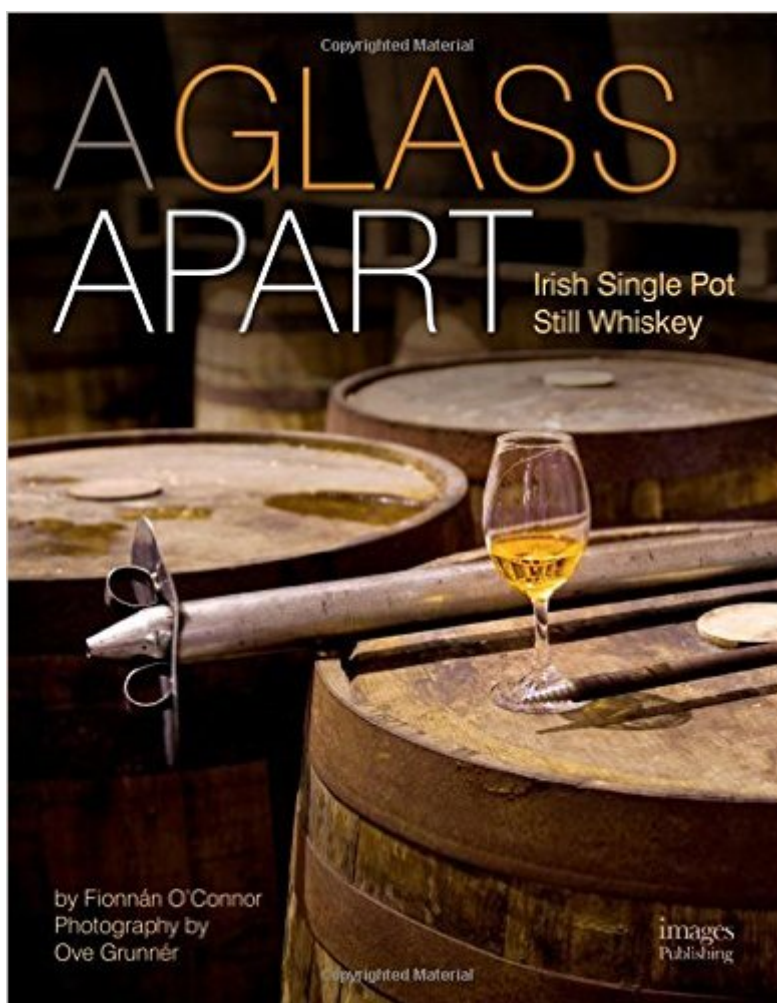


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A Glass Apart: Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey



Synopsis

A Glass Apart is a complete guide to the profiles, production, history, and revival of Irish pot still whiskey. Beautifully illustrated work on the history and production of Ireland's national drink of interest to casual drinkers and connoisseurs alike. Adored by the Victorians, forged by bootleggers, forgotten by the 50s and tragically tied to Ireland's ghost town landscape of disused distilleries, single pot still whiskey has had an almost romantic mystique for many world whiskeyphiles as the endangered sister of the single malt and the unsung spine of Ireland's own distilling heritage. Although once the most popularly esteemed whiskey in the record-keeping world, Ireland's history and politics resulted in the near annihilation of the national spirit and, by the 1980s, the full-bodied oils and gingery spices that first put both Ireland and whiskey itself at the top table of global drinks had been swept into the closet by marketed promises of super-smooth blending and easily palatable Irish charm. But that's all thankfully begun to change. Forget everything you were told about light Irish delicacy. After decades of outspoken adoration from critics, bloggers, global drammers and a few devoted Irish distillers, single pot still has at last sprung back from the casket of bartending curiosa and taken its rightful place among the most awarded spirits in contemporary distilling. A Glass Apart: Irish Pot Still Whiskey is an introduction and a love letter to the history, craft, and diversity of Ireland's re-awoken firewater phoenix that will delight both longtime tipplers and curious novices with a longer look at Ireland's most uniquely Irish whiskey.

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Customer Reviews

If you're interested in the complex history, distillation, and tasting of Irish Whiskey, look no further. This book covers all of that and more in a well written, easy to read format. Beautifully illustrated with photos of Copper Pot Stills, old and modern distilleries, and of course, whiskey bottles and tipples. There is so much information packed in these pages you'll find yourself reading it cover to cover. All concisely laid out in the table of contents (and index) for easy reference. There is one problem though... every I read this book I end up either drinking from my current collection or adding to it. So be careful. This book will make you thirsty.

A gorgeous volume to look at and browse through, a fascinating history, and a natural storyteller's gift for making the subject come alive. Fionnan O'Connor does everything short of placing that glass of single pot whiskey in your hand. You'll have to take care of that part yourself, but for the places, the people, the landscape, and the ingredients that have gone into the making of this extraordinary drink, you'll want to have this book as your magnificent guide. Reading "A Glass Apart" is like a trip to Ireland in the company of a brilliant, literate and delightful young Irishman for whom a stop in the pub is an essential part of the experience.

During a recent night out to a local whiskey bar, I realized I knew very little about the drink I love so much. As I blankly skimmed the page of Irish Whiskey, my friends began discussing the intricate flavor profiles of dozens of brands they recognized. I decided then that I would spend the time to learn more about brands, ingredients and proper ways to taste/compare whiskeys. A family member recommended this book as a starting point. It turned out to be a great, all-encompassing source with all the information I needed to participate in the whiskey conversation next time I am out with my friends. It even has some fascinating history of the drink.

I'm a huge fan of American bourbon and Scotch malt whiskey but was shamefully ignorant about Irish whiskey. Well no longer, this fantastic book was a gift from a couple of good friends who know I love whiskey. The book starts with the basics, everything you could want to know about the whiskey from the basic flavor profiles to the production process and its history, and with details of specific whiskey brands for me to explore. The book itself is beautifully done with great photographs throughout and artfully written by O'Connor. And you'll find no whiskey snobbery here; O'Connor encourages the reader to trust your palate and "never let anyone tell you that your tastes or your preferences are wrong". This book is best enjoyed along with a healthy dram of your favorite whiskey!

As John Wilson of The Irish Times wrote, this is a must have for whiskey aficionado on any of your gift lists this year. Fionnan's writing style is fluid and easy to read all the while exploring the depth and range of Irish pot still whiskey. Ove's photography brings you right into the heart of this world. Between them, they have delivered a book to dip into, to dive into and to savour thoroughly - just like the drink itself. I recommend it not only to the afficianados but to everyone who is curious and/or enjoys a good read. Share.

A very nice book about the Irish Pot Still whiskey, with numerous high quality photographs, a good review of the Irish Whiskey and tasting notes of old and rare Irish Pot Still whiskies. The book is generally well done, unfortunately most of the photograph are not annotated or commented and while the book reads well, I did not captured my attention as well as some other whiskey books.

Mr. O'Connor's grand whiskey opus is an unrivaled tribute to the the most legendary sector of the world's dram spectrum. Each page pours single pot still's unique history, science, and art with a few drops of the writer's own wit. This is a must-buy for the serious connoisseur and the light-hearted sampler alike!

I received A Glass Apart: Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey as a gift from a family member and I love it. Although I am a big fan of single malt scotch and bourbon, I had not heard much about single pot still whiskey. A Glass Apart is a great introduction to SPSW, its history in Ireland, and preferred brands. I strongly recommend this book to anyone looking for a gift for a whiskey lover.

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