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nd warming, with lingering notes of **smoke, oak spice**, and a trace of **licorice** or **aniseed**.

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

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

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(Balanced) Abrasive Assertive Delicate (Bland)

Body — 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 — sh (minutes): 1 (1.5) 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5

Notes: [redacted]69

Name: L GRAY

Score [redacted] 69

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Alexander Murray Highland
14 YO Sherry Cask

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Nose: Rich and fruity with prominent **dried fruits** (apricots, raisins), **sherry sweetness**, and subtle notes of **toasted nuts** and **baking spice**
Palate: Smooth and **full-bodied**, offering layers of **hazelnut**, **fig**, **toffee**, and a hint of **dark chocolate**. The **sherry cask** influence adds a rich, sweet depth that balances with oak and gentle spice.
Finish: Medium to long, with lingering notes of **dried fruit**, **vanilla**, and a touch of **peppery warmth**

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) BalancedChocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty (Sherry) Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salt

Alive Balanced (Abrasive) Assertive Delicate Bland

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

Finish: ShortMedium 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: 83 **Notes:** Fruity, Too much tingling **Name:** L GRAY

- 95-100 – Exceptional: A truly outstanding whisky with near-perfect balance, depth, and complexity.
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Nose: Elegant and complex with **honey, vanilla**, and **oak**, underpinned by hints of **smoke, leather**, and **dried fruit** (like raisin and fig).

Palate**: Creamy and smooth** with layers of **sweet vanilla, spiced honey**, and **toffee**, balanced by subtle **peat smoke, malt**, and **fl.. oral notes.** There's also a touch of **citrus zest** and **almond**

Finish**: Long and warming**, with lingering notes of **smoke, oak spice**, and a trace of **licorice** or **aniseed.**

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 (Spice)

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:** Jim

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14 YO Sherry Cask

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Palate: Smooth and full-bodied, offering layers of **hazelnut**, **fig**, **toffee**, and a hint of **dark chocolate**. The **sherry cask** influence adds a rich, sweet depth that balances with oak and gentle spice.
Finish: Medium to long, with lingering notes of **dried fruit**, **vanilla**, and a touch of **peppery warmth**

Color: Pale Yellow Yellow Gold Dark 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 BalancedChocolate Floral Citrus
Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salt

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: 89 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Jim

- 95-100 – Exceptional: A truly outstanding whisky with near-perfect balance, depth, and complexity.
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Nose: Elegant and complex with **honey, vanilla,** and **oak,** underpinned by hints of **smoke, leather,** and **dried fruit** (like raisin and fig).

Palate**: Creamy and smooth** with layers of **sweet vanilla, spiced honey,** and **toffee,** balanced by subtle **peat smoke**, **malt,** and **fl.. oral notes.** There's also a touch of **citrus zest** and **almond**

Finish: **Long and warming**, with lingering notes of **smoke, oak spice**, and a trace of **licorice** or **aniseed**.

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:** Won Ho

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14 YO Sherry Cask

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Nose: Rich and fruity with prominent **dried fruits** (apricots, raisins), **sherry sweetness**, and subtle notes of **toasted nuts** and **baking spice**
Palate: Smooth and full-bodied, offering layers of **hazelnut**, **fig**, **toffee**, and a hint of **dark chocolate**. The **sherry cask** influence adds a rich, sweet depth that balances with oak and gentle spice.
Finish: Medium to long, with lingering notes of **dried fruit**, **vanilla**, and a touch of **peppery warmth**

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 BalancedChocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salt

Alive Balanced Abrasive Assertive Delicate Bland

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

Finish: ShortMedium (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: 80 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Tom Hu

- 95-100 – Exceptional: A truly outstanding whisky with near-perfect balance, depth, and complexity.
- 90-94 – Excellent: High-quality, well-crafted whisky with distinct character and superb drinkability.
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Nose: Elegant and complex with **honey**, **vanilla**, and **oak**, underpinned by hints of **smoke**, **leather**, and **dried fruit** (like raisin and fig).

Palate**: Creamy and smooth** with layers of **sweet vanilla**, **spiced honey**, and **toffee**, balanced by subtle **peat smoke**, **malt**, and **fl.. oral notes**. There's also a touch of **citrus zest** and **almond**

Finish**: Long and warming**, with lingering notes of **smoke**, **oak spice**, and a trace of **licorice** or **aniseed**.

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: 86 **Notes:** VERY DrinkABle **Name:** Mark Moore

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14 YO Sherry Cask

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Palate: Smooth and full-bodied, offering layers of **hazelnut**, **fig**, **toffee**, and a hint of **dark chocolate**. The **sherry cask** influence adds a rich, sweet depth that balances with oak and gentle spice.
Finish: Medium to long, with lingering notes of **dried fruit**, **vanilla**, and a touch of **peppery warmth**

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 BalancedChocolate Floral Citrus Honey Coconut Nutty Sherry Sweet Smoky Malty Peat Rich/Earthy Salt

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Finish: ShortMedium 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:** one of the BEST I've had **Name:** MARK MOORE

- 95-100 – Exceptional: A truly outstanding whisky with near-perfect balance, depth, and complexity.
- 90-94 – Excellent: High-quality, well-crafted whisky with distinct character and superb drinkability.
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Nose: Floral Citrus Grass Honey Coconut Malty Oak Nutty Molasses Sherry Sweet Smoky Pungent Sea Air Peat

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

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Score: 83 **Notes:** I learned I'm a single malt chick **Name:** Frank

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Palate: Smooth and full-bodied, offering layers of **hazelnut, fig, toffee,** and a hint of **dark chocolate.** The **sherry cask** influence adds a rich, sweet depth that balances with oak and gentle spice.
Finish: Medium to long, with lingering notes of **dried fruit**, **vanilla,** and a touch of **peppery warmth**

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

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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: 90 **Notes:** Delightful. My favorite so far **Name:** Frank

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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

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

Score: 88 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Mike

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Score: 98 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** Mike

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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

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

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Score: 95 **Notes:** _____ **Name:** DANIEL WARD

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Finish**: Long and warming**, with lingering notes of **smoke, oak spice**, and a trace of **licorice** or **aniseed**.

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

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Score: 89 **Notes:** Good Sweet **Name:** Don Ward