



# *Kelowna Scotch & Fine Spirits Society*

presents the  
**October 2021  
Blind Tasting:**

Featured bottlings:  
Adelphi Selection Dailuaine 2007  
GlenAllachie 12 Years Old  
AnCnoc 24 Years Old  
Old Pulteney 15 Years Old  
Compass Box Menagerie  
Balblair 17 Years Old  
Single Malts of Scotland Ardmores 21 Years Old

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## Blind Tasting, the Fourth

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### The Whiskies

#### 1. GlenAllachie 12 Years Old (46% ABV)

From one of the youngest distilleries in Scotland, the 12 year old is one of GlenAllachie's entirely age-stated core range among whiskies from 10 on up to 30 years of age, with the 10, 21 and 30 year old being bottled at cask strength. This particular entry is non-chill filtered as well as uncoloured. Founded in 1967, and purpose-built to mass produce whisky for Chivas Brothers, it was incredibly difficult to obtain official bottlings until the 1990s. It remains a facility oriented to industrial production with racked and palletized warehouses.

This particular bottling is primarily aged in bourbon (as is the vast majority of GlenAllachie spirit, with finishing in virgin oak and Oloroso sherry casks.



## 2. An Cnoc 24 Years Old (46% ABV)

An Cnoc (pronounced “a-nock”) means “the hill” in Gaelic, and is the core bottling line of the Knockdhu Distillery, founded in 1894. This name discrepancy was designed to avoid confusion with the similarly named Knockando distillery, also in the Speyside region. A small distillery, with only one wash and one spirit still, Knockdhu produces mostly unpeated whisky with some bottlings moderately peated to 20ppm (about half that of Ardbeg). An Cnoc has essentially four core sets of expressions: age-stated, vintaged (the current release is Vintage 2002), travel retail exclusives and a peaty collection.

This age-stated bottling is also non-chill filtered and uncoloured, and aged in bourbon and Spanish sherry casks of unknown type and provenance.



### 3. Old Pulteney 15 Years Old (46% ABV)

With their characteristic bottle shape, Old Pulteney is one of the more recognizable whiskies on the shelf, and until 2013 also held the honour of being the most northern distillery on the Scottish mainland (until Wolfburn opened). Located in the maritime herring fishery town of Wick, in Caithness, the Pulteney Distillery was founded in 1826 and produces whisky that carries the nickname “the maritime malt”. Surviving the whisky loch of the 80s by distilling for Balmantine’s, Old Pulteney now produces a core range with 12 to 25 year old whiskies, traveller’s exclusives and vintaged bottles as well.

This particular expression is aged in refill bourbon and finished in Oloroso casks.



#### 4. Compass Box Menagerie (46% ABV)

Compass Box needs no introduction, the foremost boutique blending house in Scotland, headed by John Glaser, and dedicated to transparency in whisky blending, with the goal of proving that blended whisky can be great whisky.

This bottling is built around a parcel of Mortlach whisky, known for its meatiness and chocolatey-ness. The “mashbill” speaks for itself:

42.7% Mortlach finished in re-charred barrels

16.7% Highland Malt Blend finished in custom French Oak Barrels with medium or heavy toasting

14.6% Deanston from refill hoggies

13.1% Glen Elgin finished in re-charred barrels

5.4% Laphroaig finished in re-charred hoggies

5% Glen Elgin (again) from refill sherry seasoned butts

2.5% Deanston (again) from refill sherry seasoned butts

Natural colour, non-chill filtered



## 5. Balblair 17 Years Old (46% ABV)

Founded in 1790, Balblair recently moved from solely producing vintaged releases to age-stated bottlings. Balblair uses incredibly flat stills without constrictions or reflux apparatus, and they draw the distillation out to four and a half hours to compensate. This has the effect of producing very fruity whisky due to the extended contact time with the copper. Balblair also tends to mature slowly, due to the use of only low dunnage warehouses which minimizes evaporative loss.

This release is aged in ex-bourbon before being finished in first fill Spanish oak butts.



## 6. SMOS Ardmore 21 Years Old (53.1% ABV)

This independently bottled Ardmore is 21 years old, distilled in 1998 and bottled in 2020. It was aged exclusively in a bourbon hogshead.

Founded by Adam Teacher of Teacher's Highland Cream in 1898 and now a major industrial producer, the majority of Ardmore spirit goes into blends, and is almost exclusively aged in ex-bourbon oak, with official bottlings often finished in quarter casks.



## 7. Adelphi Selection Dailuaine 13 Years Old (52.2% ABV)

This independently bottled Dailuaine is aged entirely in Oloroso sherry casks.

Dailuaine, from the gaelic “An dail uaine” meaning “green valley” was founded in 1852 and is currently owned by Diageo, and very seldom sees official releases. By far and away, the vast majority of this very fruity malt is matured in off-site warehouses in ex-bourbon oak for blending into Johnnie Walker. Only about 2% of the annual production is marketed as single malt.

