



DRINKS LIST

A Short History of The Dram...

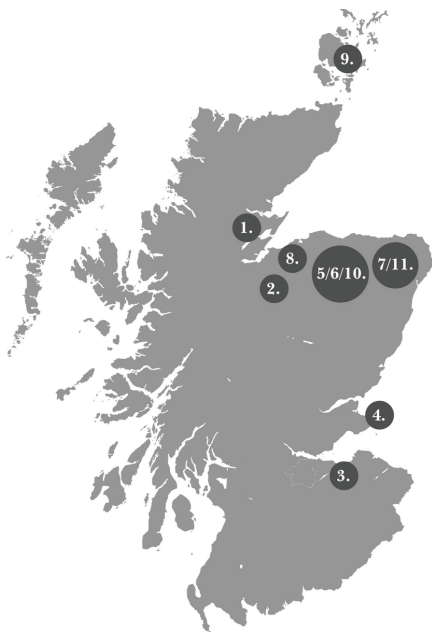
As a collector of malt whisky's and one who occasionally enjoys a dram, Alison and Murdo have asked me to recommend some malt whisky's that are seldom found in supermarkets, hotel or pub gantries, given that there are over 130 manufacturing distilleries in Scotland this was a difficult task, the largest being "Glenfiddoch" in Dufftown, Moray. The oldest being "Glenturret" in Crieff, Perthshire,

You can ask for a nip, a tot, a shot or just a whisky, but there is something very satisfying in the word "dram", the word dram comes from Ancient Greece, and the word "Drachme". "Drachme" referred to coins and appeared in the Bible to mean a unit of treasure, The term made its way to Britain through Latin translation (Dragma) then into Old French and finally into Old English, Dram was a term for an apothecary's weight, of one eighth of an ounce, It has not been established when the word dram transitioned from quantifying solids into quantifying liquids or why the term became so popular in Scotland. If it was one weight of an ounce to an apothecary, how much is a dram for a whisky drinker?

Naturally it depends on who is pouring, you can have a house dram, and when you are pouring it for yourself it can be rather generous, drinking by the gill was how we used to drink it in the UK, but a gill was a useless measure because it was too small for beer and too large for whisky, Whisky came in a sixth, a fifth or a quarter gill, in the 1970s the UK adopted the metric system and spirits were dispensed millilitres and 25ml or 35ml became the standard measure,

To recap, "Drachme" was translated into Latin, Old French and Old English before finally entering the modern lexicon, But nobody is exactly sure when it started referring to whisky, rather than medicine, I like to think that whisky is a medicine, The amount of whisky in a dram is not defined but we can all agree that the first pour is hardly enough.

When asked what the best whisky is I find it an exceedingly difficult question to answer, often my reply is "There are no bad whiskys only some are better than others"



Slàinte Mhath,

Sandy

Highland

1. Dalmore 15 yr (AIness)
2. Tomatin 12 yr (Tomatin)

Lowland

3. Glenkinchie 12 yr (East Lothian)
4. Kingsbarns (St Andrews)

Speyside

5. The Singleton 12 yr (Dufftown)
6. Kingsbarns (St Andrews)
7. Glendronach 12 yr (Fourgie, Huntly)
8. Royal Brackla 12yr (Cawdor, Nairn)
10. Glenfarclas 25 yrs (Ballindoch)
11. Glendronach (Fourgie, Huntly)

Island

9. Scapa (Orkney)

Not sure which malt to try?

Malt tasting, served in 15ml measures

Select five malts	20.00
Select four malts plus the Glendronach 21 or Glenfarclas 25 yr old	25.00
Select three malts plus the Glendronach 21 and Glenfarclas 25 yr old	30.00



Enjoy a dram...

All malts served in 35ml measures

1. Dalmore 15yrs 10.75

Nose: A chocolate orange. Potpourri, perfumed. Fruitcake, Sherry

Palate: Medium, lovely delivery. Zesty orange, Curaçao, chocolate. Winter spice, stem ginger in syrup. Hints of anise and a little hickory

Finish: Malty barley and smoky espresso

2. Tomatin 12 yrs 6.00

Nose: Buttery at first, but notes of raisin and almond soon take over

Palate: Oak-y vanilla and fresh mint, dotted with stem ginger and dried orange peel

Finish: Currant buns, a hint of raspberry jam, barley

3. Glenkinchie 12 yrs 6.50

Nose: A light, aromatic nose with hints of barley malt, almonds, hazelnuts and Manuka honey/beeswax

Palate: Very fruity palate with a mix of stewed fruits, dessert wine, apple peels and honey. Becomes quite oaky late palate

Finish: A medium-length finish with barley and freshly mown grass...

