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Palate: Creamy and honeyed with some thick-cut marmalade, cinnamon and warm pastries.

Finish: Fruity with vanilla and sultana.

Color *Gold*

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

Score: 88 **Notes:** Strong Sherry. Nice Finish **Name:** Mike

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COLOR - AMBER

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

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Name: *Ed Burdick*

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Finish:	Short	Medium	<u>Long</u>											

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Body:	Light	<u>Medium</u>	Heavy	Smooth		Rich		Creamy		Textured				
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