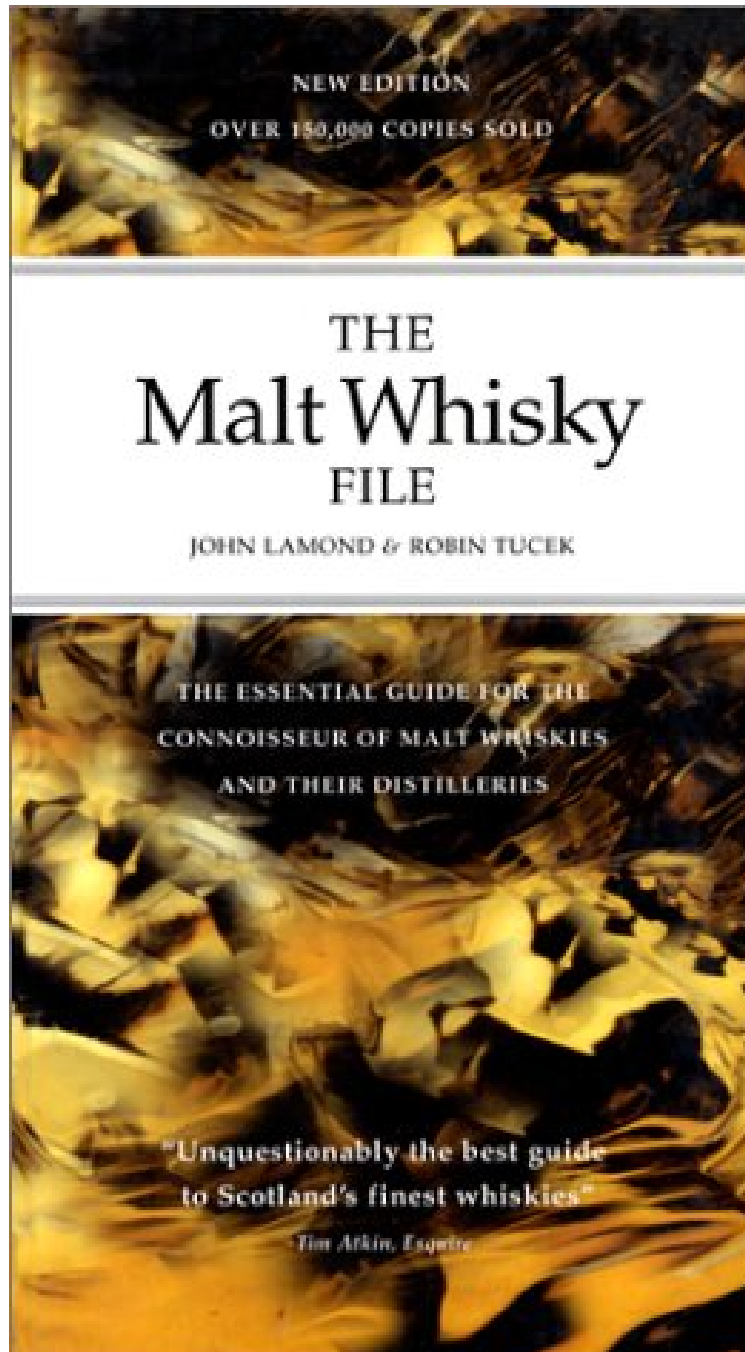


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1. The authors of the Malt Whisky File do not give an overall rating as if each brand of whisky is in competition with all others. The authors do not presume to have a monopoly on taste and do not try to tell the reader what to think.
2. The tasting notes have a number rating for Sweetness, Peatiness and Availability. This is followed by brief but descriptive notes on Colour, Nose, Flavour and Finish. The two whisky tasting groups I have been involved with over the years find the Malt Whisky File notes to be uncanny in their accuracy, down to the minutiae of the heather, spice and wood in the pallet.
3. The Whisky is listed alphabetically, so one does not have to rummage for Islays vs. Highland vs. Campbelltown.
The Wallace Milroy book is a keeper and great fun to read. The Michael Jackson book has valuable information. If you are the kind of person who needs an "expert" to think for you and tell you which scotch is better than another, get Jackson's book. But other than cross reference material neither do the job of The Malt Whisky File.
Milroy comes up with memorial lines, like comparing Laphroig's taste to "licking castle walls". Jackson includes a vast number of special bottlings and interesting tidbits about the distilleries. However, both Milroy and Jackson are paid consultants who happen to give high ratings to the same brands who employed them. Their sweeping judgments are but two men's opinions and nothing more.
Jackson is particularly bad in saying Brand X is superior to Brands Y or Z. He clearly favors tame, Speyside varieties over robust island spirits. For anyone to assume such lofty know-it-all posturing while pronouncing arbitrary and suspiciously bias ratings is absurd. Such people do disservice to many great malts and to their readers.
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