

We'll tak' a cup of kindness yet – *the Flavour of Scotch Whisky*

Monte Carlo Radiation Transfer Summer School
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Synopsis

Of all the spirits available today, single malt whiskies display the greatest diversity of flavour and heritage. David Wishart describes the production methods that influence the flavour, and concludes with a taste of several classic single malt whiskies that span his complete flavour spectrum.

He will guide you through the history and romance of Scotch whisky, from the *aqua vitae* of pre-Reformation monks, the *elixir* of medieval alchemists, to the hedonistic *uisge beatha* of remote Scottish crofts, and the taverns on Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

The heritage of Scotch whisky is evoked in the poems of Burns, the parties of George IV, Queen Victoria, Robert Stevenson's king of drinks, and the art of Landseer and Wilkie.

Today, due to variable peating and cask selection and preparation, the flavour of malt whisky is more widely diverse than ever. David describes his unique classification of Scotch malt whiskies by flavour, with several fine malt whiskies to taste.

David's talk and tasting is sponsored by the whisky producers of Scotland.



Dr David Wishart, author of *Whisky Classified: Choosing Single Malts by Flavour*, Third Edition 2012, is a Keeper of the Quaich and was Research Fellow at the School of Management, University of St Andrews.