

The Claymore Times

~All The News That's Fit To Drink~

21 YEAR OLD MORTLACH LCBO # 158196

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- History of the Mortlach
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Ed Patrick with an opportunity to buy shares in a Canadian distillery

43%

\$156.95

Mark Gillespie on Still Waters in- augural single malt



And Kevin NewYl of Victory Cigars will give us his thoughts when pairing the Mortlach and a cigar



STALK AND BARREL

TORONTO'S NEWEST DISTILLERY RELEASES ITS FIRST SINGLE MALT WHISKY



THE HISTORY OF MORTLACH DISTILLERY

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The Mortlach distillery was the first distillery in Dufftown, pre-dating the next one (Glenfiddich) by over four decades. Mortlach was founded in 1823 by James Findlater, who was joined by Alexander Gordon and James Macintosh the next year. They acquired partial ownership. The initial owners didn't manage to keep the distillery running for more than a decade; Mortlach was sold on to John Robertson in 1831 for the ridiculous amount of 270 GBP. This marked the start of a number of purchases by different (part) owners, including A. & T. Gregory, John Alexander Gordon and brothers James and John Grant. Mortlach was inactive for a few years (at least as far as the production of malt whisky is concerned) - the buildings were used as a brewery and as a church. Just like the founder of Glenlivet (also constructed in 1823), the founders of Mortlach hoped to benefit from the new Excise Act. If they benefited at all it was only for a few years; Mortlach was sold on to new owners for a number of times and some of the buyers didn't even intend to actually produce any whisky.

For example, when John & James Grant of Glen Grant



bought the distillery they removed the distilling equipment and left it silent - probably as a way to reduce competition. After Mortlach had been used as a brewery for a few years it was converted back into a distillery in 1852, using brand new equipment to produce a whisky with the name 'The Real John Gordon' - a reference to the owner at the time. In 1853 or 1854 part of Mortlach was taken over by George Cowie Senior, a railway company surveyor and (later) the mayor of Dufftown. When John Alexander Gordon passed away in 1867 he became the sole owner of the Mortlach. His son George Cowie Junior started work at the distillery in 1895, two years before the number of stills was expanded from three to six in 1897. This was an unusually large number of pot stills in those days - the expansion of the production capacity was probably inspired by the massive 'whisky boom' of the time, which effectively meant that all the produced whisky could be sold.

When the extra stills were installed in 1897 the owners also added a railway siding that linked Mortlach with the Dufftown train station. One year later electric lights were added, as well as a hydraulic lift system in the warehouses that was used for lifting casks and other loads to the upper floors. This were the last modernisations of the distillery until 1923 when Alexander Cowie decided to sell Mortlach to John Walker & Sons - the company that became part of Distillers Company Limited (DCL; predecessors of Diageo) two years later in 1925. The configuration of the six stills at Mortlach is unusual - and probably unique in Scotland. The 'partial triple distillation' that is used at the Mortlach distillery is a variation of the technique that is in use at Springbank and Benrinnes. Mortlach has one larch washbacks for every one of its six stills and a semi-lauter mash tun that was added in 1996. More than two decades earlier (in 1964) there was a refurbishment that was so considerable that it pretty much meant that the whole distillery was rebuilt, at least on the inside. The exterior was the only part of Mortlach that remained largely intact at the time; although the pagoda roofs would have a strictly decorative function in the future. Mortlach's floor maltings remained operational until 1968; after that they switched to external sources. Three years later (in 1971), Mortlach distillery switched from direct heating of the stills to indirect (steam) heating. These two technological changes mark a fairly significant change in the production process of the Mortlach malt whisky.



And who could forget one of the oldest whiskies in the world, a stunning 70 year old Mortlach from Gordon & MacPhail.

21 YEAR OLD MORTLACH TASTING NOTES

AROMA without water

Sweet and Fruity - sultanas. A hint of vanilla and Sherry.

TASTE without water

Hints of black pepper and nuts. A fruitiness also emerges - bananas.

Aroma with water

Sweet summer fruits and a hint of peppermint. A very delicate smoke note emerges.

TASTE with water

Very creamy with a distinct cocoa element. A very slight presence of aniseed. Mouth coating.

