

Scotland, A Winter Wonderland

- Glentauchers – 25

- Daluaine - 30

- Bunnahabhain - 24

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**Premium Vault:
32 Year Old Glenlivet, Sherried**

Rich Howard Tasting Room



Tonight Featuring: Bunnahabhain

Bunnahabhain 12 Year

Bunnahabhain 10& Years, Port Finish, Murray McDavid private bottling

Bunnahabhain 25 Year, Lady Glen private bottling

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Tasting #1 – Glentauchers, 25 Year Old Cask # 63.35, 'Exotic fruits and polytunnel flowers...'

Colour: Bright Amber

Nose: Exotic fruits flattered our noses (mango, rhubarb tarts, cherry pies, sherbet lemons, jellied fruits) but it had interest and weight too – brown sugar, craft workshops, sandalwood and perfume samples.

Palate: Even more fruits arrived on the palate – strawberry, blackcurrant, kiwi, fig and plum all held down to earth by deeper notes of fortified wine, dark chocolate, Strepsels ans sugar coated fennel seeds..

Diluted: The reduced nose brought perfumed pear and elderflower sorbet and flowers in polytunnels. The palate becamehoney sweetness balancing fruit and floral perfumed bitterness. We agreed it was elegant and well rounded.

Comments: Christmas Sweet continued.

Age: 25 years

Cask: Refill Bourbon Barrel

Glentauchers: Presidents Choice

Extremely Rare: 2 of 114 Released Worldwide

ABV: 50.7%

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Tasting #2 – Daluaine – 30 Year Old Cask # 41.67 ***“ Bittersweet with a dash of fun”***

Colour: Muted Apricot Blush.

Nose: True to it's colour the nose delivered apricot jam, brown sugar sprinkled peach flan and orange crepes; we also found pressed flowers, butterscotch, lemon drizzle cake and tinned syrup sponge – quite a dessert.

Palate: The neat taste was a bittersweet experience of dark chocolate orange, oranges preserved in brandy syrup, marmalade, lemon sherbets and warming spices (chili, ginger, liquorice).

Reduced: The **nose** became a tropical fruit explosion; lemon, lime, papaya, banana, cranberry, raspberry, rhubarb, with some floral notes. The **palate** remained citric (grapefruit, lime zest, gooseberry) but reasonably balanced by sweet and sour confectionery.

Finish: Christmas Sweets!

Daluaine – Speyside
30 Year Old

Very Rare : **2 of only 168 Worldwide**
Refill Bourbon Hogshead **Proof: 107.4°**

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Tasting #3 – 32 Year Old Glenlivet Premium Vault - \$10/ dram

Nose: a very nice profile with lots of juicy oak, library dust and moist tobacco. Big hints of leather saddles. Also walnuts and a rather elegant hint of sherry, closer to very old Amontillado than to Oloroso. Then there are rich fruity notes like dried apricots and sour cherries. Subtle herbal teas, with some bergamot and oh-so-light potpourri in the background. Mint and subtle camphor too.

Palate: a lot of old-style oranges and blackberries, with some grape-like touches before becoming drier, spicy and slightly tannic. Cloves, pepper and mint. The apricots return, as well as the walnuts and leather. Hints of pink grapefruit. Surely it's oaky but luckily the sweetness and fruitiness balances it out.

Finish: long, peppery, with herbal teas and bitter oranges.

**Glenlivet - Speyside
32 Year Old Single Cask
Scored 91 by WhiskyNotes**

**Very Rare : 2 of only yyy Worldwide
Sherry Butt Proof: 102.4°**

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Tasting #3 – Bunnahabhain – Lady of the Glen Bottling

Nose: Palate:

Finish:

**Bunnahabhain – *Islay*
25 Year Old Single Cask #9109**

**Very Rare : 2 of only 175 Worldwide
Sherry Butt Proof: 97.8°**

1. ***Bunnahabhain – 12 Year***

- **Nose:** A fresh and aromatic experience with smoke drifting through the sea air.
- **Palate:** The taste starts with light fruit and nut appeal that leads to a spectacular malty sweetness.
- **Finish:** Is worth the anticipation as it develops into a beautifully rich, full bodied lingering experience.

2. ***Bunnahabhain – 10& Year Port Finish, Murray McDavid Private bottle 1 of 1,800***

- **Notes:** On the palate we find butterscotch, raisin, sultana, green apple, redcurrant, almond, orange zest and mint.

3. ***“Lady of the Glen” Bunnahabhain – 25Year Old Single Cask Colour:*** Pine gold

- **The Nose:**
- **The Palate:**
- **Diluted:**