

A Stroll Through the Glen(s)

- Glen Elgin

- Glencadam

- Glenfarclas

**Premium Vault:
15Year Old Bowmore Feis Ile 2012**

Rich Howard Tasting Room



Tonight Featuring: Glenfarclas

Glenfarclas 10 Year

Glenfarclas 105 NAS

Glenfarclas 11 Year 1st Fill - Single Cask # 1.18 • SHSWS Directors Award 2016 Gold

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Tasting #1 - Cask No. 85.28 Glen Elgin - Speyside, Lossie 'Once you pop...'

Colour: Shiny copper

Nose: The aromas neat were all very attractive and popular with the panel members; raspberry ripple ice cream, brandy snaps, caramel wafers, Key lime pie, salted toffee sauce and sour pineapple refresher chew bars.

Palate: The flavours were all very moreish; sweet and salty popcorn, beef noodle cup-a-soup, Maggi liquid seasoning and memories of those sachets containing flavoured powder to sprinkle over your crisps.

Diluted: Water transported us into a trendy hair salon; wet hair, wet towels, bleach, perfumed shampoo and plenty of hairspray serving fresh tangerine juice, Parma Violet Spritz cocktails and Margaritas in a salted rimmed glass with slice of lime

Drinking tip: Getting ready for a beach party.

Age: 29 years

Cask: Refill hogshead

Flavour profile: Old & dignified

Rare: 2 of 208 Released Worldwide

ABV: 44.1%

The Rise Descent of NAS Whisky:

Age is just a number... or is it?

Presentation by: Rich Howard



A random selection of modern NAS whiskies

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***Tasting #2 – Glencadam – Presidents Choice
“ Big, Bold and Beautiful”***

Colour: Warm golden color.

Nose: Scented pomander, dried flowers, cranberries and Christmas cake.

Palate: Sipping on an Oloroso sherry and puffing a pipe reclining in an old leather armchair. Roasting meat, chocolate orange marzipan; on a polished desk fragrant with roses and honeysuckle. Baked bananas with caramel.

Diluted: Brings out more sweetness.

Finish: A Classic !

**Glencadam – *Eastern Highlands*
17 Year Old Single Cask # 82.20**

**Rare : 2 of only 612 Worldwide
2nd Fill Sherry Butt Proof: 109.8^o**

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***Tasting # 3
Premium Vault - \$10/ dram
15Year Old Bowmore Feis Ile 2012***

Colour: Teak Brown

Nose: Delicious figs, rich dark chocolate and sweet sherry balanced with the trademark Bowmore peat smoke and sea salt tang.

Palate: Indulgent chocolate, juicy raisins and gentle smoke.

Finish: Complex and lingering . . .

A superior dram, rated a 93 in a blind taste test by Rich !

**Bowmore – 2012 Feis Ile
15 Year Old**

Ltd Release

Proof: 110.8°

\$10/ Dram

Whisky Insight

Feis Ile Bottles – Collectable or not?

Like a swarm of wasps round a spilled Jack 'n Coke on a hot day, the coming months are set to see the many whisky-auctioneers of the world flooded by limited bottles from this years **Islay Festival**. There's almost an underground competition to see which auctioneer can get the first bottles onto the open market such is demand for these releases.

