# 1995

### January

Opened a bottle of Dalwhinnie 15 y.o. (very soft, grass and hay) at home

Opened a bottle of Scapa 1983; Gordon & MacPhail (chameleon! sometimes chocolate, sometimes 'salt') at home

Opened a bottle of Glenmorangie 10 y.o. (fruity-spicy, buttery) at home

Opened a bottle of Talisker 10 y.o. (dark peaty, salami, peppered smoked sausage) at home

Dram of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine, South Ascot

Opened a bottle of Aberlour 10 y.o. (full, toffee-ish) at home

Dram of Glenmorangie 10 y.o. at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Opened a half-bottle of Glenfiddich Special Old Reserve (light, fresh, pears) at home

12 whiskies, of which 9 single malts

#### February

Opened a bottle of Glenfarclas 105 (full, warm, heavy and syrupy) at home

Opened a bottle of Laphroaig 10 y.o. (band-aids, seaweed) at home

Opened bottle of Old Fettercairn 10 y.o. (earthy, soft, but dry) at home

Dan Racey brought a third-full bottle of Oddbins 10 y.o. Single Jslay Malt (sweet-smoky; Bowmore?) and 'forgot' the bottle when he left .....

Opened a bottle of Edradour 10 y.o. (mint, creamy, like after-eight) at home

Opened a bottle of Caol Jla 1980 - 14 y.o., Gordon & MacPhail ('salty' nose, anchovies, palate is first 'salty', then light earthy and dry) at home

Opened a bottle of Auchentoshan 10 y.o. (fresh, sweetish, delicate) at home

19 whiskies, of which 16 single malts

#### March

Opened a bottle of Oban 14 y.o. at home

Dram of Sainsbury's Jrish Single Malt (light, 'dusty', sweet) at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Springbank 15 y.o. (quite sharp, very 'salty', sometimes coconut) at home

Opened a bottle of Wild Turkey 86.8 proof (solid, robust, full of vanilla) at home

22 whiskies, of which 18 single malts





Opened bottles of Swn Y Mor (soft, dry leaves) and Prince of Wales (dry leaves, full, bitter finish) at home, both brought back from long weekend in Wales, the blend after a trek past off-licences in Swansea, the single malt from the 'distillery' in Brecon

Opened a mini from Christine & Tim's birthday-pack at home: Cardhu 12 y.o. (light sweet-syrupy)

Drams of Clynelish 14 y.o. ('salty'-spicy) and Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine, South Ascot

Opened a bottle of Glenmorangie Port Wood Finish (full, rich, winey, beautiful balance) at home, birthday pressie from Mam, Assie & Hans, Rob & Tinus

Dram of Glenmorangie 10 y.o. at Christine, South Ascot

Opened a bottle of **Jack Daniel's Black Label** at home, pressie from Jos & Wim

Opened a bottle of Rebel Vell (light vanilla, fresh-fruity, soft) at home

28 whiskies, of which 22 single malts

#### May

Dram of Laphroaig 10 y.o. at James & Sally, Bagshot

Opened a bottle of Clynelish 14 y.o. at home

Opened a mini from Christine & Tim's birthday-pack at home: Jsle of Jura 10 y.o. (rather light, dry-ish, touch of peat, piney)

Opened a bottle of Canadian Club 6 y.o. (first very light vanilla, then slightly bitter finish) at home

30 whiskies, of which 23 single malts

#### June

Opened minis from Christine & Tim's birthday-pack at home: Glenkinchie 10 y.o. (soft, delicate, light incense, 'pastel' flavours) and Knockando 1979 – 15 y.o. (fruity, flowery, perfumy, thin and sharp body)

Opened a bottle of Jnvergordon 10 y.o. (soft, bit sweet, light bourbony) at home

Dram of Black Bush (soft, full-juicy, melting away) at home

Dram of Clynelish 14 y.o. at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Last dram from Dan Racey's bottle of **Oddbins 10 y.o. Single Islay Malt** (lasted 4 months)

34 whiskies, of which 25 single malts

#### July

Marianne & Kees brought a bottle of Glenmorangie 1975 Port Wood Finish (creamier than normal PWF) to compare with my bottle

Dram of Jameson (soft, light vanilla, slightly sweet) at home

Opened a bottle of Virginia Gentleman (full, as a cross between a bourbon and a malt) at home

Dram of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Cragganmore 12 y.o. (fragrant, restrained, herbal, very dry) at home

Dram of Jim Beam White Label (soft vanilla, almost creamy) at home

Opened a half-bottle of Jameson at home, pressie from Mam and Bep

Dram of Glen Garioch 12 y.o. (peaty, very dry) at home

Dram of <mark>Wild Turkey Rye</mark> (light vanilla, but non-sweet, almost menthol-like feeling) at home

Opened a bottle of Powers (juicy, full-flavoured, alternating spicy and creamy-vanilla) at home

42 whiskies, of which 28 single malts

## August

Dram of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale. Haggis for the first time!



Opened a bottle of Bushmills 1608 (rich, as a beautiful woman lazily stretching herself on a sofa, sometimes chocolate) at home

Dram from own bottle of Bushmills 1608 at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Bunratty (strangely sweet, sometimes like Cologne, hints of dark chocolate, very spirity) at home

43 whiskies, of which 28 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit

## September

Dram of **Oddbins 10 y.o. Single Islay Malt** at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale

Dram of Banff 1974, Gordon & MacPhail (rather light, bit smoky, woodydry) at home

Last dram from the bottle of **Scapa 1983**; Gordon & MacPhail (lasted 8 months)

Dram of Jameson at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Highland Park 12 y.o. (soft, round, slightly 'salty', full of flavour and remarkable juicy) at home

Drams of Talisker 10 y.o. and Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale

Dram of Kinclaith 1966, Gordon & MacPhail (fragrant, soft, fruity) at home

Dram of North Port 1970, Gordon & MacPhail (pickles, slightly smoky, dry and sharp) at home

Dram of Jameson at Vincent, Sunninghill

47 whiskies, of which 32 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit

### November

Dram of Laphroaig Vintage 1977 (less medicinal than 10 y.o., 'saltier' and drier) at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale

Dram of Famous Grouse at Kees N, Ascot

Dram of Dallas Dhu 1971, Gordon & MacPhail (warm, full, rich, hints of chocolate) at home, pressie from Christine from Edinburgh conference

Dram of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

#### December

Dram of Clynelish 14 y.o. at Nathalie & Mike, North Ascot

Opened a bottle of Old Overholt (slightly bitter, light vanilla, subtle) at home, pressie from Cherie Briggs

Dram of Bell's 8 y.o. (rough, flat; "cooking stuff" (Müller, pers. comm.)) during Xmas Lunch at Silwood

Dram of Glen Ord 12 y.o. (very fragrant, quite soft, but not without taste) at tasting stand on Heathrow airport

Drams of **Jack Daniel's Black Label** and **Drambuie** at Jos & Wim, Rheden

52 whiskies, of which 35 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 1 whisky liqueur