4. Kingsbarns 6.95

Nose: You can really smell those first-fill bourbon casks. There's vanilla and crème brûlée plus lots of new make character, tropical fruit, and quite pronounced alcohol

Palate: Smooth texture, sweet cereal notes, light and fruity, with some roast coffee notes

Finish: Banana bread, of all things

5. Singleton 12 yrs 5.95

Nose: A light, aromatic nose with hints of barley malt, almonds, hazelnuts and Manuka honey/beeswax

Palate: Very fruity palate with a mix of stewed fruits, dessert wine, apple peels and honey. Becomes quite oaky late palate

Finish: A medium-length finish with barley and freshly mown grass...

6. The Balvenie 12 yrs 7.25

Nose: Gristy, supple nuttiness intertwined with spices. Honeyed sultanas and grapes. Hugely inviting

Palate: Sweet with good body. The bourbon characters develop; gentle spice with a little vanilla, a hint of balancing peat lurking quietly in the substrata. Dried fruit too, combining with nuts, nutmeg, cinnamon, back into the bourbon notes - so well integrated

Finish: Spicy, slightly drying, still sweet

Overall: A classic, always a pleasure to revisit. (This is also a single malt with the ability to convert a non-whisky drinker with its deliciousness...)

7. Glendronach 12yrs 6.50

Nose: Rich cereals, struck match, raisin, cinnamon, caramelised sugar. Opens with some sweeter PX and lots of delicious raw ginger before becoming creamier with hazelnuts

Palate: Fruits, peels, buttery. Pain au chocolat, a little marmalade on toast before becoming firmer and nuttier with spiced raisins

Finish: Smoky toffee and nut brittle

8. Royal Brackla 12yrs 7.50

Nose: Florentines, Coco Pop cakes, slightly leafy, more ginger. A drop of water brings out more green apple and toasted almond

Palate: Pain au raisin. Pain au chocolat. Baking spices and gateau

Finish: Milk chocolate dusting (not cocoa) and a hint of fizzy apple sweets

Overall: A distinguished Oloroso cask matured malt

9. Scapa 5.75

Nose: Runny honey and fresh cream. Hints of apple and a touch of anise. Maybe some crushed nuts, too...

Palate: Continued honey warmth and richness. Sparks of juicy pear and lemon peel. Touches of oak develop further on, bringing some balancing spice

Finish: Medium length and a bit sweet, with oak lasting too

10. Glenfarclas 25yrs. 18.50

Nose: A touch of menthol. Classic Sherry notes, less pronounced than the 15 year old perhaps, but the complexity is greater

Palate: Incredibly clean central palate, but amazingly tangy. Really zingy top notes. Sherry and creamy barley, hints of gingerbread and nutty chocolate

Finish: Very, very long and complex finish, oak-rich, hints of smoke, cocoa, buttery...

Overall: One of our all-time favourite Speyside malts

11. Glendronach 21 yrs 19.95

Nose: Soft smoke and lemon juice, cedar wood, apple peel, toasty oak, soft earth, date and walnut cake and a hint of freshly made espresso

Palate: Golden syrup, soft, juicy raisins, tangy oak notes, peach, cherry blossom, cocoa and honeydew melon

Finish: Sherry tones lead the finish, with a hint of sulphur, chocolate, luscious fruit and pepper



WINE

SPARKLING

	Bottle
<u>Lunetta, Prosecco, 20cl</u>	6.95
<i>Italy</i> A crisp, light, and well-balanced wine with creamy mousse and delicate apple and pear characters	
<u>Lunetta, Rose, 20cl</u>	6.95
<i>Italy</i> A fresh and dry sparkling rosé with persistent bubbles, beautifully cherry pink with red berry characters	
<u>Terredirai, Prosecco Extra Dry</u>	25.00
<i>Italy</i> Good structure, soft with emerging fruity notes; apple, lemon and grapefruit	
<u>Gardet Brut Reserve 1er Cru, Champagne</u>	60.00
<i>France</i> Elegant bubbles with ripe yellow fruits and rich flavours of brioche and baked apple, candied fruit and orange peel	

