

# 1999

## January

Dram of **Laphroaig 10 y.o.** at Jos & Wim, Rheden

Dram of **Macallan 12 y.o.** at Christine, Sunningdale

Dram of **Sainsbury's Pure Jslay Malt** (clearly Jslay, Laphroaig-like nose, but drier and 'saltier' further down) at Karsten & Chris, Bracknell

Last dram from the bottle of **Macallan 12 y.o.** (lasted 1 year and 3 months)

Opened a bottle of **Lord Parham** (bitter, hard CRAP!) at home; thanks to Klaas-Peter and Anke for bringing it back from Surinam!

116 whiskies, of which 77 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 5 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## February

Last dram from the bottle of **Jameson Gold** (lasted 1 year and 5 months)

Dram of **Aberlour 10 y.o.** at Karsten & Chris, Bracknell

## March

Opened a bottle of **Balvenie 12 y.o. Double Wood** (soft, sweet, round) at home

Opened bottles of **Old Smuggler** (thin, sharp, harsh) and **Breeder's Choice** (somewhat fuller and less harsh) at home; thanks to Enrique & Christine for bringing them back from Argentina!

Last dram from the bottle of **Lammerlaw 10 y.o.** (lasted 3 years and 1 month)



Opened a bottle of **Yamazaki 12 y.o.** (quite light, clean, somewhat bitter finish) at home

Opened a bottle of **Yoichi 12 y.o.** (peat, peat, peat!) at home; thanks to Christine for bringing it back from Japan!

Opened a bottle of **Hips** (bourbony, but rather light and thin, little finish) at home

Opened a half-bottle of **Tullamore Dew** (very light, no finish) at home

Last dram from the bottle of **Wild Turkey 86.8 proof** (lasted 4 years)

Opened a bottle of **Polo** (cologne) at home; thanks to Donald for bringing it back from Malaysia!

124 whiskies, of which 80 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 5 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## April

Drams of **Oban 14 y.o.** and **Lagavulin 16 y.o.** at Christine, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of **DYC** (light and soft, oily mouthfeel) at home; thanks to Owen Lewis for bringing it back from Spain!

Dram of **Bowmore 12 y.o.** at James & Sally, South Ascot

Dram of **Grant's** (metallic) at Christine, Sunningdale



Brought bottles **Bowmore Cask Strength** and **Connemara** to Malborough for Devon & Cornwall trip. Tour of Plymouth Gin distillery (ok, it's not a whisky distillery, but it has copper pot stills .....

126 whiskies, of which 80 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 5 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## May

Last dram from the bottle of **Bunnahabhain 12 y.o.** (lasted 2 years)

Drams of **Macallan 12 y.o.** and **Oban 14 y.o.** at Christine, Sunningdale

Opened a bottle of **King Barley 6 y.o.** (soft, fruity, apples) at home; thanks to Thomas Berendonk for bringing it back from Prague!

Last dram from the bottle of **Eileandour** (lasted 2 years)

127 whiskies, of which 80 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 5 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## July

Last dram from the bottle of **Connemara** (lasted 1 year and 7 months)

Opened a bottle of **Port Ellen 1980 – 16 y.o.**; **Gordon & MacPhail** (lots of peat; varies between dryish and sweetish) at home

Last dram from the bottle of **Old Pulteney 12 y.o.** (lasted 1 year and 11 months)

128 whiskies, of which 81 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 5 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## September

Last dram from the bottle of **Yoichi 12 y.o.** (lasted 6 months)

## October

Last dram from the bottle of **Famous Grouse** (lasted 2 years and 4 months)

Drams of **Springbank C.V.** (quite rough and young, grappa-ish),



**Springbank 21 y.o.** (complex, changing facets, sometimes clear liquorice), **Longrow 10 y.o.** (peat and leather; beautiful balance), **Longrow 10 y.o. Sherrywood** (sherry too overpowering), **Ardbeg 30 y.o.** (thin, very light peaty) and **Glenlochy 26 y.o. Rare Malt Selection** (very tight tastes, hardly opens up) at Mike Siva-Jothy, Sheffield; after the viva of Jonny Ryder

Dram of **Glenmorangie Sherry Wood Finish** (strong sherry, but not as much as in **Macallan**) at Marianne & Kees, Oegstgeest

Opened a bottle of **Maltky** (cologne, sweetish, watery) at home

Opened a bottle of **K & B** (fake-sweetish) at home; thanks to Donald for bringing it back from Malaysia!

Last dram from the bottle of **Bruichladdich 17 y.o.** (lasted 2 years)

Opened bottles of **Alko 10 y.o.** (strong rye element) and **Double Eight** (same rye element, but a bit softer) at home; thanks to Thomas Berendonk for bringing them back from Finland!



Opened a bottle of **Kelt 'Tour du Monde'** (soft and warm, nutty, clear sherry influence, short finish, no 'salt!') at home, birthday pressie from Mam

139 whiskies, of which 88 single malts (1 new-make)  
plus 6 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## November

Dram of **Macallan 12 y.o.** at Christine, Sunningdale

Dram of **St George 14 m.o. cask sample – light wood smoke, bourbon cask** (vanilla and fructose, incredibly soft and elegant for such a young spirit) at home; via Riannon from the distillery

Last dram from the bottle of **Rebel Yell** (lasted 4 years and 7 months)

Opened a bottle of **Kao Liang 'Golden Star'** (very odd fire water) at home



Opened a bottle of **Lagavulin 16 y.o.** at home, in celebration of Irma's new career as a gardener

140 whiskies, of which 89 single malts (1 new-make and 1 cask sample)  
plus 7 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

## December

Opened a bottle of **Arran** (light, fresh, soft, sweetish, bit malty, touch of peat, good balance, but some sulphur in the nose) at home, more than 2 ½ years after visiting the distillery the first bottling!

Dram of **St George 6 m.o. cask sample – heavy wood smoke, limousin cask** (same fructose-sweetness, incense-like sweet smokiness, soft wood) at home; via Riannon from the distillery

Dram of **Talisker 10 y.o.** at the Royal Berkshire Hotel before "Advances in Ecology" Dinner



Last dram from the bottle of **Bowmore Cask Strength** (lasted 1 year and 9 months)

Opened a bottle of **Talisker 1986 Distillers Edition** at home

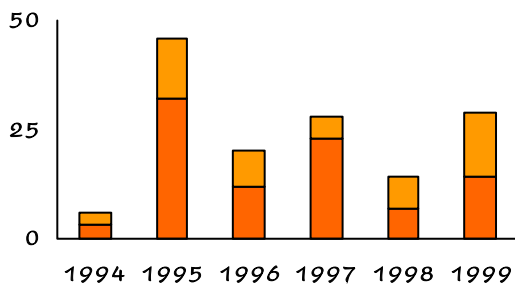
Last dram from the half-bottle of **Glennlivet 12 y.o.** (lasted 1 year and 11 months)

Opened a bottle of **House of Commons** (rather soft, sweetish) at home, obtained from the House of Commons via Richard Cooke

Drams of **Cragganmore 12 y.o.** and **Lagavulin 16 y.o.** at Jos & Wim, Rheden

143 whiskies, of which 91 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples) plus 7 'edge of whisky' spirits and 3 whisky liqueurs

Whisky Life List  
yearly additions



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