

SFHSWS

“Not your Mommas Scotch”

- Highland Park– 16 Yr. – 1st Fill
- Bladnoch– 25 Yr.
- Bowmore – 20 Yr.

Premium Vault:
40 Year Old Craigduff
Ltd. Release,
\$20/ dram



Rich Howard Tasting Room



Tonight Featuring: Bowmore

Bowmore 12 Year

Bowmore 11 Year – Single Cask from Montgomerie

Bowmore 20 Year, Society private bottling – 2 of only 216 released WW.

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**#1 – Bladnoch - Lowlands
25 Year Old, Bottle # 50.80,
'Quality Time'**

Colour: Toffee Penny Wrapper

Nose: Magic balloons burst into a fireworks of flowers, which fell to the earth in a eucalyptus forest. This was followed by lime cordial, sultanas and dark chocolate orange.

Palate: The taste was an explosion of syrupy fruits (cherry , orange) and various fruity sweets, some dark chocolate, interesting chili spice, plus polished furniture.

Diluted Nose: Fruits were more obvious, rhubarb, papaya, dragon fruit, and mandarin – someone got an old fashioned post office (sweet, newspaper, stationary, etc.).

Diluted Palate: We now found sugar coated fennel seeds, ginger Edinburgh rock, lychee and lemonade..

Comments: Inspirational sweetness.

Age: 25 years

Bladnoch: Lowland (Hadrian's wall)

ABV: 54.5%

Extremely Rare: 2 of 77 Released to the USA

Cask: Refill barrel

Approx. Dram Price: \$100 to 250

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**Tasting #2 – Highland Park
16 Year Old, Cask # 4.218
'A Little Warmth'**

Colour: **Glowing** Brass Trumpet

Nose: The initial nose was embers, aromatic charred wood, freshly brewed nettle tea and blackberry compote.

Palate: The taste was herbal, salty, dry and quite some heat all in perfect balance with flavours of roasted chestnuts and dry cured black forest ham..

Diluted Nose: Water brought out more sweetness like roasting marshmallows or caramelizing crème brulee.

Diluted Palate: The palate was soft and sweet, a peach melba with pistachio and almond caramel cream.

Comments: When in need of a little warmth.

Age: 16 years

Cask: **First Fill Barrel**
Highland Park

Extremely Rare: 2 of 175 Released Worldwide

ABV: 55.9%

Orkney Island

and while you're tasting . . .

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Tasting #3 – 1973 Craigduff Premium Vault \$20.00/ Dram

A 1973 vintage whisky bottled under the Craigduff label. The spirit was produced at Strathisla distillery and was peated, unlike their regular releases, hence the alternative name. There's not much of it around, but Signatory have yet again dug up a cask - distilled on 4 April 1973, matured for 40 years (to the day) in a refill butt and bottled on 4 April 2013 at cask strength.

Comments: Can't find this anywhere.

Age: 40 years

Cask: Refill Butt

Craigduff

Rare Release: 1 of 616 Released Worldwide

ABV: 49.6%

Speyside

\$20.00 Premium Vault

Malt Maniac Rating in the Mid 90s



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**#4 – Bowmore - Islay
20 Year Old, Bottle # 3.274,
'Crab Sticks and Foam Shrimps'**

Colour: Neptune's Trident

Nose: The nose brought you sea air, shellfish, seaweed and peat.

Palate: The taste was warm jam on salty crackers, crab sticks and foam shrimps followed by green tea. Later there was roast cod with tabasco, monkfish wrapped in pancetta and key lime pie. It finished with prawn crackers and roasted seasoned seaweed with some raspberry cranachan.

Comments: The aroma of sea air, spices and peat, in a tent in the rain.

Age: 20 years

Bowmore: Islay – Southshore

Retail Price: \$298

Extremely Rare: 1 of 48 Released to the USA

Cask: Refill Hogshead **ABV:** 53.1%

Approx. Dram Price: \$80 to 150



Name: Bowmore (*Pronounced: bow-MORE*)
Region: [Islay \(Lochindaal\)](#)
Founded: 1779
Status: Active
Water Supply: Laggan River
Equipment: 2 Wash stills, 2 Spirit stills
Production capacity: 2,000,000 litres of pure alcohol per year
Ownership: Suntory > Morrison Bowmore (since 1994)





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1. *Bowmore – 12 Year*

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

2. *Bowmore – 11 Year – Exclusive Casks*

Nose:

Palate:

Finish:

3. *SMWSA Bottle 3.274 Bowmore – 20 Year Old “Crab Sticks and Foam Shrimps”*
1 of only 48 released to the USA
See separate Tasting Notes (attached).

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The End

Next Tasting is Sept. xx, 2017