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How about Peaty or Smoky Scotch?

There is a distinct difference between smoky and peaty. Peaty whisky is often described as a smoky scotch that is smelly, heavy, has a dark color, will burn your nose, and will leave a very “dirty film” on your palate. When we talk about smoky whisky, many of us will experience a dry finish, presenting an almost ashy aftertaste. On the other hand, you might experience peatiness as an after-note that is moist and somewhat bitter.

So how does the whisky become peaty?

The peated whisky will receive its flavor from compounds released by peat fires used to dry malted barley. Depending on the intensity and length of peat smoke, the taste will have a solid and peaty characteristic.

Here are some peaty Scotch suggestions:

- Ardbeg Peated Scotch
- Bowmore 15 Year
- Bruichladdich 10 Port Charlotte Heavily Peated
- Caol Ila 12 Year
- Compass Box Peat Monster
- Lagavulin 16 Year
- Talisker 10 Year

Try before you buy!

I am sure that you have visited a store, looking for a specific scotch you have heard or read about. You find it, but next comes the sticker shock. Since you are already there, you look to the left and the right to find a more affordable bottle and you eventually settle for something you do not actually want. To prevent this, try before you buy! There are plenty of bartenders who want to share their knowledge and passion through recommendations and sometimes by giving you a mini pour at no charge. Find out what you like and then go to the store.

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

- Aberlour A’Bunadh Cask Strength
- Laphroaig 10 Year
- Oban 14 Year
- Bowmore Darkest 15 Year
- Lagavulin Distiller’s Edition
- Ardbeg An Oa
- Glenfarclas 25 Year
- Glenmorangie Signet
- The Sassenach Blended Scotch Whisky

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Other Blog Posts

Over the last 24 months we have published over 80 posts. Take a look at past posts.



Pick of the Month

Take a look at almost 40 of our monthly selections and introductions.



Global Reach

The Scotch World continues to expand its global reach. As of December 2022, the website reaches and connects consumers, enthusiasts, distilleries, businesses, industry experts, suppliers, and the hospitality industry in 762 cities, 71 countries, on five continents.

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Glencairn Crystal

Glencairn Crystal is a family run business, based on family values to deliver a better product and more efficient service. They treat everybody with the respect and warmth that a family owned business would demand.

The company's success has been built on quality and they have been supplying the whisky industry with creative, premium, quality glassware for almost 40 years. They are proud to work with many great companies, clubs, and individuals.

Glencairn specializes in a wide range of crystal and glass products from corporate gifts and trophies, whisky specialist products to high end ultra-premium decanters and bottles. All engraved designs are produced in-house after careful discussion with the client, ensuring they get the best quality of product to complement their occasion.

The Scotch World tastings events in 2023

The first whisky tasting event in 2023 will be The Macallan tasting in January. We will introduce The Macallan 12 Year Double Cask, Macallan 12 Year Sherry Oak, and Naked Malt, a unique blend of The Macallan, Highland Park, and The Glenrothes.

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

I hope you enjoyed the January 2023 Newsletter and that you will continue your journey in the world of scotch, whisk(e)y, and spirits. Please share your experience with others, help them enjoy it, and tell people that it is ok to drink whatever they want as long as they like it. **Always Drink Responsibly!**

“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.

Enjoy your journey!”

Here are some of the resources that I use as a reference and fountain of knowledge.

I have looked around for many months, reviewing books, magazines, websites, and videos. Here is my list of recommendations of scotch and whisky websites.

Interesting Scotch & Whisky Sources:

- Edingburgh Whisky Blog
- Inside the Cask
- Whisky Advocate
- The Whisky Lady
- Barrel Strength Talent
- Whisky Magazine
- The Drink Business
- The Scotch Noob
- On the Sauce Again
- The Spirits Business
- The Whisky Wash
- Whisky Cast
- Whisky Experts (German)
- Whisky Flavor

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