



## Object of the Newsletter

*To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky (and the drinking of it) amongst my friends and to spread the word on the joys of single malt. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting. "Slange."*

This issue I look at Glen Garioch (pronounced Glen Geery) founders Reserve, which I tasted at this years Las Vegas Celtic games in April.

Each year Ray Pearson (the whiskymeister <http://whiskymeister.wordpress.com>) puts on six whisky tastings at the games, with all money going to the Las Vegas Celtic society.

This year Ray brought along the Glen Garioch for the first time, as one of the four whiskies on offer.

This highland single malt whisky is non chill filtered, comes with no Age statement and is relatively inexpensive (\$45—\$55 a bottle) and in my opinion well worth a try. I'd be happy to have it on my bar.

### Tasting Notes;

**Nose** - Vanilla, butterscotch, apple & grapefruit

**Palate** - Creamy, sweet, becoming fruity with apple & Citrus

**Finish** - Quite long with butterscotch, dried fruit & a little spice

***"Ninety percent of my money, I'll spend on good times, women and Whisky. The other ten percent I'll probably waste."***

*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 <http://www.scot-talks.com>*

*"Slainte Mhath"  
Paul Bissett*





## Glen Garioch distillery

### One of Scotland's oldest

Glen Garioch (pronounced *glen-geery*) was founded in 1797 by Thomas Simpson. This makes it one of Scotland's oldest whisky distilleries that still in operation. The original name was Glengarioch (the Garioch is a fertile strip of local farmland that is well known for producing top quality barley) before changing to Glen Garioch in the 1930s. The distillery is located close to Aberdeen in the small town of Oldmeldrum. The distillery is Scotland's most easterly and has an annual production capacity of over 250,000 gallons.

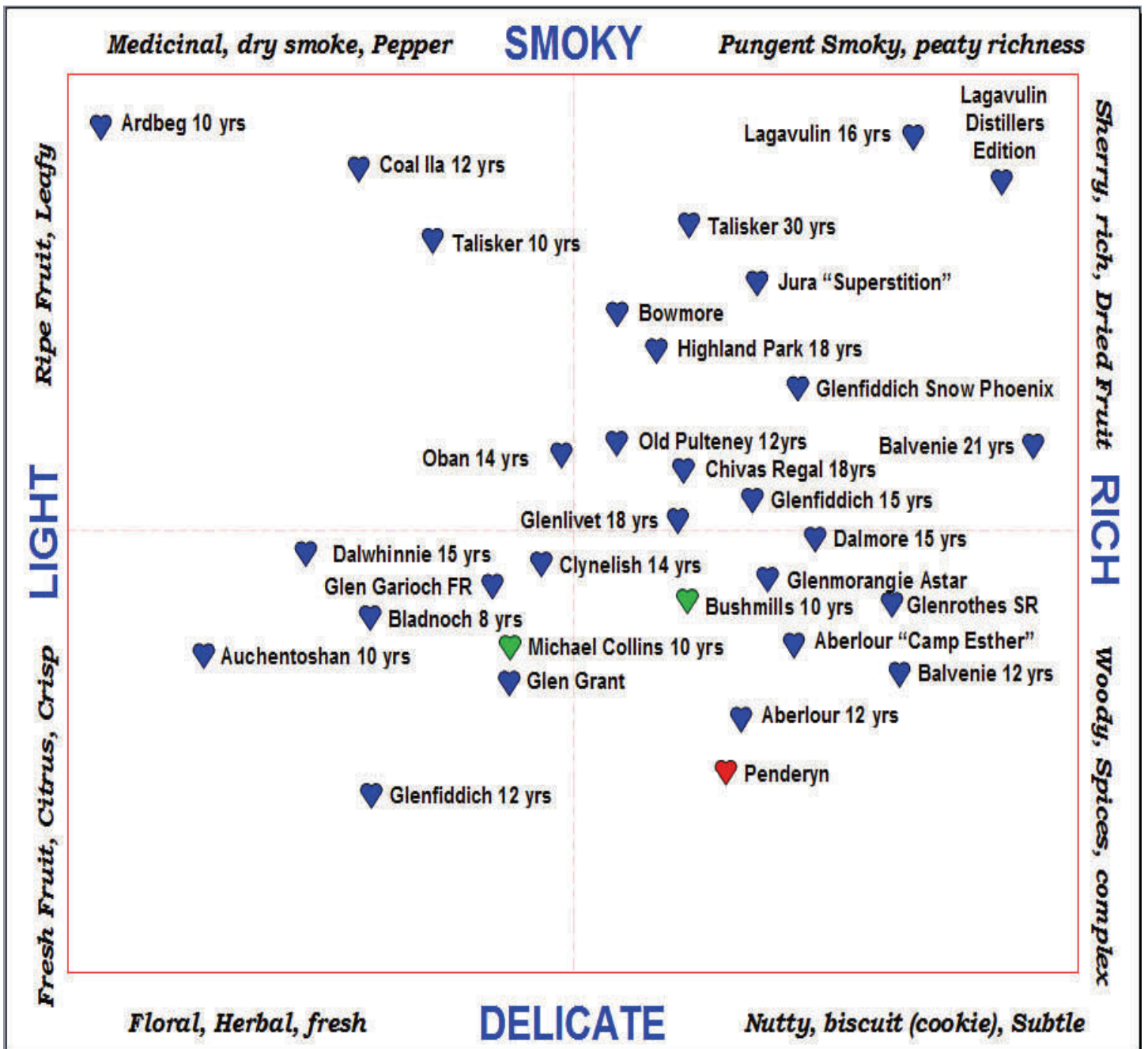
### New expressions

Glen Garioch is currently owned by Morrison Bowmore, which is a subsidiary of the Japanese company Suntory. They took control in 1994 and one year later, they decided to mothball the distillery (mothballing is the process where a distillery is closed but all the equipment remains intact and ready to go again, when required). Until this point, Glen Garioch had produced a lightly peated style of whisky but when it was reopened in 1997, Suntory decided to stop this practice and go for a non peaty style. The range of whisky is small and has just been completely revamped. This *Founder's Reserve* and a *12 years old* form the main part of the range and these are joined by two vintage expressions, *1978* and *1990* (both of which are in the previous lightly peated style). These were released in Europe in the fall of 2009 and were introduced to the north American and Asian markets recently.





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; **Glen Garioch Founders reserve** For more information go to <http://www.glenarioch.com>





## Tucson Celtic Hammerheads <http://tucsonceltichammerheads.com>

### From their website

“The Tucson Celtic Hammerheads are a team of Scottish Heavy Athletics participants located in Tucson, AZ.

The Hammer Heads had a beginning not unlike those found in many epic tales - with a woman telling her man to get a life.

As the legend goes founder Doug Mostyn tried throwing a rock for charity at the Tucson Celtic Festival in 2006 and loved it. Soon thereafter, i.e. after being repeatedly told he needed some friends by his girlfriend Bo, he set out to create the finest highland games team around. Luckily for Doug, his efforts resulted in the creation of the only highland games team around... Soon others, like Ponch Green and Dale Pederson, began showing up and things continued to grow from there. Today there are more than 20 men and women pursuing bigger throws on the pitch throughout the southwest with many more part timers who generally participate in our local games in November. To this day the only membership requirements are that you 1) show up at least 3 times and 2) work hard and have fun while you are here.”

I had the good luck to be in Fremont street in Las Vegas this April, and witnessed the successful world record attempt of having 32 cabers in the air at the same time.



Cabers at the ready



New world record holders