VISIT THE DAM PUB WITH 600 EXPRESSIONS AND STILL WATERS DISTILLERY (JULY 16TH)

The Dam Whisky Road Trip - Saturday July 6th And WHAT a road trip! Our itinerary:

9:00AM Meet at designated carpool site in KW TBD - next destination 107 Kms

10:30AM Arrive at Still Waters Distillery in Concord, ON for one hour Distillery tour and tasting opportunities <http://www.stillwatersdistillery.com/singlemalt.php>

12:15PM Leave Stillwater Distillery and head to The Local Gastropub, 37 Dunlop St. W. Barrie Ontario <http://thelocalgastropub.com/>

1:15PM Arrive at The Local Gastropub at 37 Dunlop St. W. in Barrie for lunch - ranked #7 of 238 restaurants in Barrie - read reviews here

Have a nice leisurely lunch, folks ... our reservation at The Dam Pub is for 6pm

6:00PM Arrive at The Dam Pub - we'll be seated in the pub section where all the whiskies are, of course...**all 650+ of them!** There is live soft folk rock music that evening for no extra charge

Cost for this road trip is \$10 for the Distillery tour, the cost of sharing gas with your carpool (approx \$10 - \$15/person) and beyond that, it's up to you and you can pick your own food and whisky budget. You can also opt to join us for the Distillery Tour only in the morning, or Dam Pub only in the evening. Regardless, you need to register by **June 15th** by contacting Trish MacNeil

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Cigar Pairing with the 21 yo Mortlach

Arturo Fuente Gran Reserva Queen B

Appearance: This cigar has an Ecuadorian sun grown wrapper that is protected by a beautiful cedar sleeve.

The wrapper is dark enough to almost be confused with a maduro with its rich oily look. The cigar is tightly packed and looks very inviting with the classic colourful Fuente band.

Pre Light: The cigar has a rich tobacco flavour with a hint of sweetness. There is a perfect resistance to the pre light draw telling me this cigar will smoke nicely and slowly.

Tasting: The first third of this cigar fills my mouth with a delicate cedar flavour. There is a slight hint of spice which leads me to the second third where the cigar really picks up pace. The true sweetness of the cigar comes out. This is when a nice buttery flavour of caramel kicks in. Peppery notes become more

prevalent as I smoke this cigar to the final third. This little cigar finishes with a powerhouse of spiciness and woody flavours that continue to be surrounded with a mild sweetness.

I had to touch up the burn once but the burn was easily corrected. This cigar is as complex as they come and was a joy to smoke.

Pairing with Scotch: I found the 21 year old Mortlach to be as complex in flavour as the Queen B. The drink had a buttery aroma. The Scotch tastes of honey with a mild citrus spice; this complemented the pepper notes of the cigar.

Origin: Dominican Republic

Size: 5 1/2 x 52
Production: Handmade
Format: Belicoso

Both cigar and Scotch had a similar effect of coating my mouth with flavour after each drink and puff. This is truly a pairing I would savour and enjoy on my deck or lounge any special occasion.

Cigar History: The Fuente family began producing cigars in 1912. After years of hardship they opened a large factory in the Dominican Republic in 1980. From there they took the world by storm with lines such as Fuente Fuente Opus X and Hemmingway which to this day garner fantastic ratings in all major cigar publications. The Queen B is offered at Victory Cigars at a price under \$17.00.

We also feature many other cigars in the Arturo Fuente line that we are sure you will enjoy.





VICTORIA CALEDONIAN DISTILLERY (BY ED PATRICK)

Dear Companions, Friends & Fellow Whisky Enthusiasts:

Many of us have had a passion for seeing how Scotch or Irish whisk(e)y and real ales are made, and even dreamt about participating in or becoming a founder-owner of a distillery or brewery. Well, a new full-scale distillery is now being planned -- not in Scotland or Ireland but right here in Canada. Graeme Macaloney, an experienced fermentation engineer and a Scotsman, is launching the Victoria Caledonian Distillery and is conducting a series of "Show & Tell" presentations including whisky tastings in Ontario (see dates below), BC., and Alberta.

Fri., 7th Jun., Toronto:-5:30pm, The Peach Gallery, 722 College Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto

Sun., 9th Jun., Newmarket:- 7:00pm, Newmarket Masonic Temple, 441 Millard Ave., Newmarket, ON,

Mon 10th Jun., Ottawa:-5:30pm, Media-X's boardroom at 1825 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, ON,

Tues., 11th Jun., Cornwall:- 6:45pm, Quinns Inn, 17329 Kings Road & Highway 138, St. Andrew's West (near Cornwall), ON,

Wed., 12th Jun., Kitchener:-6:15pm, Rum Runner Pub, 1 King St. West, Kitchener, ON,

Thurs., 13th Jun., Oakville:-7:00pm, The Oakville Club, 56 Water Street, Oakville, ON,
June, July & August:-Various locations in Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton & Calgary

Founder-Owners receive a range of whisky and real ale benefits, including:

- + A five-day hands-on brewing and distilling academy;
- + Founders Reserve whisky (bottles or cask) or real ale keg(s);
- + Founder-Owner branded jacket and branded glassware;
- + Annual maturation party with meal, real ales & whisky, etc. The new distillery plan has the full support of highly experienced whisky industry experts, including Mike Nicolson (Master Distiller who worked at 18 Scottish distilleries) and Dr. Jim Swan, who is an acknowledged global

leader in cask maturation. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to get in on the ground floor, Graeme will be presenting information and answering questions at the above Ontario locations as well as in Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary during June, July & August.

