

2001

January

Dram of **Glenfarclas 105** at Jos & Wim, Rheden

Last dram from the bottle of **Ardbeg 10 y.o.** (lasted 9 months)

Dram of **100 Pipers** (quite sweet) at home, from bottle brought by Thomas

Dram of **Alen Garioch 15 y.o.** (contrast between flowery nose and bone-dry, odd-peaty palate) at Christine, Staines



Burns Night at home with Thomas, Mat & Mary: haggis, tatties 'n' neeps, few drams and opened a bottle of **Bruichladdich 10 y.o., JBB bottling** (light peat, toffee-vanilla)

161 whiskies, of which 104 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 9 'edge of whisky' spirits and 4 whisky liqueurs

February

Last dram from the bottle of **Tobermory** (lasted 3 years and 3 months)

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Last dram from the bottle of **Imperial 21 y.o. 'Millennium Malt'**, Gall & Gall (lasted 10 months)

March



Long weekend to San Francisco! Flights and hotel paid by Riannon

Visit to St George distillery; drams of **St George** (fructose-sweetness, more depth than the 14 m.o. sample) and **Old Potrero 1 y.o. Single Malt Spirit** (harsh, rancid). Plus a fabulous spirit from tangerine blossoms



Drams of **Royal Lochnagar 12 y.o.** (rather dry), **Blakes** and **Bell's 12 y.o. – 1950s bottling** (much smoother and more flavour than modern bottlings) at O'Reilly's



At the WoW Expo, tasted **Bowmore 1989**, **Murray McDavid**, **Balvenie 21 y.o. Port Wood** (rich and full, velvety-soft), **Michel Couvreur 'Pale Single-Single'**, **J.W. Harper 1930s bottling** (bristling with flavour), **Locke's** (light, sweetish), **Suir**, **Adelphi** (intense peat), **Midleton VR 2000** (sweetish, light honey), **Hedonism** (vanilla, silky-soft), **Asyla** (light, velvety), **Eleuthera** (light smoky), **Bowmore 25 y.o. Moonlight**, **Ledaig 20 y.o.** (light peaty), **Ledaig 15 y.o.** (less peaty than 20 y.o.). Also bootleg from malted barley, matured in bottles with pieces of wood (surprisingly soft!)

Opened a half-bottle of **Snake Bite** (yucky-sweet, sharp) at home

179 whiskies, of which 115 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 10 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

April

At WM Live, London, tasted **Dalmore 12 y.o.**, **Benromach 15 y.o.** (sweetish, bit sharp), **Benromach 1974 – 26 y.o.** (much softer than the 15

y.o.), **Oban 1980 Distillers Edition**, **Cragganmore 1985 – 15 y.o. Distillers Edition**, **Talisker 1986 Distillers Edition**, **Lagavulin 1979 Distillers Edition**, **Glenfiddich 30 y.o.**, **Glenfiddich 15 y.o. Solera Reserve**, **Macallan 1982 – 18 y.o. (sherry and spices)**, **Macallan 25 y.o. (much softer than the 18 y.o.)**, **Van Winkle Family Reserve Rye 13 y.o. (much more depth and flavour than Old Overholt)**, **Caol Ila Cognac Wood**, **Gordon & MacPhail (alternating smoky and sweet layers)**, **Brora 25 y.o.**, **Douglas Laing (peat and sweetness)**, **Ardbeg 26 y.o.**, **Douglas Laing**, **Longrow 10 y.o.** and **Port Ellen 18 y.o.**; **Douglas Laing**. Thanks to Christine chatting up the Diageo rep, we went home with at least half-full bottles of **Cragganmore 1985 – 15 y.o. Distillers Edition** and **Oban 1980 Distillers Edition** and thanks to John Glaser with a half-full bottle of **Asyla**

Drams of **Aberlour a'bunadh**, **Balblair Elements** (quite light, sweetish touch of peat, getting drier), **Tyrconnell** (sweetshop!) and **Lagavulin 16 y.o.** at Jos & Wim, Rheden

Third home in Britain: North Ascot



Dram of **Bushmills 10 y.o.** at Steve & Sue, Sunningdale

195 whiskies, of which 130 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 10 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

May

Opened a bottle of **Hedonism** at home; birthday pressie from Jos & Wim

Last dram from the bottle of **Kelt 'Tour du Monde'** (lasted 1 year and 7 months)

Dram of **Bowmore 1989 – 11 y.o., SMWS** (thick buttery nose, then drier and peatier) at home, from bottle brought by Thomas

196 whiskies, of which 131 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 10 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

June



Opened the first tri-bottle from the Clontarf tri-pack at home: **Clontarf** (massive vanilla, almost nauseatingly sweet)

Dram of **J&B Rare** (thin, dry, bitter) at home from bottle left by Marcus Paddon)

Opened a bottle of **Early Times Old Style** (light, some fructose, dry finish) at home

Last dram from the bottle of **Tullibardine 10 y.o.** (lasted 4 years and 7 months)

Opened a bottle of **McDowell's** (thin, some vanilla) at home; bottle courtesy of United Breweries!

