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Body:	Light	Medium	Heavy	Smooth	Rich	Creamy	Textured							
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Score:	79	Notes: _____										Name: <i>OC Burdick</i>		

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90-94 Outstanding! One of the best for its style. Distinctive.

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

Score: 88

Notes:

Very good. Smooth. Nice Finish. Good benchmark for classic Scotch.

Name: Mike

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Body:	Light		<u>Medium</u>	Heavy	Smooth		Rich	Creamy			Textured			
Finish:	Short		Medium		<u>Longish</u>									
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Name Don W.

46%

March 2017 Tasting Notes Clynelish 14 YO; \$57.99 plus tax

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Finish:	Short		Medium		Long									

Score: 95

Notes: _____

Name: Don W.

- 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.
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