

July
March 2016 Tasting Notes

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Palate:	Sweet	Salty	Peaty	Tobacco	Peppery	Zesty	Smoky	Coffee	Anise	Peach	Iodine	Caramel	Vanilla	Woody
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Score:	79													
Notes:														
Name:	John H													

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Score: 78 **Notes:** VERY **Name:** YBurdock

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Score:	<i>90</i>								
Notes:	<i>A little bite, but still very good</i>								
Name:	<i>Mike</i>								

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Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Long	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured						
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Score:	96													
Notes:	Better than expected													
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