

The Luxurist®

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The Luxurist would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Highland Park 18 Year Old Single Malt Whisky and Cointreau Liqueur for being inducted into the inaugural class of the 2011 Spirits Journal Hall of Fame. The Spirits Journal is the internationally read spirits publication founded by F. Paul Pacult. This candid subscription – only newsletter is a touchstone read delivering straight forward, unbiased spirits information to it's readers.

Highland Park 18 Year Old Single Malt Whisky

Notes: Highland Park 18 Year Old is an exceptionally fine whisky that builds on the world-class reputation already enjoyed by the 12 Year Old. All the Orcadian hallmarks of Highland Park are here - the smokiness, the peat, the heather-honey - plus it has gained a glorious richness and spiciness through its longer cask maturation. Its elegance and smoothness make the 18 year old a delight to the connoisseur as well as a splendid introduction to Highland Park.

*Review: Wine Enthusiast(11/15/2008) - **HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION/BEST BUY** -- Opening aromas are of sea breeze, cigar smoke, oak and malted barley; air contact releases light caramel, fudge, cocoa bean, burnt candle wick and heather. Entry is the most complex of any whisky; midpalate soars on oak, spirit and grain tastes. The greatest distilled spirit of this generation. Buy whatever you can find. CLASSIC (96-100)*



COINTREAU LIQUEUR

Notes: Clear, subdued, clean, piercing orange oil aromas spirty, full-bodied palate orange flavors are very natural and focused fiery finish with a hint of sweetness.

Review: Spirit Journal(06/01/2010) - The best and most versatile liqueur ever produced, period, case closed. The best cocktail ingredient of all time for scores of mixed drinks that require it, such as the real-deal Margarita, the Cosmopolitan and the Sidecar. Having been to the Cointreau Distillery in Angers, France, I can attest to the level of dedication that the Cointreau personnel have.

Since 1849, the benchmark of triple secs/orange liqueurs and the leader-by-a-mile in finesse of all liqueurs. All that said, don't forget what a refreshing shot Cointreau is served slightly chilled and neat in a small shot glass. It's superb on its own.

