1996

January

Drams of Laphroaig 10 y.o. and Bowmore 12 y.o. (strong 'salty' with a smokiness underneath) at Wilma & Rob, Zoetermeer

Drams of Bowmore 17 y.o. (similar to the 12 y.o., but lighter, sweeter and less 'salty') and Lagavulin 16 y.o. at James Deutsch, Silwood

Dram of Knockando 1979 - 15 y.o. at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

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

54 whiskies, of which 37 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 1 whisky liqueur

February

Opened a bottle of Lammerlaw 10 y.o. (soft and full, toffee, sweetish, touch of peat, dry finish) at home; thanks to Jane Memmott for bringing it back from New Zealand!

Dram of Teacher's Highland Cream (soft, creamy) at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

56 whiskies, of which 38 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 1 whisky liqueur

March

Dram of Aberlour 10 y.o. at John Lawton, Ascot

April

Birthday-present from Christine et al: a whisky-chess board!



Gold side: King = Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 y.o.; Queen = Bowmore 12 y.o.; Bishop = Bruichladdich 10 y.o.; Knight = Talisker 10 y.o.; Rook = Jsle of Jura 10 y.o.

Silver side: King = Chivas Regal 12 y.o.; Queen = Balvenie 10 y.o. Founders Reserve; Bishop = Knockando

1980 - 15 y.o.; Knight = Invergordon 10 y.o.; Rook = Tamnavulin 10 y.o.

May

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

June

Last dram from the bottle of Laphroaig 10 y.o. (lasted 1 year and 4 months)

Drams of **Teacher's Highland Cream** and **Jameson** at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Dram of Baileys at Rachel Quinn, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Bowmore Mariner (less 'salty' than the 12 y.o., but fuller and deeper, hardly smoky) at home

Last dram from the bottle of Glenmorangie Port Wood Finish (lasted 1 year and 2 months)

Opened a bottle of Glenmorangie Madeira Finish (sharp, buttery, burnt) at home, birthday pressie from Jos & Wim

Dram of Gilbey's Old Gold (soft, sweet-fruity) at Mike & Nathalie, North Ascot

Whisky-tasting evening at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale (joined by Richard Fields): Dalwhinnie 15 y.o., Glenmorangie 10 y.o., Clynelish 14 y.o., Bowmore Mariner (from own bottle), Brora 1975 – 20 y.o. Rare Malt Selection (peaty, strong island-character; with water sweeter) and Lagavulin 16 y.o.

60 whiskies, of which 41 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 2 whisky liqueurs

July

Opened a bottle of Drambuie at home

August

Dram of Bowmore Legend (fresh, spicy, peaty, metallic, rubbery nose) at Karsten & Chris, Sunningdale

Last dram from bottle of Lagavulin 16 y.o. (3 bottles; lasting 2 years and 1 month)

Drams of Sheep Dip (it's whisky) and Pig's Nose (crap) at home

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

September

Dram of Tamnavulin 10 y.o. (soft, somber, bit dry and woody) at home, part of the whisky chess board

Opened a bottle of Baileys at home

Dram of Black Bush at home

Opened a bottle of Jnchmurrin 10 y.o. (slightly 'savoury', fresh-minty finish) at home

Last dram from the bottle of Oban 14 y.o. (lasted 1 year and 6 months)

65 whiskies, of which 44 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 2 whisky liqueurs

October

Opened a bottle of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at home, late birthday pressie from Wilma & Rob

November

Last dram from the bottle of Edradour 10 y.o. (lasted 1 year and 9 months)

Dram of Chivas Regal 12 y.o. (bland, weak, slightly bitter) at home, part of the whisky chess board

Dram of Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 y.o. (all-round whisky, but not much more) at home, part of the whisky chess board

Dram of Clynelish 14 y.o. at Christine & Tim, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of Tullibardine 10 y.o. (fresh, bit fruity, hint of vanilla) at home

68 whiskies, of which 45 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 2 whisky liqueurs

December

Dram of Caol Jla 15 y.o. Flora & Fauna (drier and peatier than the G&McP bottling, less 'salty') during Xmas Lunch, Silwood (bottle from Stuart McNeil)

Dram of Aultmore 1980 - 15 y.o, Signatory (juicy, fruity, fresh) at Marianne & Kees, Leiden

Drams of Blackbarrel 10 y.o. (touch of vanilla, thin and sharp) and Talisker 10 y.o. at Wilma & Rob, Zoetermeer

Dram of Glenfiddich Special Old Reserve at Jos & Wim, Rheden

71 whiskies, of which 47 single malts plus 1 'edge of whisky' spirit and 2 whisky liqueurs



