# 2000

## January

Dram of Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Jos & Wim, Rheden

## February

Opened a bottle of Johnnie Walker Red Label at home; good-bye pressie from Christine to Jrma

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

### March

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

Opened a bottle of Celtic Crossing at home

Dram from own bottle of **Lagavulin 16 y.o.** at Angela & Grenville, Malborough

Last dram from the 'gardener' bottle of Lagavulin 16 y.o. (lasted 4 months)

144 whiskies, of which 91 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 7 'edge of whisky' spirits and 4 whisky liqueurs

### April

Dram of **Johnnie Walker Red Label** in the plane from Heathrow to Schiphol

### Dram of Laphroaig 10 y.o. at Wilma & Rob, Zoetermeer



Opened a bottle of Ardbeg 10 y.o. (peat, tar, smoke, sweet; complex and balanced) during the Easter weekend at Scharendijke; birthday pressie from Wouter, Rob & Wilma. Also dram of Glenmorangie 10 y.o.

Opened a bottle of Imperial 21 y.o. 'Millennium Malt', Gall & Gall (intense, hints of peat and vanilla) at home; birthday pressie from Jos & Wim

Last dram from the bottle of Balvenie 12 y.o. Double Wood (lasted 1 year and 1 month)

> 146 whiskies, of which 93 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples) plus 7 'edge of whisky' spirits and 4 whisky liqueurs

# May

# Celtic Spirit launched!

Last dram from the bottle of **Inchmurrin 10 y.o.** (lasted 3 years and 8 months)

Last dram from the bottle of Port Ellen 1980 – 16 y.o. Gordon & MacPhail (lasted 10 months)

## June



Opened a half-bottle of Cutty Sark (light, crispy, some vanilla, grain) at home, bought at Berry Bros & Rudd after visiting the Cutty Sark

Dram of *real* poitin (rough fire-water, but somehow more 'honest' than commercial 'instant poteen') at home; thanks to Mat for bringing it back from Jreland!

Bought Wim a bottle of Aberlour a'bunadh (lots of toffee, lighter fruit, rich, warm) as an early birthday pressie; plus drams of Jmperial 21 y.o. 'Millennium Malt'; Gall & Gall, Strathisla 12 y.o. (full, firm, all-round), Glen Moray 12 y.o. (light, short finish) and Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Jos & Wim, Rheden

150 whiskies, of which 96 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 8 'edge of whisky' spirits and 4 whisky liqueurs

## July

Dram of Glengoyne 17 y.o. (light, fresh, malty) at Norbert & Marion, South Ascot



Opened a bottle of A.H. Hirsch Reserve 16 y.o. (rich and deep, what a shame Pennsylvania bourbon is no longer made at Michter's) at home; thanks to Doug Stone for bringing it back from the US!





Dram of St George 14 m.o. cask sample – light wood smoke, bourbon cask at home; via Riannon from the distillery

Dram of Connemara at Thomas, North Ascot

### September

Whisky Galore' evening at home with Thomas, Mat & Mary: Glenrothes 1984 – 13 y.o. (sweetish, brittle, hint of peat), Ardbeg 1978 – 20 y.o. (somewhat softer than the 10 y.o.) and Laphroaig 10 y.o.



Dram of Laphroaig 'Highgrove' (very much as the normal Laphroaig 10 y.o.) at Silwood; sample via Mary from her father

Dram of Laphroaig 'Highgrove' at home; sample from the same source as above

Last dram from the bottle of Talisker 1986 Distillers Edition (lasted 9 months)

Dram of Tamnavulin 12 y.o. (thin, harsh, bitter) at Christine, Sunningdale, from Andy Wilby's bottle

Last dram from the bottle of Red Devil (lasted 2 years and 4 months)

156 whiskies, of which 101 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples) plus 9 'edge of whisky' spirits and 4 whisky liqueurs

### October

Dram of 'Happy New Home' Lagavulin 16 y.o. at Christine, London

### December

Dram of **Jameson** at Bob & Marilyn, Bracknell

Drams of Drambuie, Poit Dhubh 12 y.o. Green Label (full, solid, good bite), Aberlour a'bunadh, Glenfarclas 105, Glenfarclas 10 y.o. (full, sweetish sherry in the nose; palate drier and lighter) and Bowmore Legend at Jos & Wim, Rheden



