

# Begin the New Year right with Lagavulin Scotch Whisky

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With the promise of a new year, you should also make yourself a promise—to drink more Scotch.

And there is no better place to start than Lagavulin 16-year-old Scotch whisky. This legendary single malt is distilled on the southern banks of the island of Islay, Scotland. The only thing routine about it is its ability to win awards.

Lagavulin is not for the timid. Like most Islay Scotches, its main distinction is its smoky, peaty character. While probably the most pungent of all the Islay malts, it offers a depth and flavor that inspires extreme loyalty among its drinkers.

It carries one of the smokiest noses from Islay, with touches of Lapsang Souchong tea, sweet spices, mature sherry, and vanilla. It is thick and rich on the palate, displaying a balanced mouthful of malt and sherry combined with a



delightful fruited sweetness, and powerful amounts of peat and oak.

Lagavulin's finish is long and spicy, lingering with pleasant notes of figs, dates, vanilla, and of course, more peat smoke.

If you are a first timer, allow it to sit in your mouth for the flavors to burst out and grab you. Try it with oysters or smoked salmon to discover new depths of flavor.

Lagavulin also offers a Distiller's Edition for about ten dollars more. It uses the

16-year-old as its base, but includes the finishing of its aging in Pedro Ximénez Spanish sherry casks for the addition of a sweet, vinous flavor which adds complexity and compliments the intensely smoky notes of this legendary whisky.

You can find Lagavulin 16, as well as a plethora of other unique Scotch whisky choices in selections for any budget, at Wyatt's Wet Goods.

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