



# *Intro to Whisky*

## *Flight no6*

### **Whisky 1 – Johnnie Walker Black Label (Blended)**

Johnnie Walker Black Label is a blended Scotch whisky with a distinctive smoky flavour and notes of fruit, spice, and vanilla. It is made from single malt and grain whiskies that are aged for 12 years in a cask. It's one of the world's most popular blended Scotches from multiple distilleries (blend of many!)

#### **Tasting Notes:**

**Nose** = Winter spice and treacle, hints of white pepper and a little citrus.

**Palate** = Rich and full with notes of wood smoke and dry spice, hints of barley and cereal with creamy toffee and a distinct herbal note.

**Finish** = Quite fruity and long with a note of sultanas and mixed peels.

### **Whisky 2 – Glenmorangie Original**

The Original is the flagship single malt Scotch whisky from the Glenmorangie Distillery in the Highlands. Matured in a combination of first-and-second-fill American white oak casks for 10 years, the expression is a benchmark for creamy, approachable single malt. A long-running go-to dram for many whisky enthusiasts (including a few here at MoM Towers), this stuff is superb as an aperitif, though more than suitable for enjoying on a cooler evening.

#### **Tasting Notes:**

**Nose** = Very fruity and thick. Rich notes of lemon, nectarine and apple. Spices.

**Palate** = Fresh and balanced, vanilla. Boiled sweets, very creamy, tiramisu, toffee.

**Finish** = Quite long, gentle, malty and very fruity.

### **Whisky 3 – Ardbeg Wee Beastie 5yr**

Ardbeg's Wee Beastie is a youthful single malt drawn from a combination of ex-bourbon and Oloroso sherry casks, bottled up at five years of age. Peaty notes sit at the fore for this one, with oak somewhat taking a back seat, since... Well, y'know, it didn't stay inside those casks for too long. However, don't mistake that for meaning Wee Beastie is an uncomplex expression. It still packs a satisfying flavour profile that should impress many of the Ardbeg aficionados out there.

#### **Tasting Notes:**

**Nose** = There's sea spray, rock pools, smoked malt and damp bonfire wood initially which waves of sweet and slightly vegetal smoke powers through. Hints of brown sugar, pear drops, a little vanilla and cooked apple add sweetness among notes of spare ribs, lemon sherbet, black pepper and wood shavings. I love this nose, it's smoky and musty and like standing by a seaside bonfire.

**Palate** = The palate is very pleasantly sweet and salty. Citrus oils and orchard fruits are present along with an unmistakable dark berry tartness which is joined by plenty of damp peat and dry wood smoke. Adding depth there's pepper steak, creosote and then some touches of clove and liquorice. In the back-end, there's a juicy sweetness from lychee and peaches as well as just a touch of salted caramel.

**Finish** = The finish is exceptionally long and oily. It's a bit like sucking on a lemon sherbet and taking a great big whiff of some freshly cut peat, to be honest. While standing on a beach. Lovely.