

February 2016 Tasting Notes

Name: Max

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Region: Speyside; Cask Type: Bourbon and Sherry Casks

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Palate: The palate is rewarded with a unique combination of attractive flavours – a balance of apples, pears, malt with a gentle hint of nuttiness enhanced by the subtle use of sherry wood.

Finish: Smooth, sweet and very satisfying.

Color:	Pale Yellow	Yellow	Gold	Amber	Mahogany	Dark Walnut		
Nose:	Floral	Fruity	Spicy	Earthy	Oily	Nutty	Grassy	Pungent
Palate:	Sweet	Salty	Peppery	Zesty	Smoky	Iodine	Caramel	Vanilla
	Peaty	Tobacco	Coffee	Sulfur	Anise	Peach	Citrus	Mint
Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured	Woody
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long					

Score: 84 Notes:

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Dalmore 12yo, 40% ABV, \$45.99

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Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured		
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long						

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Tobacco Coffee Sulfur Anise Peach Citrus Mint Woody

Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

Finish: Short Medium Long

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Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

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The award winning distillery creates a number of different whiskies that are produced in a combination of different stills, of various sizes which give the whisky a more complex character. Each expression of The Dalmore is matured in two different types of wooden casks: American white oak bourbon casks and exclusive aged sherry casks from Gonzalez Byass. Each sherry cask – which is hand selected by master distiller Richard Paterson – gives the whisky a deep copper colour and flavours of crushed almonds, cinnamon, ginger and citrus. The bourbon casks give the whisky notes of vanilla, spice, honey and tropical fruits. To create a more complex character, selected expressions are finessed in exceptional casks, showcasing woods from world-renowned bodegas and exclusive wineries.

Color:	Pale Yellow	Yellow	Gold	Amber	Mahogany			
Nose:	Floral	Fruity	Spicy	Earthy	Oily	Nutty	Grassy	Pungent
Palate:	Sweet	Salty	Peppery	Zesty	Smoky	Iodine	Caramel	Vanilla
	Peaty	Tobacco	Coffee	Sulfur	Anise	Peach	Citrus	Mint
Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured	
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long					

Score: 85

Notes:

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Name: Mika

Tomatin 12yo, 43% ABV, \$26.99

Region: Speyside; Cask Type: Bourbon and Sherry Casks

The origins of whisky production in Tomatin are hard to be precise about - the formal distillery which operates today was established in 1897 but there is reason to believe that whisky production, albeit illegal, has been an important part of life in the area around Tomatin since the 1400s.

The name itself gives an insight into this secret past: "Tomatin" translates to "Hill of the Juniper Bush", as juniper wood gives off no smoke while burning it has long been a favorite of illicit distillers who must keep their practice secret. Today, a building known locally as "The Old Laird's House" still remains on the site of the current distillery and it is believed that this is the spot where the cattle drovers taking their livestock from the north of Scotland to the central markets would stop and fill their flasks from an illicit still.

However, it was only in 1897 at the peak of the Victorian Whisk Boom that three men, John MacDougall, John Macleish and Alexander Allan, along with a handful of investors, decided to open a formal distillery on the site and form The Tomatin Spey District Distillery Ltd.

Nose: A complex bouquet contains rich malt and fruity aromas with a hint of peatiness

Palate: The palate is rewarded with a unique combination of attractive flavours – a balance of apples, pears, malt with a gentle hint of nuttiness enhanced by the subtle use of sherry wood.

Finish: Smooth, sweet and very satisfying.

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	Peaty	Tobacco	Coffee	Sulfur	Anise	Peach	Citrus	Mint
Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured	Woody
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long					

Score: 86 Notes:

Name: Mike

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Palate:	Sweet	<u>Salty</u>	<u>Peppery</u>	Zesty	<u>Smoky</u>	Iodine	Caramel		Vanilla
	Peaty	Tobacco	<u>Coffee</u>	Sulfur	Anise	Peach	Citrus		Mint
Body:	Light	<u>Medium</u>	Heavy	<u>Smooth</u>	<u>Rich</u>	Creamy	<u>Textured</u>		Woody
Finish:	Short	Medium	<u>Long</u>						

Score: 90

Notes: Very Complex, Nice Flavor