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Score:	<u>79</u>	Notes: _____										Name:	<u>VC Edradour</u>	

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Score: 93 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Roger

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

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

Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

Finish: Short Medium Long

Score: 92 **Notes:** *Combination of peat & sweet is just right* **Name:** Van

Rating Scheme:

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July 22, 2017 Tasting Notes

Tamdhu NAS – Speyside - Batch Strength - Sherry Cask - Batch No. 2 - 58.5% ABV - \$69.99 plus Tax

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

Score: ~~87~~
78

Notes: Burns without taste

Name: Dan

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Description

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Body: Light Medium Heavy Smooth Rich Creamy Textured

Finish: Short Medium Long

Score: 95 **Notes:** CREAMY **Name:** ERIC

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

Score: 98

Notes: _____

Name: ELIC WESTERHEM

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