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How to select a Scotch or Whisky at a bar

Over the last three years, I have learned a lot about scotch, whisk(e)y, and spirits from around the world. Business meetings often move to the bar before or after dinner, and there it is time to order your next drink. It is always a challenge to me when somebody hands me the wine card then asks me to look at the list and order a bottle for the table. I have learned how to manage the pressure with the wine order, but the world of cocktails and liquor is an entirely different arena. To help with this, I ask a few good friends to select a scotch and stay within a comfortable range.

Where in the world do I start?

My recommendation is to start with a scotch that is gentle, does not leave an immediate burn, will not have a peaty taste, and has a sweet side to it. I started with a Glenfiddich 12 year, moved to a Glenlivet 12, and added the Macallan 12 to my beginners' list. The one common mistake, and I can attest to it, is ordering the drink without carefully inspecting the whisky list. If one is not careful, it can become a rather expensive evening.

Your bartender will gladly help!

It is perfectly ok to ask the bartender for some advice. As a beginner, I gave them a price range and told them about my experience level and what I would like to enjoy. This has worked 99% of the time, and often, they gave me a generous pour. Only one time over the last 6 months has a bartender provided a sample pour. I always write down information about the dram, add my personal notes, and take a photo of the bottle. It may seem like a lot, but it is helpful in the long run and it starts conversations around the bar.

My personal recommendations to start out with:

- Glenfiddich 12
- Glenmorangie 10
- Glenlivet 12
- Macallan 12
- Ardbeg 10
- Highland Park 12 (peated)
- Tullamore DEW (Ireland)
- Jameson (Ireland)

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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 a \$5.00 shot 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 with (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 this blog post 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 magazines and books that I read?

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

Books:

- Whisk(e)y Distilled by Heather Greene
- Field Guide to Whisky by Hans Offringa
- Whisky Guide Deutschland by Heinfried Tacke
- The Philosophy of Whisky by Billy Abbott (available May 2022)
- Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2021 (Rest of World Edition)

Magazines:

- Whisky Advocate
- Whisky Magazine
- American Whisky Magazine
- Irish Whiskey Magazine
- Cask & Still Magazine

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