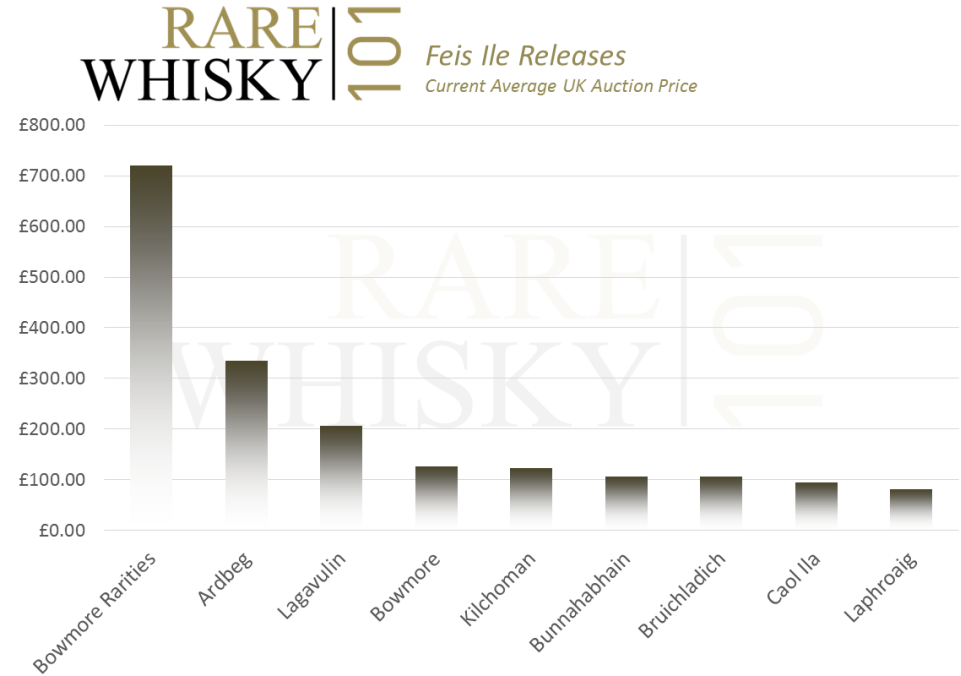
For those collectors who can't attend the annual Feis Ile (or maybe just don't do queues), **auctions are a viable means of acquiring these desirable bottles.**

But how do they perform as an investment?

Some of the older releases are collectable icons now, the 2008 Feis Ile **Port Ellen** sold for **£100** to the lucky few who secured a bottle on the day. **It now sells for around £3,000** at auction, a truly staggering result. Can the more recent, increasingly voluminous bottlings compete as a viable liquid commodity? Over the years I've spoken to many Feis-goers who would pay for their annual peat-land-pilgrimage by selling the bottled spoils of their trip after the event.

It's one thing buying a bottle for £100 upon its release and selling for £3,000, but as an investment **are these bottles worth buying on the secondary market? If so, which distilleries are the ones to go for?**

The Bowmore Feis Ile 2012 is one such highly rated Scotch that we were able to procure for our Premium Vault. Please enjoy. (PV charge of \$10.00)



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Tasting #4 – Glenfarclas – “Bittersweet Complexity”

Colour: Pine gold

The Nose: presented interesting layers – firstly in the undergrowth – wood sap, tree bark, laurel, meadowsweet and shrubberies (by the Spey?); then IKEA flat-pack wooden furniture; next some fruity notes (apricot jam, lemon drizzle cake) – and last, intense, deep sweetness (toffee, honeycomb, tablet, chocolate caramels, sugar-coated almonds). With water, potpourri and liquorice joined in the fun.

The Palate: was bitter-sweet and complex – lemon sorbet, blackcurrant and waxy laurel against tinned pear, honey, fudge and chocolate – all under- pinned by a pleasant pepper, chilli and nutmeg heat.

Diluted: The reduced palate found perfumed wood, pineapple, fruit loaf, chocolate and ginger.

**Glenfarclas – Speyside
11 Year Old Single Cask #1.18**

Flavour profile: Spicy & sweet

**Rare : 2 of only 210 Worldwide
1st Fill Barrel Proof: 112.4⁰**

1. ***Glenfarclas – 10 Year***

- **Nose:** Lots of sherry, juicy. Honey, touch of toffee, creamy. Malty, barley.
- **Palate:** Winter spice. Fruitcake, toffee, hint of smoke.
- **Finish:** Long, spicy, fruity, oak. 40% ABV

2. ***Glenfarclas – 105 NAS***

- **Nose:** Great depth, sherry. Creamy and nutty. Honey on toast, touch of smoky coffee.
- **Palate:** Silken, spicy and peppery oak. Almond, praline, hazelnut, dried peels, fruity. Touch of Armagnac, hint of rancio perhaps?
- **Finish:** Long, peppery and nutty. 60% ABV

3. ***“Bittersweet Complexity”*** ***Glenfarclas – 11 Year Old Single Cask 1st Fill, 2 of 210, 56.2% ABV***

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