



Object of the Newsletter

To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.

As St. Patrick's day is approaching, I will now look at "Writer's tears," an Irish whiskey. How could you not be intrigued by a name like that, and who else, but the Irish would even come up with it?

First of all Writer's Tears is owned by the Walsh Whiskey Distillery Company. They also own "The Irishman" whiskey.

Although the Walsh Whiskey Distillery Company do not own their own manufacturing facility the company is one of the leading suppliers of premium Irish whiskey. However in 2014 they got a building license for a new distillery in County Carlow at the Royal Oak area. It is planned to build a top modern distillery with warehouses nearby on the river Barrow.

The first spirit is expected to flow from the stills in 2016.

"Writer's tears" comes to us at 40%vol and is a Pure Pot Still and Single Malt, with fruity Pot Still character in soft honey tones with juicy malt and Vanilla. I stumbled upon "Writers Tears" at last year's WhiskyFest in San Francisco and was immediately taken with the crisp green apple flavor. Wonderfully easy to drink, it would make for a great introduction to Irish whiskey for folks new to the spirit. No writers were harmed in the making of this whiskey.

You can buy Irishman "Writer's tears" for around \$40.00 a bottle. Buy it online.

Tasting Notes;

Nose - Green apples, honey & citrus

Palate - Green apples, honey, vanilla & caramel

Finish - Green apples, sweet & long

"Slainte Mhath"

Paul Bissett





For those of you like myself, who could not believe that Diageo stopped making the Johnnie Walker Green label.....REJOICE!!! They have changed their minds and after four years it is available once more. If you need reminded why the green is the best of all the Johnnie colors, go back and read issue 60 April 2013 of my newsletters.

Johnnie Walker Green Label Returns

18 February 2016 by Richard Woodard

Johnnie Walker Green Label, the brand's 15-year-old blended malt expression, is making a comeback four years after being axed from the range.

It's back: Diageo has reintroduced Green Label due to 'popular demand'

Johnnie Walker brand owner Diageo discontinued Green Label globally in 2012 (except for Taiwan, where demand for blended malts is exceptionally strong), as part of a revamp of the range that saw the introduction of Gold Label Reserve and Platinum Label.

But now the brand is back on sale in the UK, with global availability to follow, after a limited release in the US and Australia.

‘We listened to our customers and consumers, and we are responding to popular demand to bring it back into our core range,’ said Dr Nick Morgan, head of whisky outreach at Diageo.

‘Johnnie Walker Green Label has always had a following, and releasing limited volumes of it in the US and Australia this year to mark the 10th anniversary of its first introduction has revealed how much consumers have missed Johnnie Walker Green Label and want to see it back. We’re thrilled to be able to respond to that.’

Dr Morgan emphasized that the formulation of Green Label, which bears a 15-year-old age statement, had not changed since its exit from the Johnnie Walker range.

Johnnie Walker Green Label combines four single malts: Talisker from Skye; Speysiders Linkwood and Cragganmore; and Caol Ila from Islay.



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. This Issue; [Writer's tears](http://walshwhiskey.com/writers-tears-irish-whiskey). For more information go to <http://walshwhiskey.com/writers-tears-irish-whiskey>





7 Reasons Whiskey Drinkers Are The Happiest People To Be Around by Chrissy Stockton

1. Whiskey is a laid back drink. It's not a beverage for high-maintenance people, it's not showy — frankly, it doesn't even look that good. But that's why whiskey drinkers tend to be happier people, they choose what they like because they like it, not because of how it looks or appears to others. You will never meet a whiskey drinker who can be described as "fussy."

2. They're not afraid of a little pain. Good whiskey can burn going down, but it's definitely worth it. Anything worth doing is worth doing with a little intensity and whiskey drinkers know that it's better to be too hot or too cold than totally forgettable.

3. They're (relatively) healthy. People usually drink whiskey straight, or with a zero calorie mixer like soda water or diet soda. Unlike other kinds of liquor, whiskey drinkers aren't imbibing a bunch of extra calories and sugar. Because of this, their hangovers are less severe and they can actually get out and enjoy their day. Also, drinking whiskey can lower your risk of cancer, dementia, stroke, and heart disease.

4. They know how to appreciate the little things. Whiskey is a simple drink. People who know how to value simple things tend to be happier.

5. They're outdoorsy. Whiskey is basically the official alcoholic beverage of cabins everywhere. Have you ever seen an unhappy person at a cabin? I didn't think so.

6. They know how to add some fun to their everyday life. Unlike tequila shots or fancy cocktails, whiskey can be enjoyed as an after work or dinner beverage by itself. It's the beverage of choice for people who want to savor the day and relax, without having to party all the time.

7. They're timeless. Whiskey is a true grandpa beverage, it's not a flavor of the week. It's something you pick when you are mature enough to admit that your elders were probably on to something. The same maturity that saves you from unnecessary drama in the rest of your life.