Last dram from the half-bottle of **Tullamore Dew** (lasted 1 year and 3 months)



Opened a bottle of **Gruel Schwäbischer Whisky** (leathery nose, marzipan) at home

Opened a bottle of **Ankara 5 y.o.** (soft, oily, sweetish, vanilla) at home; thanks to Donald (and Selma) for bringing it back from Turkey!



Opened a bottle of **Flat Country** (burnt, tea, sweetish) at

home; thanks to Gyury, Graham, Owen and Becky for getting it to me from Hungary!

202 whiskies, of which 134 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

July

Dram of **Glenmorangie 10 y.o.** at James & Sally, North Ascot

Opened the second tri-bottle from the Clontarf tri-pack at home: **Clontarf Black Label** (very light, vanilla)

Dram of **Ardbeg 1975** (less peat than the 1978) at Jneke van der Veen, Plön

Dram of **Talisker 10 y.o.** at Angela & Grenville, Sunningdale

Last dram from the bottle of **J&B Rare** (lasted 1 month)

204 whiskies, of which 135 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

August

Dram of **Glen Morven 16 y.o.** (fuller than the **Glen Moray 12 y.o.**) at a tasting stand on Heathrow airport

Drams of **Highland Park 12 y.o.** and **Bowmore 12 y.o.** during the ESEB conference in Århus

Drams of **Aberlour a'bunadh**, **Glenfiddich 18 y.o. Ancient Reserve** and **Balvenie 21 y.o. Port Wood** in a whiskybar in Århus with Dennis Klindrup, Tom Little, Mat Goddard and Thomas Berendonk



Dram of **Alen Grant** (light, sweet, fruity) at home; sample came with 'Wasser des Lebens' game

207 whiskies, of which 138 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

September

Dram of **Bruichladdich 10 y.o., MMcD bottling** (fuller taste and less peat than the JBB bottling) at home; sample from Wim

208 whiskies, of which 139 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 5 whisky liqueurs

October

Dram of **Danzy Jones** during a Craft Fair at the Ascot Race Course

Opened the third tri-bottle from the Clontarf tri-pack at home: **Clontarf Reserve** (very weak and bland)

209 whiskies, of which 139 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 6 whisky liqueurs

November

Opened a bottle of **Springbank 'Against the Grain'; Oddbins** (light, fruity-sweet, clear Springbank 'brine') at home

Last dram from the bottle of **Glen Scotia 14 y.o.** (lasted 4 years and 1 month)

210 whiskies, of which 140 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples)
plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 6 whisky liqueurs

December

Drams of **Alenfarclas 105**, **Alenfarclas 21 y.o.** (sherry and dark chocolate), **Macallan 1983 – 18 y.o.** (sherry, spices, citrus), **Highland Park 18 y.o.** (robust and more peat than the 12 y.o.), **Longrow 10 y.o.** Sherrywood, **Longrow 10 y.o.**, **Springbank 21 y.o.**, **Woodford Reserve** (it's bourbon), **Laphroaig 10 y.o. Original Cask Strength** and **Laphroaig 10 y.o.** during the ESF-workshop in Castleton

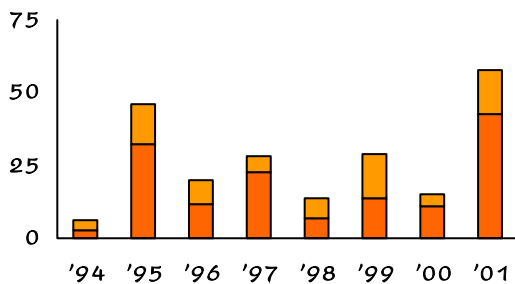
Dram of **Balvenie Jslay Cask** (slightly less sweet than the 10/12 y.o., hardly a hint of peat) at a tasting stand on Heathrow airport

Dram of **Tullamore Dew** at Rob & Tineke, Barneveld

Drams of **Bruichladdich 10 y.o.**, **MMcD bottling**, **Laphroaig 15 y.o.** and **Ledaig** (light-peaty, earthy, toffee) at Jos & Wim, Rheden

216 whiskies, of which 145 single malts (1 new-make and 2 cask samples) plus 11 'edge of whisky' spirits and 6 whisky liqueurs

Whisky Life List
yearly additions



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