

Mortlach 21



I first encountered Mortlach 21 as a recommendation from our server at The Witchery in Edinburgh years ago. I loved it! And then the search began to find this fine whisky. Alas, we couldn't locate a bottle to take home and enjoy.

The January following Doug attended the Robbie Burns' Supper in Montreal while I remained in Saskatoon. Being a good husband he called to say he'd arrived at the event and was enjoying a whisky, specifically a Mortlach 21. I'm afraid I said something rather rude to him.

Fast forward to June 2014 and our trip to Scotland. We stopped at The Green Welly (Tyndrum, Perthshire). I was waiting outside for Doug and he appeared and then suddenly disappeared. I waited. And waited some more. I finally said to a gentleman waiting for his wife that I thought Doug had perhaps gone missing. Finally, he reappeared holding a bag in hand. He'd disappeared into their whisky shop, which I hadn't seen. In the bag was my birthday present ... a Mortlach 21. Doug was immediately forgiven for disappearing without a trace. He wasn't, however, forgiven for going into a whisky shop without me!

The distiller of Mortlach 21 is Gordon and MacPhail, a Speyside distillery. I find the nose on the Mortlach 21 to be very subtle and unassuming. On the bottle they mention a hint of smokiness lingers on the palate but it's extremely faint. The finish is beautiful with the sherry lasting well after the sip. This is a whisky to be savoured. And I'll definitely have to sip in moderation until we return to Scotland.

Gordon and MacPhail Tasting Notes.

AROMA

Sweet and Fruity – sultanas. A hint of vanilla and Sherry.

TASTE

Hints of black pepper and nuts. A fruitiness also emerges – bananas.