball glass filled with ice. Top with ginger beer and garnish with a rosemary sprig.



### Golden Promise by Jason Navasartian

#### Ingredients

- 2 oz The Macallan Fine Oak 10 Years Old
- 1/4 oz Drambuie
- 1/2 oz Carpano Antica Formula
- 1/4 oz Cinnamon Caramel Syrup

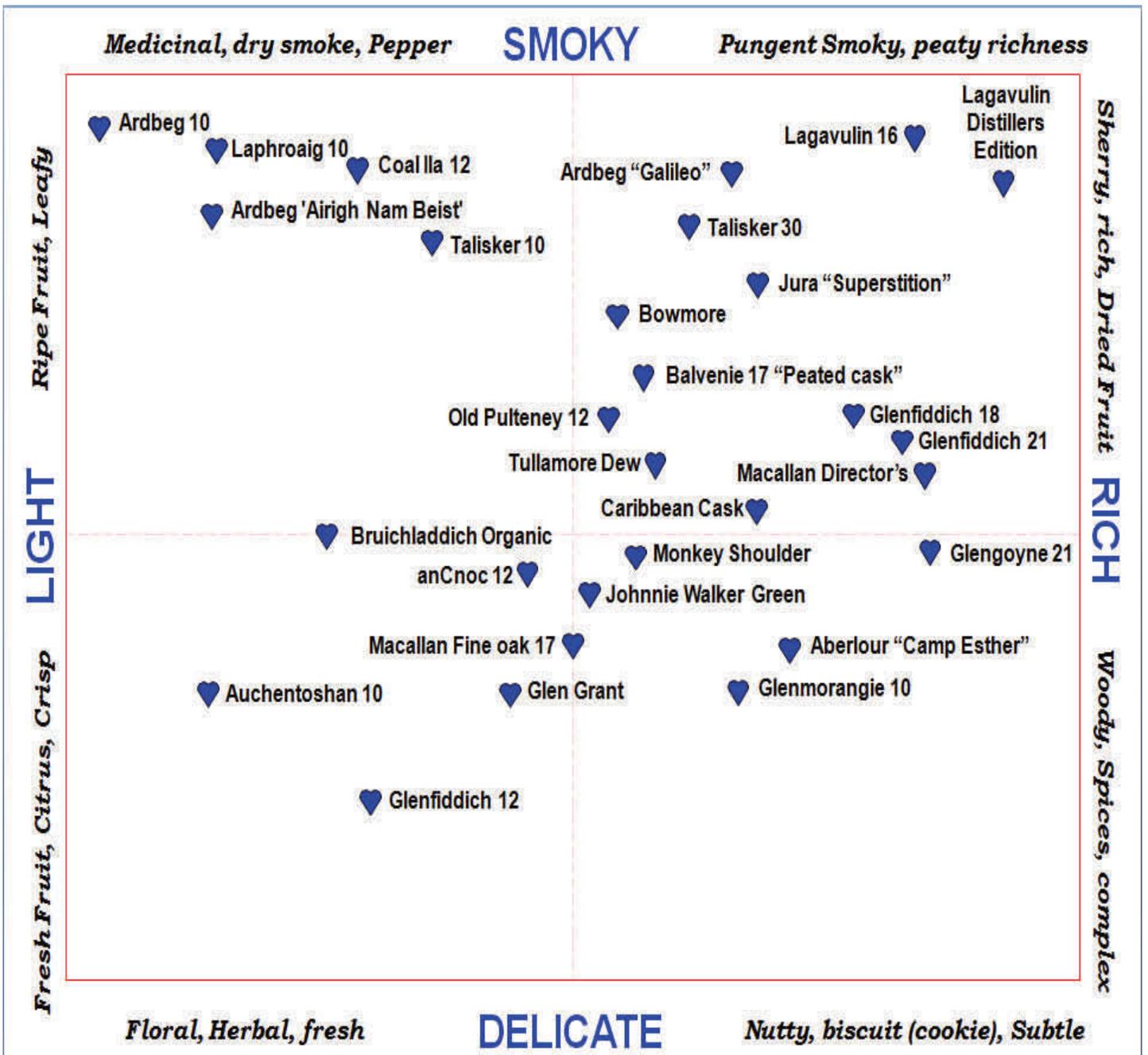
#### Preparation

- Stir and strain into a coupe. Garnish with an orange peel.





