WHISKEY DUELS

No whiskey is ever the same and with a mandate to expand the tasting horizons of any soul that darkens our door, we are proud to introduce our initial selections of our Whiskey Duels. Head to head match-ups of some of our finest selections in Glencairn crystal nosing glasses paired on hand crafted Vermont White Birch tasting disks made by Peter Bissonette from Colchester, VT to broaden your taste, knowledge and whiskey wherewithal.

BARREL AGED VS. UNAGED - \$12 BUFFALO TRACE BOURBON VS. BUFFALO TRACE WHITE DOG MASH #1

The Buffalo Trace White Dog Mash #1 is a clear whiskey that is the non-barrel aged version of Buffalo Trace Bourbon. Here's the perfect opportunity to taste the effect that aging whiskey in a barrel really has!

PORT CASKS VS. SHERRY CASKS - \$15 GLENMORANGIE 12 YEAR OLD QUINTA RUBAN PORT CASK VS. GLENMORANGIE 12 YEAR OLD LASANTA SHERRY CASK

The Quinta Ruban and The Lasanta are both 12 year old Glenmorangie whiskies and perfect for tasting the effects of using different types of barrels on a whisky - Port vs. Sherry. Sweet!

THE SPARRING OF THE RYES - \$15 BULLIET RYE VS. JAMES E. PEPPER RYE 100 PROOF

Both of these rye whiskeys have their own distinct character. Which will you prefer? Bulleit with hints of vanilla and honey or James E. Pepper with notes of spice, chocolate and clove?

THE SINGLE BARREL STANDOFF - \$15 ROCK HILL FARMS SINGLE BARREL VS. FOUR ROSES SINGLE BARREL

Both of these single barrel babies are 100 proof and both have scored 95 points or better at various spirit competitions. Which ones seductive cherry, plum and chocolate spiced palates will have you standing on their side of the barrel in the end?

IRISH PEAT VS. SCOTTISH PEAT - \$18 CONNEMARA SINGLE CASK MALT VS. ARDBEG UIGDAIL SINGLE MALT

How does this Irish peated single malt whiskey measure up to a heavy weight Scottish single malt peated whisky? Do you prefer the Connemara which is hot and sweet, with lingering smoke and chocolate or the Ardbeg with great peat, malt and citrus fruit lingering on the palate and a toasty warm finish?

ANTRIM VS. CORK - \$25

BUSHMILLS 21 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT VS. JAMESON 18 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT

Old Bushmills from Northern Ireland and Jameson from the South, which one will get your vote? The Bushmills 21 year old that finishes intensely with oak and licorice notes or the Jameson 18 year old that finishes intensely with gunpowder and tea?

ATLANTIC VS. PACIFIC - \$30 HIGHLAND PARK 18 YEAR OLD VS. YAMAZAKI 18 YEAR OLD

Both of these 18 year old whiskys are similar in description with oak and vanilla flavors and peaty finishes. How closely do they compare?

VERY RARE VS. EXTRA RARE - \$30 MIDLETON VERY RARE VS. CROWN ROYAL EXTRA RARE

It is a hard life deciding which of these exclusive whiskies is more delightful. One rolls from vanilla toffee to cream soda; the other shows raisins, cocoa and brown sugar. Both of high esteem and sure to spark a debate of which one is rare-erer....

BATTLE OF THE 30 YEAR OLDS - \$165 THE BALVENIE 30 YEAR OLD VS. THE MACALLAN FINE OAK 30 YEAR OLD

The Balvenie and Macallan distilleries are one of the few Scottish distilleries that are owned by Scottish families or by the Scottish trust. Both of these Speyside whiskies use different casks throughout their minimum 30 years of aging; the Macallan with American oak casks seasoned with bourbon and the Balvenie in oaks casks season with sherry. The Balvenie 30 year old is a rich mellow Scotch with unusual depth and complexity whereas the Macallan 30 year old is extraordinarily smooth yet complex. Which of these 30 year olds will conquer the battle of the ages?

TOP SHELF VS. BOTTOM SHELF - \$180 KNAPPOGUE VINTAGE 1951 VS. KNAPPOGUE 12 YEAR OLD

Knappogue Vintage 1951 is the oldest and rarest Irish whiskey available in the world today and is truly uisce beatha (the water of life). The Andrews's family, the owners of the Knappogue Castle and distillery, are continuing on the family traditions and so Knappogue 12 year old was born. Can these whiskeys even compare? Knappoggue 1951 was aged for 36 years in sherry casks; it has a big booming start and a long hard finish whereas the Knappogue 12 year old is mellow with a sweetish complex taste!