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# **“Sweet, Sweet Summertime”**

## ***Tonight Sweets Feature:***

- ***Aultmore – 16 Yr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fill***
- ***Linkwood – 20 Yr, 1<sup>st</sup> Fill PX***
- ***Craigellachie – 24 Yr***

**Tonights Premium Vault:  
30 Year Old Glen Ord  
Ltd. Release, \$10 dram**



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*Let's grab Tasting One . . .*

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**Tasting #1 – Aultmore  
“Hopped Up”  
Speyside - Deveron, Bottle 73.79**

**Colour:** Polished Pine

**Nose:** A gradual crescendo of sweet aromas; jammy dodgers, custard creams and chocolate Swiss roll found a finale in the tantalizing scent of warm apple cinnamon cakes with plenty of caramel sauce.

**Palate:** The taste, initially ginger spice, was soon followed by bittersweet chocolate tart with salted caramelized pistachios.

**Diluted Nose:** Pineapple tart and apricot custard Danish pastries appear.

**Diluted Palate:** Started with sweet juicy citrus flavours and ended with a dry herbal flavour like hopped grapefruit bitters.

**Comments:** Very sophisticated, indeed. Adding a little spice to life.

**Age:** 16 years

**Aultmore:** Speyside - Deveron

**ABV:** 56.5%

**Rare:** 2 of 90 US allocation

**Cask:** 15 years in a Refill Hogshead,  
then 1 year in a 2<sup>nd</sup> fill Sauternes cask

*While you're tasting . . .*



**Name:**  
**Region:**  
**Founded:**  
**Status:**  
**Equipment:**  
**Production capacity:**  
**Ownership:**



**Aultmore**  
Speyside - Banffshire  
1895  
Active  
2 Wash, 2 Spirit  
2,900,000 litres of pure alcohol per year  
Bicardi / Dewars



- 1) The name Aultmore is the anglicised version of the Gaelic phrase "**An t-Ailt Mòr**", which means 'big burn'.
- 2) The 'big burn' that the name refers to is the nearby **Burn of Auchinderran**, Aultmore's water source.
- 3) Aultmore was briefly powered by a **water wheel**, but they soon switched to a steam engine.



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*Tasting 2.1*  
*From the Premium Vault . . .*



**Tonight Featuring:  
Linkwood**

# Rich Howard Tasting Room Group 1



*As Group 1 leaves let's get back to our spectacular PV*

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## Tasting #2.1 – Glen Ord “Limited Release”

**Premium Vault charge was \$20, now \$10**

**Colour:** Tupelo Honey

**Nose:** Fragrant hints of spice and smoke introduce rich, fruity aromas.

**Palate:** Medium soft in body, it is sweetly rich textured, later drying on the palate. Flavours of sweet honey, citrus and spicy ginger develop to yield a light nuttiness on the lemony finish

**Diluted:** More sweetness and citrus

**Comments:** This rare old whisky from the Black Isle is smooth, subtly complex and self assured.

**Age:** 30 years

**Glen Ord:** Northern Highlands

**ABV:** 58.7%

**Rare:** Limited Edition

**Cask:** Refill Hogshead,

**Distilled:** 1975 **Bottled:** 2005

*While you're tasting . . .*





# GLEN ORD



<b>Name:</b>	Glen Ord
<b>Region:</b>	<a href="#">Northern Highlands</a>
<b>Founded:</b>	1838
<b>Status:</b>	Active
<b>Water Supply:</b>	Nan Eun & Nan Bonnach (Lochs)
<b>Equipment:</b>	3 Wash stills, 3 Spirit stills
<b>Production capacity:</b>	5,000,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
<b>Ownership:</b>	Diageo > UDV (since 1930)

- It's virtually impossible to find **independent bottlings** from Glen Ord.
- 20% of Glen Ord is released as a single malt and the rest was used in **blended whiskies** like Johnnie Walker and Dewar's



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*Tasting Three . . .*

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## Tasting #3 – Craigellachie “Subtle complexity” Speyside - Central, Bottle 44.65

**Colour:** Amber Gold

**Nose:** Very soft, gentle and enticing as compared to an impressionist painting with soft pinks and purples, with sweet and salty crunch nut bars with honeycomb and a bowl of porridge with golden syrup and chocolate rice crispy cakes.

