

Glenglassaugh: Land & Sea Virtual Tasting

Amber Aristy (Brand Ambassador) - Wednesday (October 14, 2020 @ 7:00PM) - \$22 Online Purchase

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Whisky #1: **GLENGLASSAUGH** Single Malt / 'Evolution' / NAS / CS 57.2% ABV / NCF / OB / Dist Owner: BenRiach Dist. Co. Ltd. (Brown-Forman Scotland Ltd./Brown-Forman Corp.) / Highland (Eastern)



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AWARDS: Silver Medal @ SF World Spirits Competition (2018); Silver @ International Wine & Spirit Competition (2018); Silver @ International Wine & Spirit Competition (2017); Silver @ World Whiskies Awards (2017).

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Alcoholic Strength: 46% ABV (NCF)

Cask: Matured in a combination of ex-bourbon casks (1st and refill) and then finished for 6 months in first-fill Oloroso sherry butts of Spanish red oak (toasted/never charred).

Malt Spec (Phenol): 0-ppm, thus unpeated.

TASTING NOTES - Master of Malt:

NOSE: Sweet caramel and toffee with notes of nutty Sherry, milk chocolate and honey. Ripe plums, red berries and oranges. Caramelized sugar & earthy, charred oak.

PALATE: Sweet, rounded and creamy. Oranges, plums, cherry and walnuts, chocolate, honey-mead, Sherry and soft, spiced oak.

FINISH: Medium with warming mulled-wine spices, Sherry and caramel.

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TASTING NOTES Master of Malt

Torfa (which refers to the Old Norse word for 'turf' or 'peat'). Some experts think this to be GG's first ever peated single malt!

Malt Spec (Phenols): 20-ppm (moderately peated).

Casks: Bourbon/TN barrels (200L; 53-USG) of American white oak (mainly refill). Style: Digestif.

EYE: Pale golden. NOSE: Smoke and citrus in equal measures, with sweet spice happily sitting between the two.

PALATE: Not overtly smoky. It's definitely got its coastal elements, but the fruity notes of melon, apple and more citrus make it a rather sweet dram, balanced by warming barley.

FINISH: Smoke lasts to the end. Comments: *Glenglassaugh produces circa 40,000L of peated whisky (malted barley @ 30-ppm) at the end of the year. Then it removes all of the peated malt and cleans up its equipment at the start of the new year as its standard expressions are unpeated (0-ppm).*