

While Single Malt Scotch is still top of the pile when it comes to accolades and column inches - despite the rest of the world stepping on Scotland's heels, there is a reason they are so good, from the grains selection, the climate, the know-how, and yes - the water, Scotland has it going on. We were thrilled to see a great combination of very well-established bottles showing up here, but also some newer bottles to try a wee dram or two. Tom Firth



BLENDED SCOTCH

While all the flaunt and pomp are usually reserved for single malts, most drams quaffed around the globe are blended malts - the staple of any home back bar and certainly the most value orientated of all whiskies. A smart consumer will always have one or two favourites in their pocket for when travelling or hosting thirsty guests. If you've been pre-occupied with the starlight of single malts, here are some top picks of blends that are a must to taste. The Islay Mist 8 year at around \$40 is a steal. Brad Royale



JUDGES SELECTION



12 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky Scotland \$90-95 CSPC 862592



The Epicurean Lowland



Tamdhu Speyside **15 Year Old Single** Malt Whisky Scotland \$135-145 CSPC 845148



Glengoyne Highland 15 Year Old Single Malt Whisky Scotland \$120-130 CSPC 880580

Tamnavulin Speyside Double Cask Single Malt Whisky Scotland \$59-63 CSPC 832053



Lochlea Our Barley Single Malt Whisky Scotland \$85-90 CSPC 874957



Deanston Highland Single Malt Virgin Oak Whisky Scotland \$53-58 CSPC 782668

