

Oban 14



Since we were in Oban in August 2015 for the MacAulay International Gathering it seemed appropriate that I start with Oban 14 for our whisky page. This is my go-to whisky of choice when I want just a lovely dram that makes me happy inside. It's also our go-to whisky when doing the Pub Crawl at the Victoria Highland Games (it's a tradition that we do a wee dram at the Yates Street Taphouse).

Oban Distillery was founded in 1794 by the Stevensons. We didn't visit the distillery that trip to Oban but we had stopped by when we were in Oban in 2014. Okay, we didn't actually do the tour but we'd been traveling for about 24 hours at that point and it didn't seem prudent to do a tasting when we still had a bit of a drive ahead. They have a great gift shop where I purchased a fab t-shirt.

I love the nose on Oban. Not sure how to describe it but it smells smooth. The first sip gives you a hint of orange. The second sip leaves you with the hint of smoke that they describe in their tasting notes. The finish has a honey silkiness that I love. This is one whisky that will always have a place in my not-so-well-hidden liquor cabinet. Enjoy!

Oban Distillery staff tasting notes:

"A hint of peat smoke, combined with a salty maritime flavour. Citrus orangey notes are also present in both the nose and on the palate, and the sweeter honeyed notes give our malt a smooth silky finish."