



The SCOTCH WHISKY ACADEMY

The World's First
Scotch Whisky Evening Class

The Advanced Whisky Trail Certificate Course

Specifically created by renowned Scotch Whisky writer, industry expert and Master of Malt, **John Lamond**, the course stretches over 9 weeks from Tuesday 16th January, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. and covers the following:

16th January, 2018 **Characteristics Arising from Distillation and Fermentation**

An examination of the characteristics which arrive through foreshots and/or feints, metallic, sulphury and off-notes, their causes and manifestations. 2/3/4 distillations. What makes a good whisky? Beyond subjectivity.

Group blind tasting organised by tutor

23rd January, 2018 **Beyond Maturation.**

A look at wood types and the inherent characteristics of various oaks; what previous inhabitants of the casks give to or take from the whisky; storage conditions; “good” and “bad” results – too old and too youthful. Focus on one whisky with a look at various ages of that whisky.

Students to bring three aromas in containers for class to identify blind.

Group blind tasting organised by tutor and group note taking

30th January, 2018 **Regionalisation – Does it Exist?**

An examination of the flavours inherent in the makes of various distilleries; identification of regional characteristics; examination of primary, secondary and tertiary flavours with comparison with Diageo's map, S.W.R.I.'s wheel and John Lamond's Aberlour Whisky Wheel.

Individual blind tasting and group note taking

7th February, 2018 **Glasses and Their Influences**

Comparison of Schott, Riedel & Glencairn. Different flavour characteristics emphasised by different glasses Blind tasting from various glassware

13th February, 2018 **Brand and Craft**

Examination of independent bottlers' influences on flavour; chill-filtration; 40/43/46/cask strength; e150; grain species – yields versus flavour?

Blind tasting of non-whisky spirits supplied by students and written appraisal of tasting

27th February, 2018 **Open Week**

Each student to give a 10 minute presentation on some aspect of whisky. Followed by an open discussion and appraisal.

Blind tasting with each student giving a detailed written appraisal of four whiskies.

6th March, 2018 **Visit to ?? Whisky Lab**

Biochemistry & gas spectrometry – what are they looking for? Reduction water quality, either at cask filling or bottling. Water problems at the distillery – low or contamination.

13th March, 2018 **The Market**

How is it controlled? Is it controlled? Who controls it? Politics, trends, influence, the auction market – and fakes; other World Whiskies.

Blind tastings – each student to give a verbal presentation for five minutes on their chosen sample.

*****All students enrolling on the Advanced Whisky Course must previously have completed the Scotch Whisky Trail Certificate Course*****

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO CLASS ON 20th FEBRUARY*****

**This course will take place within The Good Spirits Company, 23, Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 1HW.
The cost is £100.00.**

To enrol, contact:

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