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	Peaty	Tobacco	Coffee	Anise	Peach	Apple	Pineapple	<u>Citrus</u>	Mint	<i>Delicious</i>					
Body:	Light	<u>Medium</u>	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured								
Finish:	Short	<u>Medium</u>	Long												
Score:	<u>95</u>	Notes:	<u>So So</u>					Name:	<u>WARD</u>						

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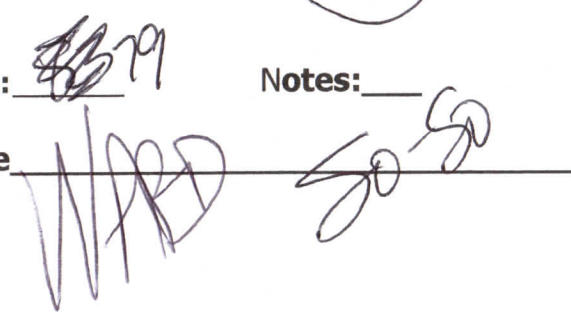
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Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth		Rich	Creamy	Textured						Bite
Finish:	Short	Medium	Long											
Score:	84		Notes: <u>Loved this one</u>				Name: <u>R Gray</u>							

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Palate: Sweet Peaty Salty Tobacco Peppery Zesty Smoky Peach Iodine Apple Caramel Pineapple Vanilla Citrus Woody Mint

Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

Finish: Short Medium Long

Score: 85 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Dak Burdett

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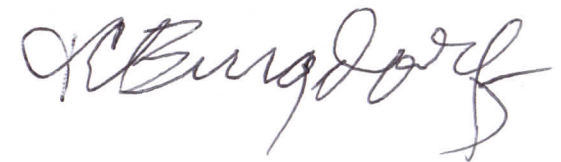
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Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	<u>Smooth</u>	Rich	Creamy	Textured								
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Palate:	<u>Sweet</u> <u>Peaty</u>	Salty Tobacco	Peppery Coffee	<u>Zesty</u> Anise	Smoky Peach	Iodine Apple	Caramel Pineapple	Vanilla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

Score: 72 **Notes:** _____

Name Fitzgerald

September 2016 Tasting Notes

Balblair 2002 (14YO) Highland Single Malt Scotch Whiskey

46% ABV. \$58.44 incl tax

Sparkling gold in color. On the nose there are the signature Balblair aromas; floral and fragrant with zesty fruits such as oranges and lemons. The American oak ex-bourbon barrels used in maturation impart toffee and vanilla notes. On the palate it is full bodied yet sweet and spicy in character with hints of oranges, lemons, green apples, toffee and vanilla. There is a typical long finish as the floral and fruit notes develop and combine with the initial spice and sweetness from the American oak casks.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Vanilla Fruity Banana Pineapple Lemon Earthy Smoke Oily Nutty Grassy Pungent Peaty Menthol

Palate: Sweet Peaty Salty Tobacco Peppery Coffee Zesty Anise Smoky Peach Iodine Apple Caramel Pineapple Vanilla Citrus Woody Mint

Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

Finish: Short Medium Long

Score: 84 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Mike

Rating Scheme

- 95-100** A classic! All components are balanced appropriately, with the complexity and character expected in a classic.
- 90-94** Outstanding! One of the best for its style. Distinctive.
- 80-89** Good to very good. Plenty of character and no identifiable flaws. Worth seeking out.
- 70-79** Average. No unique qualities. Flaws possible.
- 60-69** Below average. Major flaws. Avoid

Lismore 18YO Speyside

43% ABV \$56.28 incl tax

NOSE; Lightish nose all around, but layered with tropical and fruit notes. Some breezy notes of honeysuckle, vanilla, butterscotch, toffee and citrus float through with a bit of wood.

PALATEa; Fruit is muddled together here on the palate and mixed with notes of dark honey, malt, burnt graham cracker pie crust, vanilla and a smoky char. There's a darkness to the palate that wasn't as apparent on the nose.

FINISH; Fruit, wood, vanilla and ash go on... and on... and on... and on...

BALANCE, BODY & FEEL; The darkness of it pulls things in a weird direction; it's a wobbly balance if you will. Medium body with a soft smooth texture.

Color:	Pale Yellow	Yellow	Gold	<u>Amber</u>	Mahogany									
Nose:	Floral	<u>Vanilla</u>	Fruity	Banana	Pineapple	Lemon	Earthy	Smoke	Oily	<u>Nutty</u>	Grassy	Pungent	Peaty	Menthol
Palate:	Sweet	<u>Salty</u>	Peppery	Zesty	Smoky	Iodine	Caramel	<u>Vanilla</u>	Woody					
	Peaty	Tobacco	Coffee	Anise	Peac h	Apple	Pineapple	Citrus	Mint					
Body:	Light	<u>Medium</u>	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured							
Finish:	Short	<u>Medium</u>	Long											

Score: 83 **Notes:** Nothing to make it special, but very drinkable.

Name Mike