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Caol Ila 12 YO
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Color: Light Gold Gold Dark Gold Light Amber (Amber) Dark Amber (Peat)

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet (Smoky) Pungent (Sea Air) (Peat)

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus

Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty (Peat) Rich/Earthy (Salty)

(Alive) Balanced Abrasive (Assertive) Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium (Full) Smooth Rich Creamy Textured (Big) Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet (Peaty)

Finish: Short (Medium) Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 (2) 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 90 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** L GRAY

Linkwood 10 YO
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- **Finish:** A refined, medium-length finish that leaves a dry, warm oaky spice and lingering fruitiness. [, 2]

Color Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat Peppery

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty

Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 10 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** L GRAY

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Color: Light Gold Gold Dark Gold Light Amber (Amber) Dark Amber

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses (Sherry) (Sweet) Smoky Pungent (Sea Air) (Peat)

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily (Peppery) Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus
Honey Coconut Nutty (Sherry) (Sweet) Smoky Malty (Peat) Rich/Earthy (Salty)
Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light (Medium) Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp (Mouth-coating) Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium (Long) Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 (3) 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: ~~87~~ 91 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Jim JT.

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Color Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat Alcohol

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty

Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: ~~82~~ 81 **Notes:** Nice Legs **Name:** Jim Jr.

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Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet (Smoky) Pungent Sea Air (Peat)

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla (Oily) (Peppery) Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus
Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet (Smoky) Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty
Alive Balanced Abrasive (Assertive) Delicate Bland

Body: Light (Medium) Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating (Silky) Velvet

Finish: Short (Medium) Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 (1.5) 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 88 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Chuck

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- **Finish:** A refined, medium-length finish that leaves a dry, warm oaky spice and lingering fruitiness. [, 2]

Color Pale Yellow Yellow (Gold) Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut (Malty) Oak Nutty (Molasses) Sherry (Sweet) Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody Zesty (Vanilla) (Oily) (Peppery) Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus

Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty

Alive Balanced Abrasive (Assertive) Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium (Full) Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp (Mouth-coating) Silky Velvet

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Score: 87 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** ~~[illegible]~~ Chuck

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Color: Light Gold Gold Dark Gold **Light Amber** Amber Dark Amber

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet **Smoky** **Pungent** Sea Air **Peat**

Palate: Woody **Zesty** Vanilla **Oily** Peppery Raisins **Intense** Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus
Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry **Sweet** Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty
Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth **Rich** Creamy Textured **Big** **Crisp** **Mouth-coating** Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense **Tingling** **Robust** Oaky Crisp Delicate

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Score: 91 **Notes:** Really Liked Satisfying / Would Buy! **Name:** Mark Moore

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Color Pale Yellow Yellow (Gold) Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: [Floral] Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry [Sweet] Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody [Zesty] Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus

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Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big [Crisp] Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense (Tingling) Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

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Score: 80 **Notes:** Nothing SPECIAL **Name:** Mark Moore

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Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

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Color Pale Yellow Yellow (Gold) Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

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Peat ~~Smoky~~ amber

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boiled leather/iodine

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Score: 88 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Frank

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Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 86 **Notes:** Qualifies as health food due to inclusion of "malty oatmeal" **Name:** Frank

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Palate: Woody (Zesty) Vanilla Oily (Peppery) Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus

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Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: (Light Medium) Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

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Score: 82 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Mike

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John

Finish: Short (Medium/Long) Abrupt Bitter Intense (Tingling) Robust (Oaky) Crisp Delicate

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- **Finish:** A refined, medium-length finish that leaves a dry, warm oaky spice and lingering fruitiness. [, 2]

Color Pale Yellow (Yellow) Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak (Nutty) Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily (Peppery) Raisins (Intense) Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus

Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty

Alive Balanced Abrasive ~~Assertive~~ Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big (Crisp) (Mouth-coating) Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense (Tingling) Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 1.5 2 (2.5) ~~3~~ 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 85 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Jim SR

Meeting Date: 6/20/2026

Caol Ila 12 YO
Islay Distillery. 43% ABV.

Nose: The nose is a masterclass in coastal elegance, presenting a vibrant yet crisp oily character. It leads with a clean, industrial soot and cold bonfire ash rather than a roaring conflagration. This smokiness is beautifully balanced by a bright basket of green apples, lemon zest, and lime, which provides a refreshing acidity. Beneath the citrus lies a savory complexity: brine, green olives, seaweed, and a hint of smoked bacon. As it breathes, sweeter notes of heather honey, vanilla, emerge, providing a soft, sugary cushion for the maritime peat.
Taste: On the palate, this 12-year-old is wonderfully oily and viscous, maintaining a light and fresh frame despite the standard bottling strength. The arrival is tangy and effervescent, immediately delivering peat smoke, maritime salt, and a piquant black pepper spice. The mid-palate reveals a surprising sweetness—malt candy, toffee, and ripe pears—intertwined with more rugged Islay traits like tar, iodine, and boiled leather. There is a clean, medicinal herbal quality here, featuring notes of mint and rosemary, that keeps the dram feeling refreshing and mouth-watering throughout.
Finish: The finish is long, warming, and remarkably consistent. It starts with a savory-sweet transition, where the citrus fruits and honeyed malt slowly give way to a persistent trail of sooty ash and dry oak tannins

Color: Light Gold Gold Dark Gold Light Amber **Amber** Dark Amber

Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty **Oak** Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet **Smoky** Pungent Sea Air **Peat**

Palate: Woody Zesty Vanilla Oily Peppery Raisins Intense Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral Citrus
Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet **Smoky** Malty **Peat** Rich/Earthy Salty
Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

Body: Light Medium **Full** Smooth Rich Creamy Textured **Big** Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short **Medium** Long Abrupt Bitter Intense Tingling Robust **Oaky** Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): (1) 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 86 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Jonathan Moore

Linkwood 10 YO
Speyside. 48% ABV

Linkwood is a highly regarded yet often overlooked Speyside single malt. Its spirit is famously fruity, floral, and waxy, making it highly versatile for both blends and single malt releases. Because Diageo primarily uses it for Johnnie Walker, you will mostly find Linkwood through independent bottlers. Reviewers consistently note the following characteristics in Linkwood whiskies:

- **Nose:** Fruit-forward with green apples, ripe pears, lemon zest, and red fruits. It features soft floral notes, such as honeysuckle and freshly laundered linen, often accompanied by a light waxy texture. [1, 2, 3]
- **Palate:** A balanced sweet and sour profile. You'll often detect candied orange peel, honey, vanilla, malty oatmeal, and subtle baking spices like ginger and white pepper. [1, 2, 4, 5]
- **Finish:** A refined, medium-length finish that leaves a dry, warm oaky spice and lingering fruitiness. [, 2]

Color (Pale Yellow) Yellow Gold Greeny-Gold Bronze Deep Amber Mahogany

Nose: Floral (Citrus) (Grass) Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

Palate: Woody (Zesty) Vanilla Oily (Peppery) Raisins (Intense) Grassy Caramel Berries Chocolate Floral (Citrus)

Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salty

Alive Balanced Abrasive (Assertive) Delicate Bland

Body: Light (Medium) Full Smooth Rich Creamy Textured Big Crisp Mouth-coating Silky Velvet

Finish: Short Medium Long Abrupt Bitter Intense (Tingling) Robust Oaky Crisp Delicate

Length of finish (minutes): 1 (1.5) 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Score: 74 **Notes:** Taste Allrest w/ food (cheese) **Name:** [redacted] Jonathan Mann