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Summit Hill Scotch Whisky Society

*A Special Welcome to all of our
Members and Guests*

“The Highs and the Lows”

Feb 25, 2017

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- Mortlach (Pres. Choice) – 18 Yr.

- Cameron Bridge – 34 Yr.

- Auchentoshen – 16 (2nd Fill)

Gold Medal Winner

**Premium Vault:
30 Year Old Ardmore
Ltd. Release,
One of only 1,428 bottles released worldwide**





Rich Howard Tasting Room



Tonight Featuring: Auchentoshan

Auchentoshan 12 Year

Auchentoshan Triple Wood

Auchentoshan 16 Year, Society private bottling – Gold Medal Winner

10 Years in Bourbon Cask, 6 Years in 2nd Fill Sauternes Casks

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Tasting #1 – Mortlach, Presidents Choice 18 Year Old, Cask # 63.35, 'On Christmas day in the morning...'

Colour: Dirty Copper

Nose: The panel were whisked away to the excitement of Christmas morning as a child. Aromatic spiced orange mingled with eggnog, sugar puffs and milky hot chocolate sprinkled with nutmeg.

Palate: Still in their pajamas, the panel dipped into their stockings to find cranberry, pomegranate and red currants with Hubba Bubba gum.

Diluted Nose: Water opened glugg infused with orange and mint, cola bottles. Fragrant lavender, saffron and lemon thyme wafted from the glass.

Diluted Palate: Fresh wood from a homemade dolls house gave a grippy quality to the reduced taste which tingled with ras el hanout spiciness. Lingering flavours of pomander completed the festivities.

Comments: Deep, rich and dried fruits.

Age: 18 years

Cask: Refill Butt

Mortlach: *Presidents Choice*

Rare: 2 of 586 Released Worldwide

ABV: 56.7%

Speyside

and while you're tasting . . .



MORTLACH™

SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY



Name:	Mortlach (<i>Pronounced: MORT-lack</i>)
Region:	Highlands: Speyside (Dufftown)
Neighbors:	Dufftown , Glenfiddich , Balvenie , Kininvie , Glendullan
Founded:	1823
Status:	Active
Water Supply:	Sources in the Conval Hills
Equipment:	3 Wash stills, 3 Spirit stills
Production capacity:	2,900,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
Ownership:	Diageo (since 1925)

- 1) In 1886 a distillery employee by the name of **William Grant** left Mortlach after almost twenty years. Apparently he had learned quite a bit about the fine art of distillation during that time; within a year after he had left Mortlach he built his own distillery; [Glenfiddich](#).
- 2) Mortlach malt whisky is an important component of the **Johnnie Walker Black Label** blend.
- 3) Larch **Worm-tubs** on a platform outside the still house are still used to condense the spirit. **This has a unique affect on the Mortlach character.**

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Let's grab Tasting Two . . .

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**Tasting #2 – Cameron Bridge
34 Year Old, Cask # G4.7,
'Flying Saucers and Foamy Shrimps'**

Colour: Polished Gold

Nose: The initial nose was bright, fresh and lively (lemon, rhubarb, pine resin); then came Demerara, Christmas cake, candy floss, vanilla, toffee and golden syrup – followed by cedarwood and tobacco.

Palate: The palate displayed delightful sweetness (maple syrup, crème brûlée, white chocolate) tempered by mouth drying tobacco, white pepper, liquorice and a surprising gooseberry fizz. Amazingly vibrant for its age.

Diluted Nose: The reduced nose combined rum and raisin ice-cream, flying saucers, lychee and grape with pine resin and restrained oak. .

Diluted Palate: The palate sustained our interest – old oak, tobacco and figs, tropical juice and foamy shrimps combined to make an easy-drinking experience from Scotland's biggest distillery

Comments: Juicy oak and vanilla.

Age: 34 years

Cask: Refill Hogshead

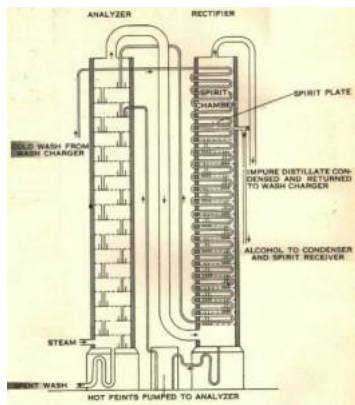
Cameron Bridge

Extremely Rare: 2 of 175 Released Worldwide

ABV: 54.9%

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Coffey Still



Name: Cameron Bridge
Region: Lowlands (or East Highlands)
Founded: 1824
Status: Active
Water Supply: Rivers Leven and Ore
Equipment: Enough Coffey stills to produce 100 Million Litres per year!
Production capacity: 100,000,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
Owner: Diageo

The grain whisky from Cameronbridge end up in dozens of different blends. So, if you have drunk your fair share of Scotch whisky blends (or perhaps even more), the odds are that you've unwittingly drunk whisky that was distilled at Cameronbridge. With that in mind, bottlings as a **single grain whisky** are **surprisingly rare**.



