

BLIND TASTING SCORESHEET

Entry-Level Blended Scotch Whisky Comparison

TESTING CONDITIONS

Date: November 6-8, 2025

Location: Home tasting room, controlled environment

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM (3 sessions)

Temperature: Room temp (20°C), neat pours

Glassware: Glencairn glasses | Water: Room temperature for palate cleansing

SAMPLE #1

AROMA

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6.5

TASTE

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6.0

FINISH

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5.0

OVERALL

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6.0

SAMPLE #2

AROMA

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7.0

TASTE

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6.5

FINISH

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6.0

OVERALL

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6.5

SAMPLE #3

AROMA

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6.8

TASTE

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6.8

FINISH

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6.2

OVERALL

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6.5

TASTING NOTES

N: Light honey, green apple, vanilla, cereal sweetness

P: Soft toffee, thin vanilla, gentle fruit (pear/apple), very light body

F: Short, honeyed sweetness, herbal dryness, faint smoke

N: Spicy, peppery, more assertive than #1, smoke

P: Bold spice, grain notes, black pepper, wood influence, fuller body

F: Medium length, warming spice, dry finish

N: Citrus, pepper, balanced malt & grain sweetness

P: Orange peel, cereal, honey, better integration than #1, medium body

F: Medium, citrus lingers, pleasant dryness

KEY FINDINGS

- Sample #1 noticeably sweeter and smoother than others - ideal for cocktails
- Sample #2 most assertive with pronounced spice/smoke - best for bold mixed drinks
- Sample #3 most balanced neat - versatile all-purpose blender
- Ranking for mixing: #1 > #3 > #2 | Ranking neat: #3 > #2 > #1

SAMPLE REVEAL

Sample #1: Dewar's White Label

Sample #2: Johnnie Walker Red Label

Sample #3: The Famous Grouse