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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

**Finish:** Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

**Score:** 92

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Fred Buriedore

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95-100

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90-94

Outstanding! One of the best for its style. Distinctive.

80-89

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**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Score:** 4.9

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**Score:** 82

**Notes:** Larry Gray

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**Finish:** Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

**Score:** 81

*1 minute*

**Notes:** Pepper,

**Name:** Mike

### Rating Scheme

95-100

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90-94

Outstanding! One of the best for its style. Distinctive.

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# Royal Bracla 15 YO by A.D. Rattray

40.6% ABV. Speyside. Hogshead Cask. \$70.99 + tax

Nose: Ripe red apple at first before thick crème brûlée takes charge with apricot, custard and a little Buttercup cough syrup.

Palate: Spicy, caramelised apples and orchard fruit, vanilla and fresh black cherries.

Finish: Rich cocoa and baking spices.

Overall: Indulgent and regal chocolate spice character.

**Color:** Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

**Nose:** Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky 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  
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Score: 86

Notes: Very Smooth

Name: Mike

11/17/18

# Glen Moray Port Cask Finish

\$26.09 + tax 40% alc./vol. NAS. Speyside Elgin Classic

**Matured primarily in American bourbon oak. Finished in port wine cask.**

**Colour:** pale gold, but with a hint of peach – presumably from the port cask. **On the nose:** like a freshly baked jam sponge cake. Vanilla and strawberry jam are immense, right of the bat, with thick, creamy custard alongside. Only once that settles can you find some fairly fruity, youthful whisky underneath: grassy, esters – very much like new-make, but that could be down to the cask as much as the age. Malted milk biscuits. Straw. Mossy. Quite a lot of minerality.

**In the mouth:** a lot of flavour for the ABV, but exactly the same as the nose. Jammy, plum-like. Viscous – such a thick, tannic mouth-feel. A little pepper, maybe cinnamon. There's a lot of malt and fruity young spirit underneath it all. Once the rush of cake-filling dies back there are traces of black tea. It's a very unusual whisky – I actually quite like it. It is a bit like heading to a tea room at 3pm – quiet time – for a slice of cake and a cup of English Breakfast tea. It's characterful, calm, soothing.

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**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Don W.

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Score: 90

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Dan Ward

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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

**Finish:** Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

**Score:** 81

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** XXX

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