WHITE

	125ml	175ml	Bottle
<u>Paparuda, Pinot Grigio</u>	5.40	7.45	27.00
<i>Romania</i> Delicious honey, citrus fruits and ripe pears. The finish is clean and refreshing and deliciously Pinot Grigio			
<u>Conviviale, Pinot Grigio</u>			28.00
<i>Italy</i> Lightly spicy with hints of honey and peach, fresh citrus and baked apple and pear notes			
<u>D'A, Viognier</u>			29.00
<i>France</i> Aromas of ginger spice and ripe peaches and apricots. Rich juicy palate with a clean zesty finish			
<u>Vistamar Sepia Reserve, Chardonnay</u>			27.00
<i>Chile</i> Aromas of ripe fruits and white flowers with light touches of vanilla and caramel			

RED

	125ml	175ml	Bottle
<u>Paparuda, Pinot Noir</u>	5.40	7.45	27.00
<i>Romania</i> Fruity, rich and potent, with layers of ripe black cherry, raspberry and cinnamon			
<u>Quincho, Merlot</u>			27.50
<i>Chile</i> Deliciously ripe and juicy, filled with hints of intense berries accompanied by notes of vanilla and butterscotch			
<u>Simonsig, Cabernet Sauvigno/Shiraz</u>			28.00
<i>South Africa</i> Smooth and well balanced on the palate with succulent spiced berry fruit, and toasted mocha			
<u>Alto do Mayo, Malbec</u>			29.00
<i>Argentina</i> A smooth and rounded, easy-drinking red with notes of blackcurrant and violets on the finish			
<u>Primasole, Primitivo</u>			31.00
<i>Italy</i> A subtle smokiness with hints of chocolate, black berries, prunes and spice			



BEERS

Isle of Skye Brewing Co. Uig, Isle of Skye

Skve Red 500ml 4.2% abv Malty and fruity; dry bittersweet aftertaste	5.00
Skve Gold 500ml 4.3% abv Balanced, softly fruity with a light bitterness and oaty background	5.00
Skve Black 500ml 4.5% abv Complex, full-bodied and malty. The bitterness of Roast Barley is smoothed by Heather Honey.	5.00
Skve Blaven 500ml 4.7% abv Strong and fruity, with a satisfying full-bodiedness	5.00

Black Isle Brewery by Inverness Capital of The Highlands

GoldFinch 330ml 3.5% abv Gluten Free and Vegan IPA bursting with citrusy zing and is both light and refreshingly hoppy	3.50
Blonde 330ml 4.5% abv Vegan Their flagship beer has a hint of sweet honey and a floral ester notes balancing a crisp biscuit finish	4.20

Harvistoun, Alva, Perthshire

Schihallian 330ml 4.8% abv (pronounced SHE-HAL-ION) Fresh crispness and lingering grapefruit finish	3.30
Bitter & Twisted 330ml 4.2% abv Crystal malt for sweetness, aromatic fruit from the hops and oats to give the brew some body with a tingling lemon finish	2.95



SPIRITS

All spirits served in 35ml measures

Uisge Lusach, Gin	6.50
<small>A dry gin from the Isle of Skye, Uisge Lusach is distilled in a copper pot still which was previously used to distil (apparently illicit) whisky</small>	
Tanqueray No. Ten	4.75
Arbikie Haar Wheat Vodka	5.30
Devil's Point Sherry Cask Aged Rum	7.20
Marquis de Montesquiou Reserve Armagnac	5.10

SOFT DRINKS

Fever Tree Tonic water	200ml	2.40
Fever Tree Soda Water	200ml	2.20
Fever Tree Soda Water & Lime	200ml	2.40
Diet Coke		1.50
Coke		1.50
Irn Bru		1.50
Sanpellegrino Limonata		2.00
Sanpellegrino Aranciata		2.00