The information sessions will, of course, include tastings of two very appropriate whiskies. If you would like to attend and you are genuinely interested in this program, please RSVP by email to Graeme@MacaloneyDistillers.com with your preferred date and Canadian location.

Ed Patrick Founder & President
The Companions of the Quaich



P.S. Graeme, in his consummate professionalism, has asked me to include the following:

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9th annual
SPIRIT of TORONTO 2013
Saturday May 11, 6:30pm | Roy Thomson Hall
WHISKY FINE SPIRITS MASTERCLASSES COCKTAILS JAZZ

What an incredible evening, I just love the Spirit of Toronto and my thanks again to Johanna Ngoh for the invitation and organizing the event.

To say I was in my element is an understatement, surrounded by the whisky elite and the gorgeous Claymore Girls Sheila, Lori and Maggie made for night to remem-



After the we finished we went back to the hotel for a well deserved cold beer, when in comes Lawerance Graham and Mark Gillespi who join us with Michael Urquhart and of course no party is complete without his maltiness Ralfy

ber. By the way, as I was hobnobbing with all the celebs the talk eventually turned to whisky politics which of course is way over my head, but there you go, maybe it's time I invested in a new anorak.

Lawerance Graham
Mark Gillespi
Michael Urquhart
Ralf Mitchel

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Line up at the Spirit of Toronto



Benromach 10yo
43%
LCBO # 191817
\$75.00



Mortlach 21yo 43%
LCBO # 158196
\$154.95



Glen Grant 1996
LCBO # 305219
\$68.95



Atholl Brose 35%
LCBO # 303230
\$49.95



Caol Ila 1998 43%
LCBO # 303180
\$98.95



Allt A Bhainne 1996
46%
LCBO # 303156
\$99.95



WHISKYCAST
CASK STRENGTH CONVERSATION

Country: Canada
Region: Ontario
Type: Single Malt
Bottler: Distiller
ABV: 63.2%
Score: 86 points



STALK & BARREL
 S&B
 HANDMADE
SINGLE MALT
WHISKY

Continuing the centuries old tradition of distilling in Canada, Still Waters Distillery has created a whisky of exceptional quality made entirely by hand in small batches.

STALK & BARREL SINGLE MALT WHISKY is made from 100% Canadian two-row malted barley. It is mashed, fermented, and distilled by hand in small batches in a small copper pot still.

All our whisky is aged in ex-bourbon casks on site. When ready, each barrel is bottled individually as a single cask offering in individually numbered bottles. Some casks will be bottled at cask strength, while others will be bottled at a minimum 46% alc./vol.

We never add colouring nor do we chill-filter our whiskies.

Each single cask offering is unique, but typically has notes of honey and cloves on the nose and is fruity with hints of vanilla and butterscotch on the palate.

Established in 2009, Still Waters Distillery produces spirits by hand in small batches. We are a *grain to glass* producer, starting with the selection of the finest Canadian grown raw materials. We mash, ferment, distill, mature and bottle all our spirits onsite. We have produce vodka and blended whisky that have won international awards and praise. We are now proud to release our STALK & BARREL SINGLE MALT WHISKY and look forward to releasing our Rye Whisky in the future.



This Ontario single malt is just about 3 1/2 years old, but has great promise for the future. The nose has a good balance with notes of toffee, clove, honey, and a hint of vanilla. The taste is chewy with a good mouth feel and notes of butterscotch, toffee, and honey that provide sweetness while balanced by a touch of clove spiciness. There's some maltiness in the background along with a dab of vanilla. The finish lingers nicely with a clove spiciness and aromatic notes of creme brulee, butterscotch, and toasted marshmallow. (May, 2013)

Notes from Mark Gillespie of Whisky Cast for more on information

<http://whiskycast.com/ratings/stalk-barrel-cask-1/> for more information.



STILL WATERS
DISTILLERY

Available at

Still Waters Distillery
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NEW WHISKIES STILL TO COME

Release	LCBO#	Description
March	303172	1997 Blair Athol (CC)
March	303222	1989 Tomatin
March	303198	1994 Clynelish
April	158196	21 yo Mortlach
April	305219	1996 Glen Grant
April	305235	1993 Ledaig
April	305227	1997 Glendullan
June	191817	10yo Benromach

We only wish we could thank ALL our distillers individually. Actually, we CAN. Slainte, Keith and Mike.

At Benromach, Speyside's smallest distillery, we have only two distillers. But not just any old two. These brilliant individuals, with superb ingredients at their command, create around the same amount of whisky in a year that some distilleries produce in a week. As malt lovers know, however, this isn't really about quantity, is it? See Keith's and Mike's handiwork for yourself at www.benromach.com

A Speyside distillery, distilled.

Benromach
Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky