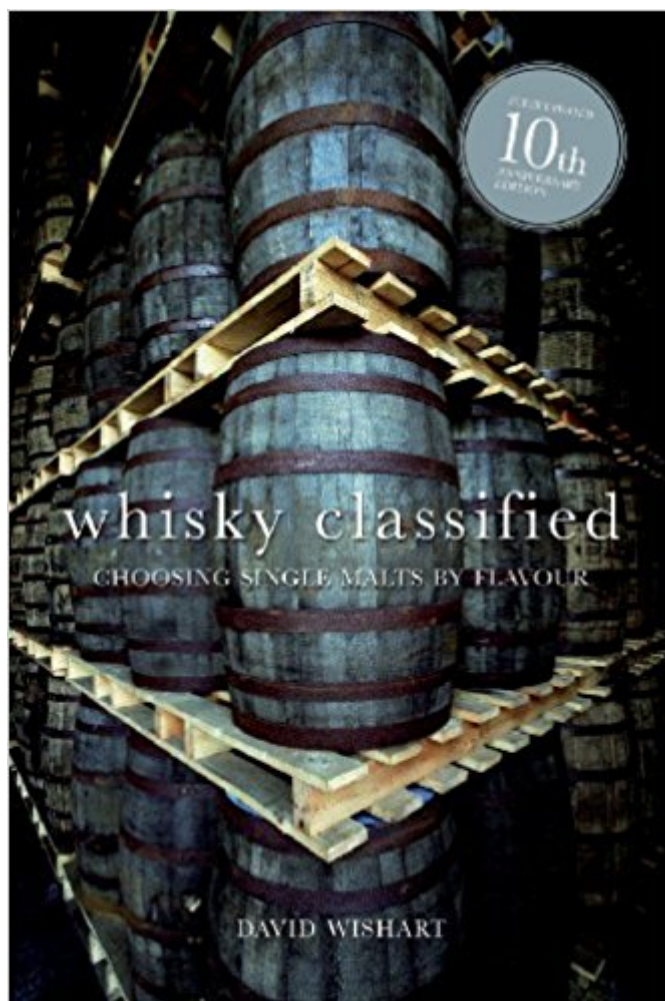


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# Whisky Classified: Choosing Single Malts By Flavour



## Synopsis

Cutting through the confusing jargon often used to describe single malts, this book, now fully updated, replaces it with an objective and easily applied guide to taste using a new flavor profile. Rigorously researched with the cooperation of the whisky industry, this classification of single malt whiskies by flavor has been totally revised and updated to include all the newest single malts from the UK and Ireland. The author has identified 12 dimensions to the aroma and taste of a single malt whisky: body, sweetness, smoky, medicinal, tobacco, honey, spicy, winey, nutty, malty, fruity, and floral. For this edition, the author has also updated the taste profiles for each selected malt and reviewed previous entries to ensure that this book remains the definitive guide to tasting malt whisky. Each entry includes a short description of the distillery, information for visitors, the author's own tasting notes, and his flavor profiles according to this innovative classification. The history of whisky-making and production methods are clearly explained, as is how to organize a whisky tasting.

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## Customer Reviews

Fascination with the world of single-malt Scotch whiskies continues to burgeon. In *Whisky Classified*, David Wishart proposes a limited vocabulary of some 12 terms to describe the unique characteristics of single malts. These terms show up in each whisky's profile to provide consistent classifications for each of them. This tabulated data provide the connoisseur with guidance in selecting a whisky by comparing a favorite's profile with the profile of an unknown. Each distillery's

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I bought this book about a year ago in preparation for my return to Scotland. It's wonderful! Even in Edinburgh, the cost of a single shot of the longest-aged single malts can run \$50 or more! So, you want to decide before you go exactly which malts you want to sample. I particularly like the profile given for each single malt, so that you can decide which flavors you like the most and plan accordingly. In other words, you can decide which malts you want and which you may not. I'm by no means an expert, but this book gives me the luxury of knowing a lot about Scotch before I ever walk into a bar, restaurant, or the The Scotch Whisky Experience in Edinburgh!

Nice book. Covers History, the various Regions with good maps, Whisky Flavors, Types and how to taste to get the most from the experience. But the best feature for me is the Whisky Directory. The Feature Profile makes it easy to decide which other brands I would like to try. For example, I like the smokiness of Ardmore. Armed with this book, I can see from the Feature Profile that I would probably also like Caol Ila. This saves me from having to buy bottles at random. Brilliant!

I have been exploring and learning about Single Malts for a few months now since my son-in-law took me to a great little Whisky shop in London and bought me great 17 year old Springbank bottling for a present. Having spent most of my working years in marketing and many hours at the computer using the same sort of tools that Dr. Wishart uses to classify Whisky in this book I could not wait to get my hands on it - and was not disappointed. I have a rather small database of scotches that I have personally experienced - but so far I line up with the WC scoring almost perfectly. The scoring - and subsequent groupings help explain why what I personally prefer might be very different from what you - or Jim Murray might prefer. I only wish I had the book handy when I started my Scotch journey

I have come to purchase a handful of guide type books in the last couple of months. This book is about whisky classification - which is a bit more in-depth than straight away tasting notes...I found it interesting when some of the guide books would recommend that you try all different types of Single Malt, but then went on to rank the whiskies...Also most guide books give you tasting notes and that's about it...I liked this book the most because it gives a bit of history and background on each distillery, as well as notes that go beyond the typical tasting and nosing...This is the best book that I've found on the topic...Enjoy

I truly enjoy this book (and the Talisker Distiller's Edition I am drinking right now)!! It is easily my most used Scotch book. I have a pretty large single malt collection, with over 30 examples, and I pull this book out quite often when having a dram. I have used it to introduce both newbies and well seasoned aficionados to a different way of classifying and selecting Scotch. As one reviewer stated, it does not have all the various cask finishes or older versions described, but it is a great tool for rethinking Scotch. Wishart also offers a free computer program, WhiskyAnalyst, to create your own evaluations of the profiles of any scotch on your bar. You can download it for free at [WhiskyClassified.com](http://WhiskyClassified.com). Here is an excerpt from the description: "A Whisky Analyst release 3 was added on 7 January 2008. It contains tasting notes and flavour profiles for 135 single malt whiskies, including Glenfarclas (8), Macallan Fine Oak (4), Smokehead, Old Pulteney (2), An Cnoc, Balblair (3), and Tartan of Holland. You can also save bottle images, flavour profiles, analysis, and tasting notes." I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Scotch and would go as far as listing it as a must have. Enjoy!

This is a very cool book. For folks who love single malt scotch but are not sure what they are tasting this book covers the flavor categories in quite a bit of detail. You can learn about the various flavor dimensions of scotch and what process contributes to them. Each distillery in Scotland is presented along with a detailed description of one classic (usually 10 or 12 year) scotch from that distillery. I would highly recommend this for a novice scotch drinker.

Too generalized about each distillery. Interesting approach, but author chose a very limited number of individual expressions to catalogue flavors. I did appreciate the flavor category of Wine being included in his charts, as I try to avoid those wine finished or wine matured scotches.

This was my second book on whisky I purchased which was recommended by a fellow whisky

enthusiast. The book explores, defines and breaks down the flavor profiles of whisky and helps the reader identify the various smells and tastes associated with whisky. Individual distilleries in Scotland are profiled with a primary expression explored and broken down by flavor profile. Whisky Classified is another must have book in the library of the whisky enthusiast IMHO. And even though it is the most current 2006 revision, the book still provides current relevance. It has certainly enlightened this novice whisky drinkers understanding and interest into the world of whisky!

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