

Meeting Date: 6/19/2021

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Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Balanced
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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

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

Score: 95

Notes: potent!

Name: DA Dale Burgdorf

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Notes: Light

Name: Dale B.

LLC

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Score: ~~85~~ 75

Notes: Comes off as sweet on the nose but high octane leaves the finish on the bitter side.

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

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

Score: 88

Notes: _____

Name: Trevor Turnbo

Meeting Date: 5/19/2021

Auchrosk Distillery (Speyside)

Aged 10 years by AD Rattray in Bourbon Hogshead Casks.

56.9% ABV Cask Strength. \$81.99 + tax

'Auchrosk' means "Ford of the Red Stream", and the evocative name is matched by this fragrant cask. Redolent with delicate floral character. Rough filtered to remove any fragments of charred wood, then bottled at natural color and at cask strength. No flavor is lost as a result and the true essence of the whisky spirit and cask interaction is allowed to stand out.

Color: Straw gold.

Nose: Cut grass, lime, dandelion and vanilla.

Palate: Barley sugar, meadowsweet, caramel and lemongrass.

Finish: A floral medley of sparkling elderflower, coriander and pepper.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-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
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Score: 95

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Name: Donward

Meeting Date: 6/19/2021

Lagavulin 8 46% ABV \$60.99 + tax

The youthful peat is bracing and focused and not nearly as wild as some other young ones. The overall effect is impressive. Still, I find myself missing some of the 16 year's polish and roundness I don't find the perfect caramel/peat balance here, nor enough wood to fill the palate.

The whisky speaks for itself. I can't be critical of Lagavulin for using American oak instead of the more traditional European oak which shapes the whisky within the first few years, and after a decade it takes over almost entirely. Lagavulin 8 is about malted barley, peat and the craft of distillation:

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Score: 85 **Notes:** _____

Name: Don Ward