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; [Macallan Fine Oak 17 year old](#) For more information go to [www.themacallan.com](#)





## Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival 2013

<http://www.spiritofspeyside.com>

Scotland's Whisky Country will come to life again in 2013 when the Festival runs from 2nd - 6th May 2013.

The world-class five-day festival looks forward to welcoming committed connoisseurs and new initiates from across the world who want explore the traditions behind the unique Scottish tippie and discover the passion behind the world's finest whiskies.

A packed programme of events will ensure there is plenty on offer to suit every visitor's taste - from sipping single malts and drambling from distillery to distillery to watching wildlife, savouring the flavour of local food, getting to grips with challenging golf courses or dancing the night away at a local ceilidh.

Visitors will be able to discover the delights of the dram with tours and tastings at many of the area's 50+ distilleries (including exclusive access to distilleries usually closed to the public). There are plenty of opportunities to explore the outdoors against the beautiful backdrop of Speyside's spectacular scenery and uncover the spirited history of the region that was home to some of the first smugglers' stills.

Festival-goers can join a Whisky and Wildlife Walk to the top of Ben Rinnes, Speyside's "Whisky Mountain", with the chance to spot mountain hares and ptarmigan on their ascent; or they can join in the 'Wild About Scotland, Wild About Whisky' event at the Scottish Dolphin Centre on the mouth of the River Spey, where they can experience encounters with animals including Moray Firth dolphins, ospreys, otters, seals and more before sampling offerings from some of the best distilleries in the area.

Alternatively whisky lovers can follow in the footsteps of the Speyside smugglers, uncovering the secrets of the smugglers' trail as they enjoy guided Landrover or amphibious Argocat tours.

The Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival is also a truly family friendly festival with a wide range of attractions on offer to suit all ages. Youngsters are invited to have Sunday lunch on a steam train, watch the Mounted Cavalcade and Pipe Band Procession or enjoy activities at the Benromach Forres Family Fun Day.





## Sutter Club History

The Sutter Club was founded in January of 1889, after months of discussions and planning by the city's commercial, agricultural, governmental and social leaders. Nineteen months later the first rooms of the Sutter Club were formally opened in the "old pink building" – the California State Bank at Fourth and J Streets. Those were the days of dirt streets, no air conditioning and total city population of around 25,000.

Among our founders were the original "Forty Niners" – men who had come West to seek their fortune in the gold fields. Their children, first generation Californians, comprised the rest of the founding group. The Club made its home in the gracious rooms on the third and fourth floors of the bank for forty years.

Many of the city's leading businesses and legal firms were started by early members of the Sutter Club. Those companies and firms still thrive and have contributed two, three and four generations of members to the Sutter Club. Most of California's governors have belonged to the Sutter Club and have entertained friends and colleagues in our two buildings over the last century. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice Anthony Kennedy were also included in our roster of members.

In 1930 the present home of the Sutter Club was completed and opened for occupancy. Though the building has undergone many internal remodels, it has served the Club well for eighty years. During the 1930s and well into the 1960s, the Sutter Club was the social hub of Sacramento. Over the last quarter century, other facilities have come onto the scene to share in the tremendous growth of social and charitable activities which have arrived with Sacramento blossoming into a major metropolitan area.

The grace and dignity of the building has continued for eight decades. The special ambiance of the Sutter Club is still strong in its second century of existence. Our membership features those born in the early 1900s, in the 1980s and every decade in between. The Club survived the Depression, two World Wars and the turbulent sixties. It stands today as strong as it has ever been and looks to a future bright and as rich as its past.

**"I think a man ought to get drunk at least twice a year just on principle, so he won't let himself get snotty about it."**

**Raymond Chandler**