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History of Scotch in the making

The history of Scotch is about 500 years in the making. Scotch has reached 175 countries around the world. The number of bottles shipped every second is tremendous (about 40 bottles), and the industry is supporting tens of thousands of jobs throughout Scotland. It all goes back to Friar John.

Looking into the Scotch tax records, there is the recording of an entry on June 1st, 1495, "to Friar John Cor, by order of the King, to make aqua vitae VII bolls of malt." The Latin term aqua vitae meaning 'water of life'. The English then recorded the word as 'whisky'.

What does Single Malt Scotch mean?

The Single Malt Scotch Whisky has to be produced and bottled in Scotland. It is made from 100 percent malted barley, and has to be distilled in just one distillery. There are also single malts that come from just one barrel (single barrel), and then there are blends (made from different barrels in the same distillery). The price of a scotch will not determine a right or wrong choice. Your personal preference is what will make it your journey.

Try before you Buy!

I am sure that you visited a store, looking for a specific Scotch you read or heard about. Next comes the sticker shock. You step to the left or right, hoping to find a more affordable bottle, settling with something you really do not want, because you are already there, and there are plenty of more affordable options. Try before you buy. There are plenty of bartenders who want to share their knowledge and passion, recommending, and even giving you a mini pour at no charge. Find what you like and then go to the shop.

My personal recommendations that go a little deeper into the world of Scotch:

- Aerstone Single Malt – Sea Cask 10 Year
- Glen Grant 12 Year Single Malt Scotch
- The Dalmore 12 Year Highland Single Malt
- BenRiach 12 Year The Three Cask Speyside
- OBAN 14 Year West Highland
- Mortlach – The Wee Witchie 2.81 Distilled
- Deanston Virgin Oak Highland

More information on the 'Pick of the Month'

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Other Blog Posts

Over the last 20 months we have published over 40 posts. Take a look past posts.



Pick of the Month

Take a look at our monthly selection and introductions.



Global Reach

The Scotch World continues to expand its global reach. As of April of 2022, the website reaches distilleries, businesses, industry experts, buyers, and enthusiasts in 54 countries, 513 cities, and 5 continents.

Social Media



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Whisky is a personal story!

The world of whisky is genuinely fascinating. Every pour and drop of the ‘Water of Life’ tells a new and different story. The location and moment will impact your experience. The whisky in your glass will create a personal story for the nose, palate, and finish. Two or three drops of water, an extra two to three minutes of air, and neat versus on the rocks, will allow you to enjoy the whisky even more. However, we all need to discover this on our own. I do not believe in the “price matters” concept of food and beverages. I have enjoyed an \$8.00 and a \$25.00 pour all in the same evening. Both were interesting and fascinating in their own way. Create and explore your personal story through whisk(e)y. Write it down and revisit the same selection a few months later. Most importantly, enjoy!

Whisky Memberships

Before I spend money on a popular bottle, and come to find out that it is not what I like at all, I prefer to taste test. I joined [Flaviar](https://www.flaviar.com) in 2020 and enjoy the tasting kits and select bottles they send me every quarter. It can get pricey, but I value that I can sample before buying. (www.flaviar.com). There are several other packages and memberships in the market, but I decided early on to stick with Flaviar.

In conclusion – Enjoy every drop of the ‘Water of Life’

I hope you enjoyed the Spring 2022 Newsletter and will continue with your journey in the world of scotch, whisk(e)y, and spirits. Share your experience with others, help them enjoy it, and tell people that it is ok to drink whatever they prefer, as long as they like it.

What are some of the books that I use as a reference and fountain of knowledge?

I have looked around for many months, reviewing books and magazines, and finally came up with a starting library.

Books:

- Whiskypedia – A Compendium of Scotch Whisky by Charles MacLean
- Field Guide to Whisky by Hans Offringa
- Malt Whisky The Complete Guide by Charles MacLean
- Scotch – A Complete Introduction to Scotland's Whiskies by Margaret Waterbury
- Whisky Guide Germany by Heinfried Tacke (in German)
- The Philosophy of Whisky by Billy Abbott (available May 2022)

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