**Palate:** A soft gentle heat to the taste reminded us of roast pork in sweet tangy applesauce.

**Diluted Nose:** Water added more sweetness, tropical fruit salad with big pineapple chunks and cream.

**Diluted Palate:** There was an exciting fizziness and juiciness of a Vin Gris with flavours of pear, mango and strawberry – subtle but complex.

**Drinking tip:** Whilst admiring the painting “Dance at le Moulin”.

**Cask:** Re-Fill hogshead  
Speyside - Central

**Age:** 24 years  
**ABV:** 52.4%

**Extremely Rare:** US allocation: 2 of 60



**©**  
**RAIGELACHIE**



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Craigellachie</b>
<b>Region:</b>	Speyside
<b>Founded:</b>	1895
<b>Status:</b>	Active
<b>Equipment:</b>	2 Wash, 2 Spirit
<b>Production capacity:</b>	4,000,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
<b>Ownership:</b>	Bicardi / Dewars

Just outside Craigellachie lies **the Speyside Cooperage**, where each year over 100,000 whisky casks are produced. Those casks are to be used at one of the many malt whisky distilleries in the [Speyside](#) region.



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*Tasting Four.*



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## Tasting #4 – Linkwood “A most luscious remedy” Speyside - Lossie, Bottle 39.139

**Colour:** Warm Honey

**Nose and Palate:** At first the panel found a fresh character of **menthol**, **lemon sherbet**, tonic water and After Eight mints with apple tart. Then came the richness of **tobacco**, prunes, **spices**, dark chocolate, **raisons**, vanilla and sweet **Sherry** notes. Remaining **fizzy** there was sweet **pink wafer** with cinder toffee and a **herbal** edge with dandelion and burdock before **orange** and **blackberry** fruit and a woody finish of **furniture polish** on **charred oak**.

**Drinking tip:** To be contemplated with little distractions and a lot of time.

**Aged:** 20 years - 19 years in a ex-Oloroso butt, then one year in a 1<sup>st</sup> fill PX butt

**Rare Cask:** US allocation: 2 of 150

**Speyside, Lossie**

**Date distilled:** Oct 1996

**ABV:** 58.2%

and while you're tasting . . .



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Linkwood</b> ( <i>Pronounced: LINK-wood</i> )
<b>Region:</b>	<a href="#">Speyside (Lossie)</a>
<b>Founded:</b>	1825
<b>Water source:</b>	Sources near Milbuies Loch
<b>Equipment:</b>	3 Wash stills, 3 Spirit stills
<b>Production capacity:</b>	3,500,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
<b>Ownership:</b>	Diageo > UDV (since 1989)

The Linkwood distillery is named after the nearby **Burn of Linkwood** - which supplies cooling water.

The Linkwood malt whisky is used in important **Diageo blends** like Johnnie Walker and White Horse, but a lot of it ends up in the blended whiskies of other [whisky blenders and bottlers](#) as well.



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## Rich Howard Tasting Room Notes

### 1. Linkwood – 15 year

NOSE:

TASTE:

FINISH:

### 2. Linkwood, Ltd. Release, 19 year old

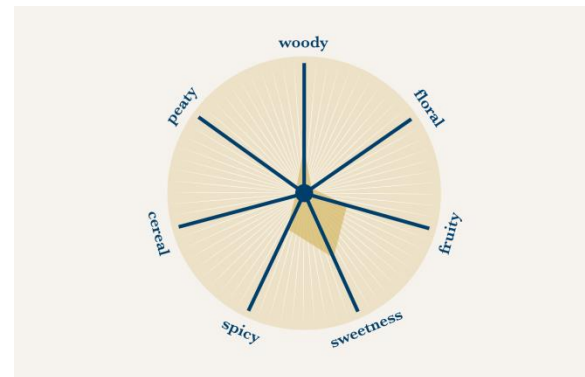
Colour:

Nose:

Finish:

### 3. Linkwood PX – 20 Year old 2 of 120

See separate Tasting Notes (attached).



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**The End**

**The Next Tastings is:  
Dec. 15, 2018**

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## Tasting Room Discussion