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From the Premium Vault

Tasting Three . . .

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**Tasting #2 – Ardmore – Premium Vault
\$ 15.00/ Dram**

Colour: Bright Gold

Nose: The immediate aroma is fragrant rather than powerful and the scents of roses and violets blend with a slight citrus note that makes the gentle peat smoke.

Palate: The peat comes through as a dryish liquorice tang. Floral and citrus follows.

Diluted Nose: More floral with water.

Diluted Palate: The peatiness is smoothed out and softened by a cream toffee and flower gentleness.

Comments: Quite dry and very long lasting finish.

Age: 30 years

Cask: Refill

Ardmore

Limited Release: 1 of 1,428 Released Worldwide

ABV: 54.9%

Speyside

\$15.00 Premium Vault

Malt Maniac Rating in the Mid 90s



THE ARDMORE

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY



Name:	Ardmore (<i>Pronounced: ard-MORE</i>)
Region:	Speyside (Central)
Neighbors:	Glendronach , Glen Garioch
Founded:	1898
Status:	Working
Water Supply:	14 sources on Knockandy Hill
Equipment:	4 Wash & 4 Spirit stills
Production capacity:	4,200,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
Ownership:	Fortune Brands (since 2005)

Built in 1898 by Adam Teacher, son of William. Even today, most of the whisky the distillery produces is reserved for the **Teacher's blends** which get a lot of their malty character from the Ardmore malt whisky. Bottlings of Ardmore as a single malt are **relatively rare**.

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Let's grab Tasting Four . . .

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**Tasting #2 – Auchentoshan – Gold Medal Winner
16 Year Old, Cask # 5.49
'Lady of the Night'**

Colour: Runny Honey

Nose: We noted fruity aromas of peaches and mangos at first. With time a perfumed floral scent took over which reminded some of a "Lady of the Night".

Palate: Hot and almost over the top sweet perfumed flavors attacked the taste buds.

Diluted Nose: Only a dash of water released the pressure now a lot more balanced. Spicy tart with pepper sauce and star fruit, with polished conkers using beeswax.

Diluted Palate: In the diluted taste puff pastry appeared with cinnamon sugar and bourbon glaze.

Comments: Gold Medal winner in it's class for 2016.

Age: 16 years

Extremely Rare: 2 of 60 Released to USA

Cask: Refill Bourbon Hogshead for 10 years then 6 years in a Sauternes Cask.

Auchentoshan- Lowlands

ABV: 57.3%

Proceed to tasting 3 PV when ready . . .



AUCHENTOSHAN
THE TRIPLE DISTILLED
LOWLAND
Single Malt
SCOTCH WHISKY



Name:	Auchentoshan (<i>Pronounced: OchunTOshun</i>)
Region:	Lowlands
Neighbors:	Glengoyne , Littlemill , Loch Lomond
Founded:	1825
Status:	Working
Water Supply:	Loch Cochno
Equipment:	1 Wash still, 1 Middle still, 1 Spirit still
Production capacity:	1,650,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
Ownership:	Suntory > Morrisson Bowmore (since 1984)

Auchentoshan was probably started by Irish settlers, driven from their homes by famine. Some sources claim that these Irish whisky distillers brought the Irish custom of **triple distillation** with them. For a long time, this method of whisky production was used in the Lowlands, while in the other whisky regions of Scotland another technique was used: double distillation. Today, only Auchentoshan still uses triple distillation.

1. ***Auchentoshen – 12 Year***

Nose: *The 12 year old is smooth, fresh and nutty with a golden honey appearance.*

It has a Crème Brulee smell with a burst of citrus and the signature nuttiness and green leafiness of Auchentoshan.

Palate: *is smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime.*

Finish: *it is a gingery and slightly drying with a pleasant lingering nuttiness.*

2. ***Auchentoshen – Triple Wood***

Nose: Sweet with lots of sherry. A hint of smoke. Caramel? Wood and fruits too. Tobacco! Whiff of peppermint. Sweet fruit cake. Organics. Salted peanuts. Spices. Playful. The sherry takes some time to move to the foreground, but when it does it's magic. It greatly increases the complexity and fruitiness of the nose. Good development! Much more nose than the 10yo, even though it's triple-distilled as well.

Palate: Smooth start. Sherry. Sweet and smoky as well, but with a sourish dissonant. Mint? Fruits. Wood. Liquorice root. Fried fish?

Finish: Smoke and tannins in the dry, long finish. Score: **82 points**.

3. ***SMWSA Bottle 5.49 Auchentoshan – 16Year Old 2nd Fill Sauternes Cask “Lady of the Night”***

Gold Medal Winner

See separate Tasting Notes (attached).

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The End

Next Tasting is May. xx, 2017