

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
 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: 74

Notes: _____

Name: TED [Signature]

Meeting Date: ~~10~~¹¹/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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: 84

Notes: _____

Name: Ted Bongiorno

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
 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: 48

Notes: _____

Name: Roger

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Balanced
Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty P at 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 Oakly Crisp Delicate

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

Score: 90

Notes: _____

Name: Roger C

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
 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: 80

Notes: Cliff Fitzgerald

Name: Cliff

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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:

78
78

Notes: _____

Name: _____

Cliff

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
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: 94

Notes: Love!

Name: Jim

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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: 85

Notes: _____

Name: Jim

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct" — the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
 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: 86

Notes: _____

Name: Don A

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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: 92

Notes: _____

Name: Wor H.

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Good

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

- 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
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: 90

Notes: _____

Name: Chuck Kobdich

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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: 87

Notes: _____

Name: Chuck Kobdich

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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
 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: 90

Notes: Smooth

Name: Mike

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

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

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: 86

Notes: _____

Name: Mike

Meeting Date: 10/20/2021

Glen Ness 18YO
Highland Malt.
ABV 40%. \$76.99 + tax

Very little info on the web. Most sites characterize this as a "Big Box" brand with comments on Walmart, Trader Joe's, Costco and Total Wine. Total Wine takes things even further, flooding its stores' shelves with dozens of private-label scotch, bourbon, rye, Irish, and Canadian whisky brands. Other than shelf-talkers calling them out as "Spirits Direct"—the store's designation for its private labels or for brands that are sold exclusively at Total Wine in the U.S.—they can be difficult to distinguish from conventional peers.

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

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: 8.5

Notes: GOOD! BUT NO DEFINING CHARACTERS

Name: Don Wood

Meeting Date: ¹¹10/20/2021

Oban Little Bay
NAS. Highland Coastal Distillery
43% ABV \$74.99+tax

Oban Little Bay—92 points, \$75

Don't be deceived by its lack of an age statement; this whisky offers a ton of maturity and boldness, and is an excellent representation of coastal-style scotch. An explosion of citrus fruit on the nose leads into a palate that's heavy on sea-salt chocolate, with hints of berries, cloves, and an intense oakiness. The finish is dry and long, with some citrus on the backend.

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Amber Mahogany

Nose: ? Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent 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

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: 92

Notes: _____

Name: Don Ward