

9/23/18

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Without a cigar:

Nose: Characteristic Dalmore notes of orange blossom honey and Grand Marnier. Oaky old sherry which conjures images of polished leather armchairs and a whisky-stained wooden bar. Dried cherries in ruby port wine reduction. Deeper in, there's raw honeycomb and browning butter. Sophisticated. This malt's wearing a tailored suit, but the tie is loose and the coat unbuttoned.

Palate: Round and medium-bodied. Mild tongue burn, punctuated with waves of cherry, orange liqueur, and sweet sherry. The burn continues longer than I'd expect in a product this well-aged, but it provides a welcome counterpoint to the not-quite-cloying sweetness.

Finish: Quite long, with oak tannins galore and a buttery Chardonnay texture. Fading notes of black raisins and dried currants, stone fruit preserves, and honeysuckle. Absolutely no woody bitterness. At the tail end, a meaty fruitcake flavor strikes the final chord. A pleasure.

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 Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy
 Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

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Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 91

Notes: _____

Name: J. C. [Signature]

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Score: 77

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Name: TED BURGOLF

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Score: 87 **Notes:** Love this one **Name:** L. Gray

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9/22/18

Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve. NAS. 44% ABV. \$121.40 + tax

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Without a cigar:

Nose: Characteristic Dalmore notes of orange blossom honey and Grand Marnier. Oaky old sherry which conjures images of polished leather armchairs and a whisky-stained wooden bar. Dried cherries in ruby port wine reduction. Deeper in, there's raw honeycomb and browning butter. Sophisticated. This malt's wearing a tailored suit, but the tie is loose and the coat unbuttoned.

Palate: Round and medium-bodied. Mild tongue burn, punctuated with waves of cherry, orange liqueur, and sweet sherry. The burn continues longer than I'd expect in a product this well-aged, but it provides a welcome counterpoint to the not-quite-cloying sweetness.

Finish: Quite long, with oak tannins galore and a buttery Chardonnay texture. Fading notes of black raisins and dried currants, stone fruit preserves, and honeysuckle. Absolutely no woody bitterness. At the tail end, a meaty fruitcake flavor strikes the final chord. A pleasure.

Overall: Opulent and luxurious. There is lots of regal old sherry-aged Dalmore in here, with only a passing suggestion of the distillery's orange-heavy 12 year

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Balanced
 Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy
 Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

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Notes: Strong Sherry Influence

Name: Mike

9/22/18

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On the **palate**, Ledaig is big and oily, briny and full of driftwood flavors. Burnt vegetation, seaweed, and ash mix with brown sugar and spice. Very bitter chocolate finish.

The **finish** expands from the oiliness on the palate to a very salty, briny, smoky round finish. A lovely finish to be sure. **Conclusion:**

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Notes: Surprisingly good

Name: Mike

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Length of finish (minutes):	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5										

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